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Borough Highlights

Primary results

Tuesday night's primary results are as follows: Democratic — Governor, Robert Andrews- 29 votes; Frank Marano- 1 vote; James McGreevey- 49 votes; Michael Murphy- 69 votes. County Surrogate, Ann Conti- 116 votes. Freeholder, Bob Tapan- 27 votes, Deborah Peer-Scanlon- 96 votes; Chester Holmes- 95 votes; Alexander Mirabella- 94 votes; Marie Davis- 9 votes; Craig Montgomery- 7 votes; Bryan Askew- 7 votes; Mary Varona- 23 votes; James Garvin- 22 votes; Paul Pickton- 21 votes. Borough Council write-in candidates, Michael Krasner- 11 votes; Steven Brociner- 8 votes.

Republican — Governor, Christine Whitman- 125 votes. County Surrogate, Peter Lijoi- 128 votes. Freeholder, Frank Lehr- 134 votes; Edwin Force- 132 votes; Henry Kurz- 131 votes. Borough Council, Ron Romak- 126 votes; Thomas Perrotta- 134 votes. A total of 334 votes were cast, 166 Democratic and 168 Republican.

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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School Board President Pat Taeschler, left, presents the Fred Rosenstiel Scholarship Award to Governor Livingston High School senior Jill Sieffert, center, who was joined by her mother, Nancy.

School board keeps quiet on Deerfield principal post

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Board of Education told an audience of about 100 Tuesday night to allow it a week to work on the matter of selecting a permanent Deerfield School principal.

Board President Patricia Taeschler issued a statement on the panel's behalf saying that they couldn't discuss the principal search, as it is a personnel matter. Taeschler and the board later voted to hold an executive session at the Deerfield Media Center at 6 p.m., followed by a public meeting at 8 p.m.

"We have listened to you last week and have received letters about your concerns and wishes regarding a permanent principal," said Taeschler. "Try to understand that our attorney, David Rubin, advised us that we can't comment on specifics as the selection or candidates considered personnel and therefore confidential."

"We'd like to talk about what we're doing," said Board member Richard Kress, "but we legally can't. We're asking the Deerfield staff, parents, taxpayers and citizens to allow us a week so we can work on the matter and can say something about it."

The board spent most of the public comment session explaining the process and the situation while frequently refraining on many specifics. They said they had suspended the search, for example, but refused on details for confidentiality reasons. Board members also said they have criteria for candidates but couldn't divulge anything beyond the state guidelines.

What the board said about the process boils down to this: The superintendent of schools recommends a list

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of qualified candidates to which the board approves or disapproves. While an acting principal doesn't need state certification, permanent appointments do. The current acting principal is tenured for vice principal and may return to that post if she so desires.

The discussion stems from last week's disclosure by Superintendent Leonard Baccaro that Acting Principal Audrey Zavetz wasn't being considered in the search. Some parents in last Tuesday's meeting advocated retaining Zavetz for her performance and as a stabilizing presence.

This wasn't the only controversial agenda item, however, as the board voted to change the last day of this school year from June 20 to two half-days June 23-24. While Baccaro said that they had waited in vain so far for the Berkeley Heights school board to integrate its grammar school and high school schedules, several parents decried the change as they had already made vacation plans. When Baccaro announced that the Summer School class bulletin was being sent out Friday, other parents fumed over the bulletin's late publication.

On a lighter note, Governor Livingston High School senior Jill Sieffert received the Fred Rosenstiel Scholarship Award. Deerfield's Academic and Artistic Enrichment Program instructor Elaine Fass received a School Leader Honorable Mention Award by the New Jersey School Boards Association.

New principal be named soon

By Kevin Singer
Managing Editor

The protests regarding the selection process for a Deerfield School principal should subside in the coming weeks, when the Board of Education names a permanent principal by the end of June.

There are suitable candidates out there," said Superintendent Leonard Baccaro. The search process, he explained, usually takes about four to six weeks from start to finish.

The procedure, which has been in place for the two previous searches, starts with a call in the newspapers. "We advertise in newspapers, and send out letters to different agencies and colleges," said Baccaro.

The next step is a screening by Baccaro. "I do a paper screening and narrow the candidates down to a manageable level — about 8 to 12 people. I then conduct interviews," stated Baccaro.

From there, a screening committee conducts a more thorough review of the potential principals. "We interview candidates, we discuss them, and from there a recommendation is made to the board as to which candidates should be interviewed," said Baccaro. The screening committee for the current search consists of Board of Education members Pat Taeschler, Sally Rivieccio, and Frank Geiger, PTA President Diane McCurdy, incoming PTA President Laura Albert, Deerfield School educators Barbara Komoroski, Jana MacMillan, and Neiani Lefler, and Baccaro. "They usually ask me what is my recommendation," he added.

The qualities looked for in potential candidates center on experience and ability. "We look for background — educational experience; what type of in depth experience the candidate has, as well as his or her involvement as an educator," said Baccaro. Included in this is staff evaluations, a minimum of three letters of recommendation from peers, usually including a school superintendent, and a sample evaluation of how the candidate would handle a problem teacher. Also taken under consideration is the candidate's involvement with parental groups. "We cover all the bases," said Baccaro.

The final step in the process is the review of the remaining candidates and final approval by the complete Board of Education.

Trailside is site of county's 4-H fair

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The third annual 4-H Club of Union County Fair played to near record levels at the Trailside Nature and Science Center Sunday afternoon.

"We had over 1,000 people at the fair," said James Nichnadowicz of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension. "It may have been slightly down from last year due to the threat of rain. Still, there were 20 volunteers operating the display tables and games. We haven't counted the ticket proceeds but they will go for our summer camp scholarships."

One would be hard pressed to find an off crowd at the 4-H Fair. At about the fair's midpoint at 2 p.m., Trailside's parking lot was full despite the cloud cover. People young and old were perusing various club booths, snacking on grilled food or playing games in the W. Richmond Tracy Memorial Garden. Dog obedience, lessons, art judging or trail walking were also held.

"You have to stop at the booths," said Freeholder Frank Lehr. "There's one where a person tells tree types by their branches."

A tree steward and master gardener is indeed stationed near the fair entrance, having passersby guess at the branches he holds up. As one walks through the plant, nutrition and animal displays, however, there's a smaller sense of scale to this 4-H Fair.

"This is a smaller fair compared to those held by the Hunterdon, Somerset or Middlesex 4-Hs," said Nichnadowicz. "That's why we don't have larger animals or livestock here. The idea is to show what the various clubs have done over the year."

The county 4-H are actually a coalition of smaller clubs which people from seven- to 12-years-old join. The Rutgers Extension oversees the 4-H and was instrumental in approaching Trailside as a fair site.

"I think the fair's very good for us," said Trailside Center Director Holly Hoffman. "It brings many people who haven't been here before."

The 4-H, whose camp is set for July 21-25, can be called at 654-9854. Trailside, which has slated an annual Trail Work Project Saturday at 10:30 a.m., can be reached at 789-3670.

New school program lets students meet authors

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The students of Deerfield School were given a special treat Friday thanks to Media Center Director Julie Wohlman. Most of the school's students had the chance to participate in Deerfield's first ever Meet the Author Day, which featured children's author and illustrator Robert J. Blake.

It was a busy day for both Wohlman and Blake as they held four different sessions with students to discuss Blake's works, where Blake explained how he started illustrating and writing children's books. Each group was treated to a slide show by Blake, and they even had the opportunity to witness as he created a painting at the school during some of the lectures.

Wohlman was pleased with the success of the pilot program. "This is a new program for us, and I think it went very well. This was our first Meet the Author Day, which we were able to do thanks to contributions from the Parent Teachers Association. It was a very successful day and the enthusiasm of the students was great," said Wohlman. "The students asked lots of good questions and I think they learned a lot from the experience."

According to Wohlman, the program will also give the students a new appreciation for the books that they are reading in class. "The program will also supply the children with a personally autographed copy of the

books that they are reading in school. Hopefully as the program progresses, the students will be able to build an autographed library at their homes to further interest them in reading," said Wohlman.

Blake has worked on several children's books, including "Dog," "Rip-tide," "Finding Foxes," "The Perfect Spot," "Rainflowers," "Maggie and Silky and Joe," "Spray," "Mississippi Mud," and the soon to be released "Akiak." Most of the books have been published by Philome Books, a division of the Putnam and Grosset Group of New York. Blake has illustrated books for authors such as Frances Ward Weller, Allison Blyer, Ann Turner, and Amy Ehrlich.

According to Blake, the day went very well. "I had a good day, and the kids were great. They asked a lot of thoughtful questions and seemed interested in what I had to say," said Blake.

He also spoke about how he became interested in illustrating and writing books for kids. "I like the marriage of art and words. I began in this business as an illustrator, although I was always writing as well, and finally the publishers asked me if I wanted to write a book, and I said, 'Sure.' I really enjoy topics about nature. I like to work outside, I find it difficult to work in a studio when I do my artwork so most of my topics involve the outdoors," said Blake.

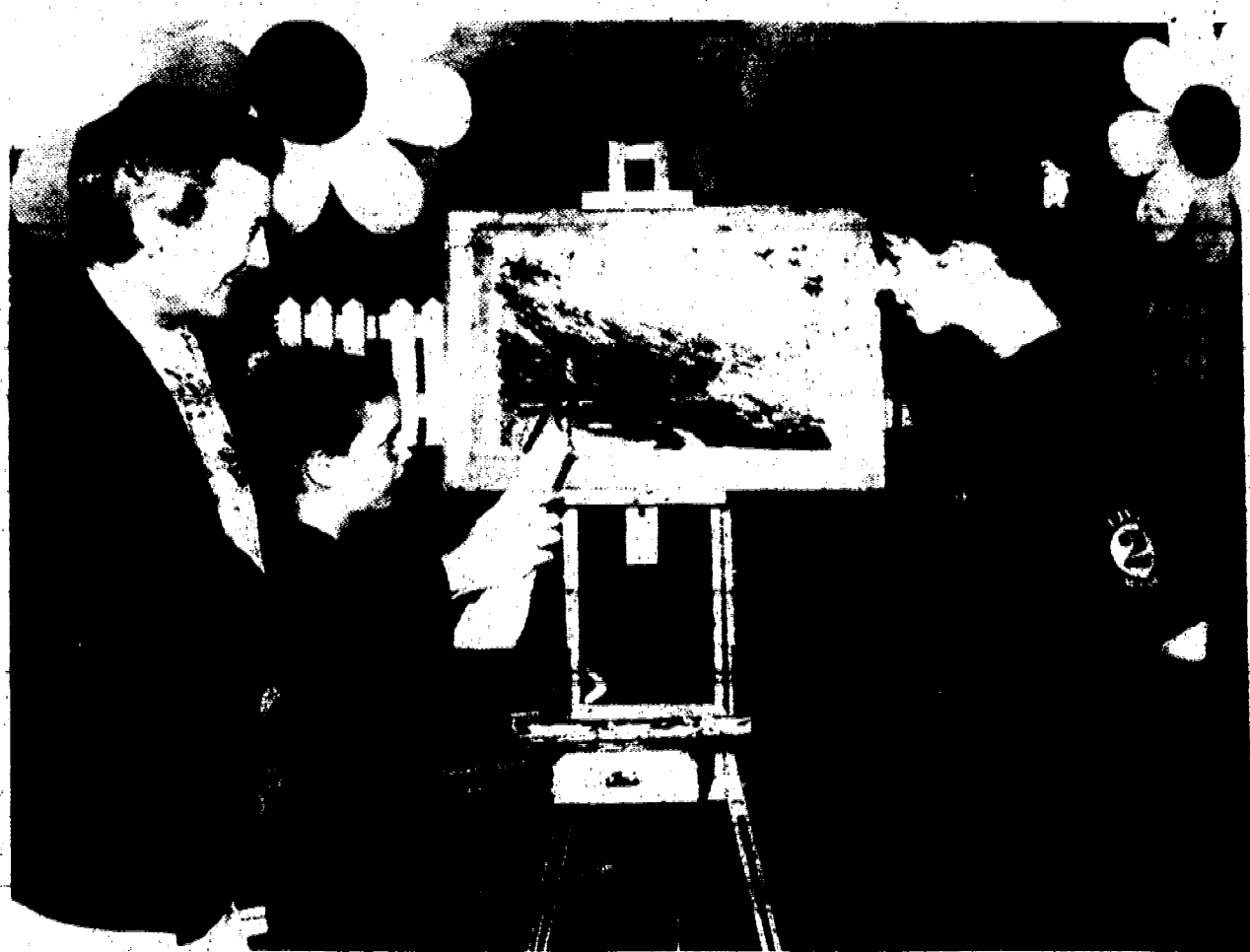


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Robert J. Blake, left, author and illustrator of children's books, displays some of his work for Deerfield School students Alex Denny, center, and Danielle Pace.

Blake has been an illustrator and writer for 19 years. A native of Springfield, he now lives in Long

Valley. He intends to continue to work on his illustrating and writing as long as he can. In fact, while at Deer-

field he completed a watercolor painting of a cheetah, which he gave to the school as a present.

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STUDENT UPDATE

From down under



In conjunction with their study of the continents, the students in the second grade at the Sandmeier School, were treated to a discussion of life in Australia by a cousin of Megan O'Shea. From left back row are Harriet Ginsberg, Tracey Whealey, a resident of Australia, Zach Marshall. Front row, Courtney Braham, O'Shea, Lauren Fischer, Tabitha Rubin, John Mannarino and Michael Miranda.

O'Brien receives degree from Widener

Heather O'Brien of Springfield received a bachelor of science degree in Hospital Management from Widener University during the commencement ceremony held May 17 on the university's main campus. Nearly 900

graduates took part in the ceremonies. Widener University is a multi-campus, comprehensive teaching institution offering doctoral, master's, bachelor's and associate's degrees

through its eight schools and colleges. Nearly 8,200 students are served by the university's three campuses in Chester and Harrisburg, Pa. and Wilmington, Del.

Schneider inducted in honor society

Jessica Schneider, a Union College Class of 1998 psychology major, has been named an inductee to Psi Chi, the national honor society in Psychology.

Schneider, a resident of Mountainside, is a 1994 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

Psi Chi is a national honor society founded to encourage, stimulate and maintain scholarship in and advance the science of psychology.

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programs in the humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences, and engineering and computer science. There are 2,000 full-time undergraduates. Founded in 1795 as the first college chartered by the regents of the

State of New York, Union embarks this year on the renovation and expansion of Schaffer Library and the construction of the F.W. Olin Center, a high technology laboratory building.

Residents hit dean's list

Michelle Eva Naggar and Scott Mitchell Sherman, both from Springfield, were named to the dean's list or the dean's list with distinction at Duke University for the 1996-97 academic year.

To make the dean's list, a student must achieve a 3.3 grade point average out of a possible 4.0; for dean's list with distinction, an average of 3.6 or above.

Season's end



Sasha Gordin and Ronnie Thomas, second graders in Gina Augello's class in Mountainside's Deerfield School, think spring while creating their own poetry.

University awards degrees

Fairfield University, a Jesuit university founded in 1942 in Fairfield, Conn., recently presented 910 degrees. Students received 725 bachelor's degrees, 144 master's degrees, 14 certificates of advanced study and 27 associate and engineering degrees at the school's 47th commencement.

Students from the area who received degrees include: Joy P. LiCausi, bachelor of science in mathematics; Christian Gils, bachelor

of arts in visual/performing studio art; James E. Guihee, Jr., bachelor of arts in politics; David Raymond Anderson, bachelor of science in accounting.

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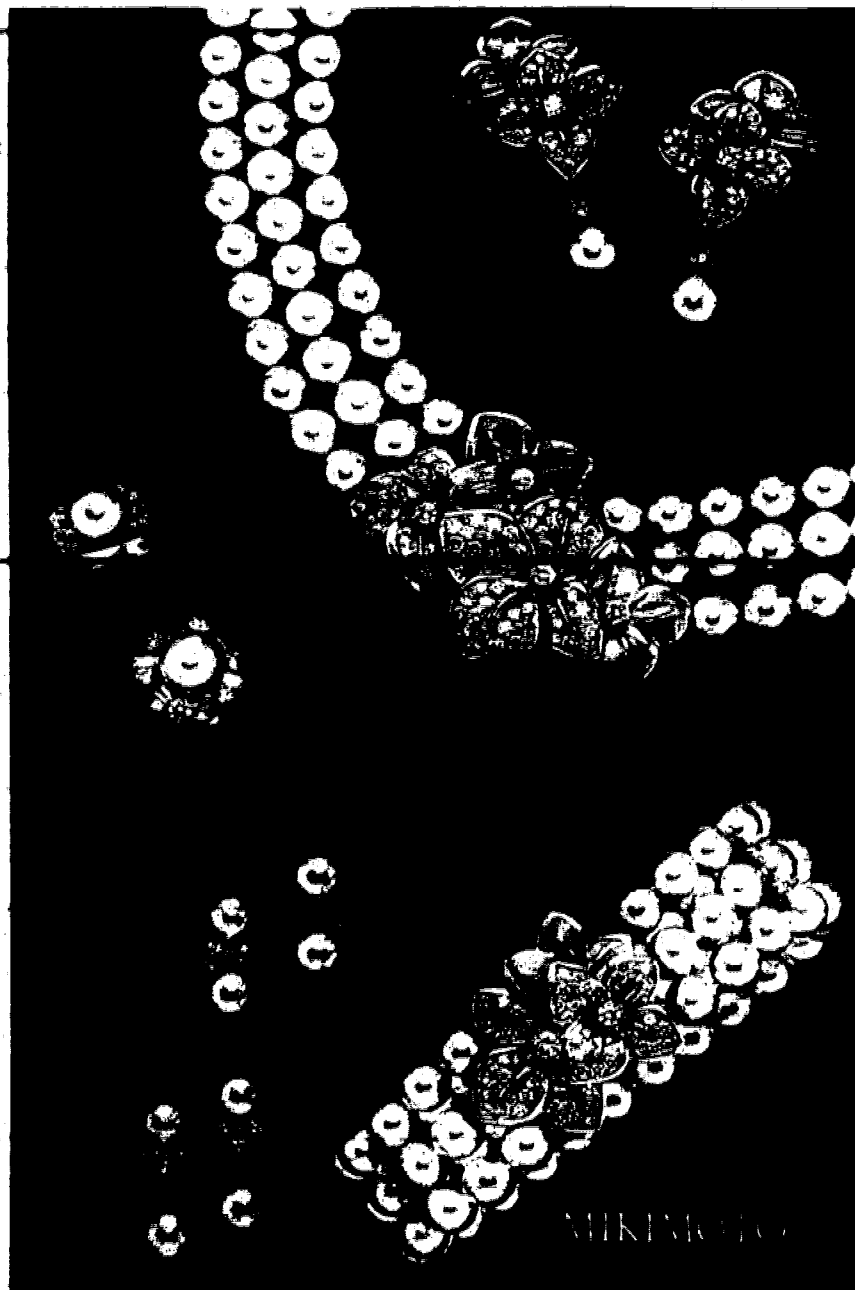
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One pregnancy brings four children

Mailleys celebrate quadruplets' birth

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield residents John and Kimberly Mailley passed two life-changing milestones within days of each other last week. Kimberly delivered quadruplets at Saint Barnabas Medical Center May 25, six days before John graduated from Seton Hall University.

"I thought getting the law degree after four years' work would be special," said John. "It is — but becoming a father of four means a whole lot more."

"It's great that I was released in time to see John get his degree," said Kimberly. "The four children are still in the hospital but are already getting bottle-fed."

The Mailleys said their last major occasion was when they got married in March, 1993 — in the middle of a snowstorm.

"You recall that Nor'easter that went up the east coast, killing 116 people," said John. "We were going to have our wedding at St. Theresa's Church but it was easier to have it at the Somerset Marriott, where 110 of our out-of-state relatives were staying. We seem to do things in a big way."

With Kimberly working as an administrative assistant at St. Theresa's Parish and John commuting to the Internal Revenue Service in Mountainside, the couple moved to Springfield. John soon embarked on earning a law degree at night while he and Kimberly began planning a family. That family appeared on a sonogram last fall.

"The doctors who confirmed I was pregnant told me a week later that I was going to have triplets," said Kimberly. "Then they found a fourth the next week."

"Two, then three, then four," said



Kimberly and John Mailley, residents of Springfield, pose with the first four arrivals to their family, from left John Andrew, Connor Patrick, Caitlyn Marie and Meghan Elizabeth. The four healthy babies were born at Saint Barnabas Medical Center on May 25, six days before John graduated from Seton Hall University. The odds of having quadruplets are one in 400,000.

John. "I was afraid it'll be five the next week."

Maternal Fetal Medicine Team doctors Richard Miller, Edward Wolf and Leon Smith put Kimberly in the difficult pregnancy category due to the number of expected newborns. Aside from a delivery via caesarian section and one child briefly needing oxygen, the term went normally.

"John Andrew arrived first at three pounds, 13 ounces at 1 a.m.," said Kimberly. "Connor Patrick came in at three pounds, Meghan Elizabeth next at four and Caitlyn Marie at two pounds, 13 ounces."

Although delivering multiple babies is rare, the Mailleys' physicians had a refresher course of sorts. They handled the delivery of quadruplets from a Verona couple three days before the Mailleys.

"The odds of having quadruplets were last posted in the 1950s as one in 400,000," said Miller. "Having two couples in the same hospital at the same time for quads is more unusual. They did share some commonalities, and Kimberly's 29 weeks was an above average term."

John and Kimberly Mailley's lives have settled into a routine for now.

They'll visit their newborns until Miller decides to release them. Kimberly will work from home for the time being.

"It got kind of hectic lately between the babies and the classes," said John. "Soon the real work will begin."

Regional board approves employee vacation pay

By Tomiann Antonelli
Staff Writer

The Regional High School Board of Education passed a resolution on Tuesday to provide vacation pay to all eligible 12-month employees within the district on the date of dissolution.

Currently, there are a number of employees including secretaries, custodians and some administrative personnel within the school district that work a total of 240 days per year and, according to Superintendent of Schools Donald Merachnik, these employees are entitled to take vacation time. This vacation time, the superintendent explained, is usually accumulated during the year. The employees are then able to use the time during the following year.

"The employees earn their time this year to be used next year," said Merachnik.

The resolution, however, does not apply to teachers in the district due to the fact that they work 10 months out of the year as opposed to 12. In general, employees are entitled to take 14 vacation days. However, Merachnik said, as a result of negotiations, some may receive as many as 18-20 days.

Due to the impending dissolution of the Union County Regional High School District, which is scheduled to take place at midnight on June 30, the employees who are entitled to this vacation time will no longer be regional employees as of this date. As a result, the Board will compensate by paying them for the days which will otherwise be lost.

"Because of the dissolution, they can't take the time next year, thus the board will pay them for the time instead," said Merachnik.

The resolution is actually the result of an arbitration that was filed by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) forcing the board to pay for the vacation time. Subsequently, the superintendent explained, the vote was approved by the board pending a resolution of the arbitration by the NJEA. Once this occurs, Merachnik said, the checks for the vacation time acquired in 1996 will be mailed to employees on June 30.

"I believe that this was a very fair way to compensate our staff, since they will not be able to take the vacation time in the regional district next year," said Merachnik. "As a result, the fair thing to do is to pay our employees for the vacation time this year."

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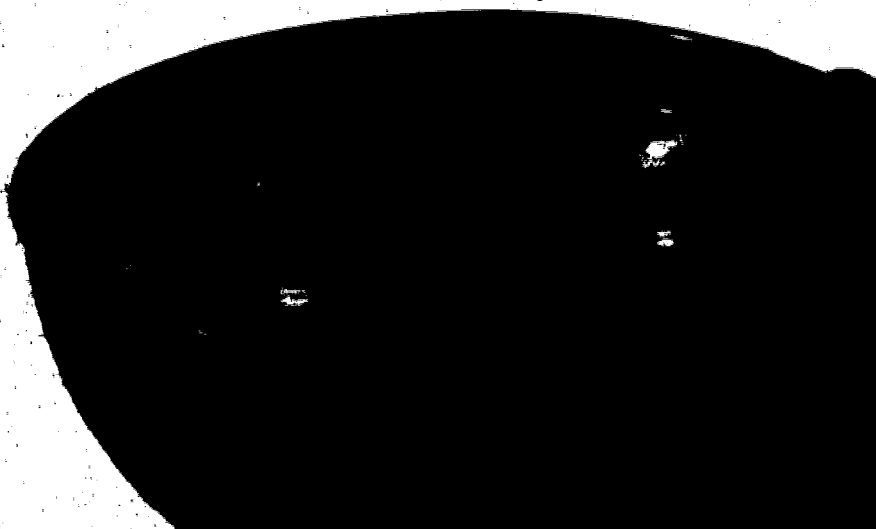
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The time to listen is now

June 21 will mark the official beginning of summer. For most people, especially teenagers, the warmer weather means more time to spend outdoors. Once high school releases students, youth activities on the streets and in the neighborhoods will increase dramatically.

For Springfield and Mountainside, this should be a concern. It is up to parents and guardians of teenagers to keep in mind the risks of allowing these young people have complete freedom. Everyone wants to have a "good time" during these summer months and that's fine. But the fact is there are dangers involved in letting teenagers attend social gatherings. Specifically, drug and alcohol use has increased significantly among teenagers during the last five years.

We are not suggesting there can be no trust given to teenagers — they are responsible in many regards. We do suggest, though, to allow an open line of communication when it comes to drug and alcohol use. Parents and guardians must let it be known that talking about substance abuse is more than OK, it's necessary. The schools can only do so much to drive home a message that there are serious health risks involved with a drug or alcohol oriented lifestyle. A small problem can balloon into an addiction and rationality can become a casualty when drugs and alcohol overtake priorities.

In conclusion, we point out that saying, "It won't happen to our kid" is an easy notion to believe. However, peer pressure and social acceptance are viewed as vital aspects within the domain of a teenage life. We simply suggest partaking in the above mentioned openness to in-home discussions about substance abuse. The time to listen is now.

Big business

Springfield merchants are finally getting down to the business in an effort.

In an effort to increase business revenue as well as attract more viable financial enterprises to the township, a coalition of business owners is forging ahead with the establishment of the township's very own Chamber of Commerce.

This is not just a good idea, but a vital one. With the continuing growth of malls and superstores, the mom and pop stores of the downtown areas threaten to become nostalgic reminders of the past.

While this may not seem to have a direct impact on most township residents, it directly affects their quality of life as well as standard of living.

Many residents are attracted to a community based on attributes such as education, transportation, safety, and the overall character of the community. This character is in turn influenced by the existence of a downtown area, one where residents can stroll down the street and shop at their leisure. Also, many residents like the idea of patronizing stores where the owner and clerks know the shoppers by name.

But the benefits of maintaining a healthy business community are financial as well. Rental of retail space, including the frequently overlooked professional market, brings increased tax revenue to the community. This helps offset property taxes, and contributes to the overall quality of services offered to residents, including education.

We fully encourage the fledgling Springfield Chamber of Commerce in its efforts to achieve greater autonomy from the broader focused Union County Chamber of Commerce. This move will allow Springfield merchants to directly oversee local issues, as well as maintain ties with the county branch, affording access to an expanded region.

Power to the people

Due to their sensitive nature, personnel matters remain private issues, and rightly so. In Mountainside, however, a personnel issue has been dragged into the public arena, creating a tense situation for all parties involved.

Many parents have become outraged by the announcement by Superintendent of Schools Leonard Baccaro that acting principal of Deerfield School Audrey Zavetz will not be included among candidates for a permanent post as principal.

They have vented their frustration to the Board of Education, yet have received no response as to why Zavetz was rejected.

Considering the nature of the situation, the Board of Education should not open its records for public viewing. To do so would violate Zavetz's right to privacy.

While our lack of complete knowledge of the details of the situation prevents us from urging the board to appoint Zavetz, we implore the board to take the passionate outcry of Deerfield parents to heart and give Zavetz a second look.

However, we believe Baccaro and the Board of Education have the responsibility to appoint a principal based on his or her abilities, experience, and rapport with teachers, parents and students. Personal preferences should not hold sway in a professional environment.



SHOOTING ARROWS — Five boys from Cub Scout Pack 177 in Mountainside recently received the Arrow of Light Award and crossed the bridge to Boy Scouting. The boys are Michael Mankowski, Jeff Hoffman, Andrew Harris, Arthur Gussis, and Anthony DeAngelis. The den leaders are Bill Hoffman and Joe DeAngelis.

Being thankful is the best way to honor vets

Recently I received a solicitation from the national branch of the Veterans of Foreign Wars asking me to join their organization. I was a little surprised, since I had not fought in any war, let alone a foreign one. Upon further reading, I discovered that I was eligible based on the fact that I had been stationed overseas with the Army during a time of conflict. As for the conflict, take your pick.

I wasn't really interested in joining. After all, as far as I was concerned, most of the VFW members I'm aware of are from the World War II and Korean War era. How much would we have in common?

But on the membership application, I noticed something which for some reason disturbed me. One of the requirements for membership was the swearing of a belief in God. On one hand this wouldn't be a problem for me, since I'm a practicing Roman Catholic. But as I reread it, I wondered whether a belief in God should be required for honorable service to one's country. Does this mean an atheist who foresees the existence of a higher being, or even an agnostic who has his doubts, cannot serve America?

After the Memorial Day commemorations, where some veterans bemoaned the absence of commemo-

Backbeat

By Kevin Singer
Managing Editor

ration participants, as well as the dwindling numbers in their own veterans groups, I surmised that this may all be indicative of a greater shift in generational attitudes toward military service and the definition of patriotism.

For many of the World War II/Korean era vets, their service coincided with the heyday of Soviet communism. Perhaps a professed belief in God was a prerequisite for patriotism because it was the antithesis of the atheistic-leaning communism ideology.

However, for those of my era who were born after the social revolution that was the 1960s, a belief in God has become framed in the realm of the personal. In addition, we were raised as Soviet communism collapsed, thus removing from our minds what had been such a pre-eminent threat to those before us.

I believe I have a profoundly different outlook of the world than previous generations, and this in part

fuelled my inclination to reject membership in the VFW.

But the World War II/Korean War veterans shouldn't bemoan this rejection, for my attitudes are a direct result of their actions.

In fact, even though I decline membership in their organization, I realize that America, and the entire world, is today an entirely different place for their actions, in ways both large and small.

I spent Memorial Day weekend attending a friend's wedding in Phoenix. My Army buddy, Mike, married Tanja, a German woman he met while we were stationed in Europe. Old friends from across America — Oregon, Colorado, Texas, Kentucky, Chicago — came to the wedding, as well as friends of the bride, who flew in from Germany. While some Americans spent the weekend somberly remembering those who died in defense of America, I and my fellow veteran friends were celebrating a wedding under the hot Arizona sun.

Had it not been for the heroic actions of those who came before me, Europe would have not been freed from Hitler's grip. Decades of peace and prosperity would not have allowed America to socially transform during the '60s, and I wouldn't have been stationed in a democratic Germany.

Had countless men and women not given their lives for freedom, Mike and Tanja never would have met, Todd and Jesse wouldn't have tossed me into a Phoenix pool, and I wouldn't have done the same to a German girl named Michaela. My Memorial Day for 1997 would not have been spent celebrating a wedding, drinking beer, relaxing, and enjoying the company of some old friends.

I do understand the disappointment of those older veterans who have steadily witnessed the declining interest that younger generations have in commemorating slain servicemen. I've been to the Vietnam Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, and the burial grounds at Normandy in France. I've seen the rows of tombstones and lists of names, and like all Americans who have done so, felt the connection and pride. But I believe that their contributions do not have to be celebrated in such a rigid fashion to be genuine.

The legacy left by those servicemen and women who have died in defense of America is all around us. While formal commemorations are important, to fully experience and be thankful for the world they helped create is the best way to honor their sacrifice.

Good rules make for good neighborhoods

When Franklin Roosevelt explained to America why we were helping the English fend off the Nazis, he observed that if his neighbor's house was on fire, he would lend his neighbor a garden-hose to fight the blaze. Using this argument, Roosevelt convinced the nation to lend England the materiel it needed to withstand the German threat.

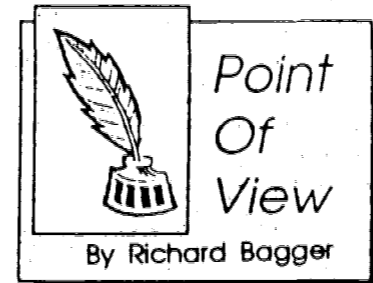
More than 50 years later, we find ourselves in need of adopting a similar good neighbor policy in New Jersey. Throughout this state, we live in small towns close to one another. It used to be said of the U.S. economy that when Uncle Sam catches a cold, Europe gets sick. To paraphrase, it can be said of New Jersey that when one town has a growth problem, its neighbors feel it too.

Every mayor and every council member wrestles with the same dilemma: How do we keep the tax burden as light as possible? A common answer is to attract more businesses to build a greater commercial base on which taxes are paid.

The flaw in this solution is that if Town A opens a new shopping center, it almost certainly means that Town B's streets will bear the burden of drivers attracted to Town A.

There's no doubt that Robert Frost's recipe for neighborly relations — good fences make good neighbors — is true, but impractical for those of us who live so close to one another. Town A might very well want to put up a fence around itself to protect Town B, but traffic has to move from town to town.

This is not abstract theory or the kind of issue one might have to discuss on a final examination for future planners. Consider the issue of Watchung Square, the proposed shop-



ping center for Route 22 in Somerset County.

Six buildings, representing more than 700,000 square feet of commercial space, would be built to house approximately 100 new retail businesses.

Developments like this can be good for economic development, but do not come without a cost. North Plainfield, Green Brook, Scotch Plains, Watchung and the other towns on Route 22 will feel the impact of more traffic to and from Watchung Plaza. A good fence might make for better relations on Route 22, but it wouldn't work.

How do we balance Watchung's interests with Green Brook's? How do we prevent North Plainfield from feeling the pain of Watchung's gain? How do we prevent neighbors from suffering from the success of another development?

The answer is to expand the notion of home rule into "neighborhood rule."

The answer is to borrow FDR's metaphor and extend, not a firehose, but the courtesy of regional planning to our neighbors.

I am developing legislation that would provide the planning equivalent of the firehose. It would require regional review of developments that would have regional impacts. In cases where county and municipal master

plans show that a large development would have regional impact, the affected towns would come together to form a planning partnership board to review the application. It would bring together representatives of the impacted municipalities' planning boards. Citizens would get the chance to participate in a hearing to explain to these representatives about the regional, neighborhood and community interests posed by a project.

The planning partnership board would review and act on the development application using the same standards that local planning boards apply to local developments.

The difference is that each impacted municipality would have a seat and a vote at the table. Each voice of the affected towns would be heard. There would be cross-acceptance of plans, rather than working at cross purposes. Hands would be extended in cooperation rather than voices raised in anger.

It isn't very neighborly that state

law permits one municipality to embark on a major development that will affect its neighbors without giving them a place at the table or an opportunity to be heard. This is an insurance company slogan which promises that "like a good neighbor," the insurer will be there in times of peril. Like any good neighbor, our towns should be there together to work out their problems on a regional basis.

Like America at the outset of the Second World War, New Jerseyans will go out of their way to help a neighbor. Let us plan to take this good neighbor policy further and extend our hands not just across our fences, but across our municipal borders. Let us plan together for a better future for New Jersey.

Richard Bagger, a former mayor of Westfield, is serving his third term as an assemblyman from the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountainside.

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YES — 72%	YES — 57%
NO — 28%	NO — 43%

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Volunteers made fair a success

To the Editor:

I want to express my great appreciation to the many volunteers who helped put on the annual Mountainside PTA Fair this year. Lacking a chairperson, many people joined together at the last minute to ensure that the children would not miss out on this long-standing tradition.

Eileen Rosenshaft and Laschelle DeCristoforo were critical in planning and organizing the activities and vendors. PTA Treasurer Joan Whritenour spent the entire day unseen, in a room, securing the receipts and counting tickets. Lou Anne Denny supplied and served the food at minimal prices so even a large family could eat reasonably. Kathy Bolcar, Mountainside's "Cotton Candy Lady" delighted the children, as always. Lynn Geiger oversaw the pony rides and petting zoo as she has over the last five years. The Platinum DJs donated their services all day. A local youth, David Kiss, coordinated logistics and security. Kathy Hiller provided staffing for the prize redemptions, and Angela Richard and Anne Geislinger organized a pie bake-off that was fun and delicious. Deerfield School's custodial staff, led by Wayne DeVico, worked all Saturday setting up, cleaning and closing down after everyone spent the day enjoying the event.

It takes tremendous energy and caring from each volunteer, as well as the entire school community, to provide this type of fun, safe, and healthy environment for our children. Thank you to every one who lent a hand, and especially Mary Ann Cusano who has chaired the fair for many years and gave us wonderful guidance.

Diane McCurdy president,
Mountainside PTA

Donations help pay for renovations

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 baseball jersey signed by Derek Jeter, and an open auction held by WOR-TV sports reporter Russ Salzberg raised over \$8,000. It was by far the most successful fundraising 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 on attending our games this season.

Gail Apigo, chairperson,
Mountainside Youth Baseball

Council should explain their actions

To the Editor:

Whenever there is confusion in the minds of the public that involves an election or referendum, it is the responsibility of that particular administration to make it clear. In so doing, we remove the excuse recently espoused regarding the Board of Education budget rejection.

Joseph Chieppa
Mountainside

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.

Today

• 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.

Saturday

• Barnes & Noble will sponsor a workshop from 2 to 3 p.m. featuring Virtual Comics creators Danny Fingerth and John Pierard. The event will allow audience members to create, design, and sketch an original superhero, create a premise for a story featuring a Virtual Comics character, as well as provide a general overview of comics from Superman to Spiderman. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For more information, call (201) 376-8544.

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. This event will continue throughout the month of June.

• Trailside will offer parents the opportunity the chance to explore the nighttime sky with their preschoolers at 3:30 p.m. Admission to this planetarium program is \$3 per person, and the program is intended for children 4- to 6-years-old with an adult.

Monday

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

Tuesday

• 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.

Coming events

June 12

• An epilepsy support group will meet at the Wallace Chapel AME Zion Church, 140 Broad St., Summit, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. It will be an

open group discussion, and all people with epilepsy, family and friends are welcome to attend. For more information, call Brenda Simmons, social worker at (201) 992-5900.

June 14

• The Resource Center for Women will hold a workshop on "Matrimonial Law: Divorce in New Jersey," 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. The center is located in Calvary Episcopal Church at the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in downtown Summit. For more information, call the center's office at (908) 273-7253.

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 Saturday.

June 22

• The Springfield Lodge will sponsor a bus trip to Sands Hotel. The bus will leave from Echo Plaza Mall in Springfield at 10:30 a.m. The package includes refreshments on bus and \$16 cash back. The cost per person is \$20. For information, call Jerry at (908) 687-9120 or (908) 277-1953. The deadline for registration is Saturday.

June 23

• A "Stress Reduction" Workshop will be offered by Dr. Rick Wolf, a holistic chiropractor, at the Springfield Free Public Library at 7 p.m. The workshop will discuss the "mind-body" connection and how to achieve it through breathing techniques. Participants will learn to experience "moment-to-moment" awareness.

The free workshop will be held at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For more information call (201) 376-4930.

Jewish War Veterans install new slate of officers

The Elin-Unger Post 273 and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans held their Joint Installation at the Sarah Bailey Senior Citizen Center in Springfield. Department Commander of New Jersey Sol L. Friedman of Long Branch installed the following officers for 1997-98: Commander, George Vice; Sr. Vice Commander, Fred Cooper; Jr. Vice Commander, Norman Kohn; Judge Advocate, Dr. Alex Goldman; and Chief Executive, Ethel Schechter.

Department President of New Jersey Ladies Auxiliary Eileen Lynch installed Co-presidents Ilsa Cohen and Bobbie Eisenberg; Sr. Vice President Blanche Egna; Jr. Vice President Bernice Richter; Treasurer Ruth Hirschorn; and Recording Secretary Mildred Salzman.



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Arts center plans interactive exhibit

Through participation in a special workshop series to be offered at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, adults and children can take part in the creation of the upcoming exhibition, "Gardenia: An Installation," by Cindy Tower, transforming NJCVA's Palmer Gallery into an environmentally conscious garden from floor to ceiling.

On exhibit from Sept. 5-Nov. 2 in the Palmer Gallery, with the help of these artists Tower turns her vision of conservation and recycling into a reality. Recycling everyday items, old tires are transformed into planters, fans become flowers and laundry detergent bottles are turned into night-lights. Students participating in the workshops may take work home after the closing of the installation. This first hands-on exhibition in NJCVA's 64-year history welcomes novice and professional artists of all ages to participate.

Bring old fans, new fans, ceiling fans, oscillating fans, broken fans, small and large fans and turn them

into flowers in the workshop "Paint into Flowers" on June 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open to all ages, metal paints are used to create unique works of art for this installation.

Skip the laundry and be inspired by collecting brightly colored plastic detergent bottles and recreating them as flowers in the "Plastic Laundry Detergent Bottle Flowers Workshop" on June 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open to all ages, adults can also turn these household items into nightlights.

Also for adults, the workshop "Tires! Tires! Tires!" on June 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. allows artists to cut tires into planters and strange floor flowers, helping to create a total environment with recycled items.

The adult workshop "Bee Wall Hangings" on June 21 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. allows artists to create clay relief sculptures which will be cast in plaster and hung on the walls of the gallery.

Children can be a part of an NJCVA exhibition by participating in

the workshop "Partners in Art: Upside-Down Vine Flowers" on June 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents have the opportunity to work with their children, one child per parent, to create vine flowers for the stairwells leading into the garden installation.

All workshop materials are supplied by NJCVA. A participation fee and a materials fee are required. Four days prior to the exhibition's opening, everyone is welcome to drop by the Art Center to help and to "watch the garden grow." As part of the exhibition, the artists' former truck will be filled with planted flowers and grass, complete with a gilded and decorated engine as a featured sculpture outside NJCVA.

"My studio has been my truck," said Tower, who drove the truck for years, stopping to paint by the side of the road. Targeting reuse and recycling as the subject of her creative installations, the artist invites community involvement through her exhibitions. "Almost every show utilizes recycled and reused materials,"

said Tower, who requires old bottles, cardboard tubes, pantyhose and other refuse from major corporations and a Manhattan organization, Materials for the Arts. As part of a recent exhibition in Chelsea, Tower embedded 400 blown eggs in a log to create her work, "Inlay." "I ate a lot of omelets and fed a lot of people omelets," said Tower. "I can get pretty obsessive about my work."

Anyone wishing to donate plastic laundry detergent containers, old tires, and all types of old, broken ceiling fans and oscillating fans for use in these workshops can drop them off at NJCVA, located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For more information or to take place in these workshops, call (908) 273-9121. Exhibitions are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from noon-4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and Thursday evening from 7:30-9 p.m. Funding has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State and the Sony Corporation.

Legislation helps ease institutional transition

Legislation sponsored by State Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, R-Union, that aims to ease the transition from institutional mental health and developmental disabilities facilities to community-based services was approved by the General Assembly on May 22 by a vote of 79 to 0.

The bill, A-2180, the Community Mental Health and Development Disability Services Investment Act, requires all funds saved by closing a state mental hospital or developmental center to be reinvested in expanded services for people with disabilities in non-institutional settings.

In recognition of his leadership on this issue, Bagger was honored by Community Access Unlimited at its 13th Annual Awards Night Celebration. Community Access Unlimited, which serves approximately 500 individuals with a wide range of disabilities in a community setting, presented Bagger with its "Advocate in Government Award."

"I was extremely honored to receive this award and look forward to continuing my support for the disabled residents of New Jersey," Bagger said.

Commenting on his legislation, Bagger said, "As more services are provided at the local level, we have a compelling interest to ensure that these services are equitably distributed throughout the state. Institutions are being downsized, and existing resources should be channeled into community programs.

"It is desirable for many persons with serious mental illness as well as persons with developmental disabilities to receive in their home communities," Bagger added. "This legislation will help to ease these transitions for them.

"We cannot institute major changes at our facilities without realizing the impact these changes will have on the communities and the people served. This legislation helps to address their needs and concerns," he said.

In addition, the legislation requires that the proceeds from the sale of a closed state institution be used to provide for the capital needs of disabled people in the community, such as housing.

The legislation now heads to the State Senate for consideration.

Riding camp open for Union County residents

The opportunity to learn to ride a horse exists this summer at the County of Union's Equestrian Camp sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders through its Division of Parks and Recreation.

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Watchung Stables, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside, is the site for this opportunity for fun, fitness and learning. Camp is open to boys and girls ages nine to seventeen.

Enrollment is limited to a maximum of two weeks per child. Scheduled sessions will be held beginning the week of June 24 and ending the week of Aug. 19. Sessions are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except for the week of June 30-July 3 when camp will be held Monday through Thursday.

Participants may register on or after Saturday. On Saturday, registration times will be 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$220 per session for Union County residents; \$260 for out-of-county. All registration must be performed in-person. Proof of residency and a birth certificate will be required.

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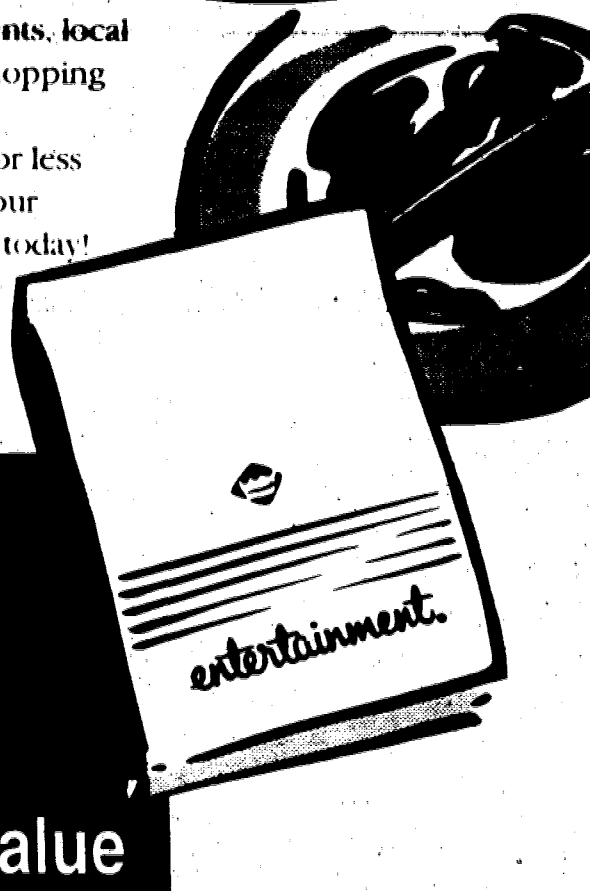
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Senior News

After 37 years, postman retires

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The long march of Springfield's James Kallies ended Saturday. Kallies, after 37 years as one of the township's letter carriers, managed to go around the world without leaving his routes.

"I was talking with some of my fellow letter carriers about the miles I walked on my route," said Kallies. "I've had two different routes in Springfield, but when laid end-to-end, we came up with at least three-and-a-half times around the earth."

The three-and-a-half orbits, if taken at the Equator, comes to Kallies walking over 87,500 miles. In an era of constantly changing employment, he logged this mileage while delivering cards, letters and small packages to Hillside Avenue area homes and businesses five days a week.

"I had just graduated from Cranford High School in 1960," said Kallies, "and was looking for work. My father, who was a postal inspector, suggested to apply at Springfield. I passed the test and I've been here ever since."

Kallies is quick to deter anyone, however, from placing him among



James Kallies

the likes of Cal Ripken, Jr. and the Energizer Bunny. First, he says there are others in the office with comparable longevity. Second, there've been days when the mail couldn't get through.

"There've been a couple of car-

riers who retired after 30 years," said Kallies, "and another who's done 35. The Blizzard of 1996 kept us from making deliveries. The last time our supervisor had to call us all in was during Hurricane Gloria in 1985."

"It's not unusual to have relatives working here or second- or third-generation employees," said Springfield Supervisor of Customer Service James McDade. "Most employees stay with the post office they applied to. Still, all have to pass a test and get on an employment list."

Kallies said that while the delivery route is routine, the job is far from monotonous.

"You'd think there'd be little change but the job has had changes from the start," said Kallies. "Springfield has grown, which means more customers, and there's more automation. The volume has shrunk slightly, however, perhaps from people using electronic and other delivery companies."

But all streaks come to an end. Kallies decided to hang up his mailbag early last month.

"After awhile, the legs start to tire and get sore," Kallies said. "I figure it's time to go."

Senior dancers make magic

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A group of 20 mostly silver- or white-haired people gathered at the Ballroom Magic Dance Studio in Springfield at noon Wednesday. As they evenly spaced themselves on the dance floor, instructor Joan Wright warmed them up with some light steps.

The activity, to an observer, appeared to be another class at the Mountain Avenue ballroom. To studio owner Kelly Vuyovich, however, this session is something of a public service.

"We open our dance floor this time every Wednesday to our older residents," said Vuyovich. "Ballroom dancing gives them exercise, improves their circulation and helps their social skills."

Ballroom Magic has been a Five Corners fixture since Vuyovich moved here seven years ago. He has also been a professional dancer, competitor and teacher for 22 years.

"I hold classes during the week here and some Saturdays," said Vuyovich from his office. "I have to work around the 9 p.m. municipal business closing time and, with the recent CVS proposal, we're the last holdout tenant."

While Wright takes her charges through a routine, Vuyovich takes a visitor around the edge of the floor, pointing at recent newspaper clippings about the sport and the studio's various competition awards.

"I'm not sure why, but ballroom dancing has taken off in

recent years," said Vuyovich. "It's grown to where it'll be a demonstration sport in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney."

Vuyovich, however, is willing to guess ballroom dancing's advantages. He cites improvements in heart rate and muscle tone, that people from five to 85 can dance and that the activity can boost one's social confidence.

"We go out to United States Ballroom League competitions, where we go for individual, class and group honors," said Vuyovich. "I've partnered with a grade schooler and with one of our older citizens. Either way, we've won awards."

Wright paused to thank those students who performed at a local nursing home and announced the next elder care appearance.

"We go to a nursing home from time to time," said Vuyovich. "It's a way of giving back and of making their and our day."

One dancer, Tom Gibnes, used the pause for a break. "I'm actually in the beginners class before this one," said Gibnes, of Mountainside. "I've been coming here a few months. Dancing keeps my circulation up, I get to meet some ladies and I learn from a good teacher like Wright."

"I've been coming here for five years," said Sonja Oshman of Hillside. "It gives me a lift and is something to look forward to."

Call Ballroom Magic at (201) 476-8522 for details.

SENIOR NEWS

Noncitizen benefits

Noncitizens who are receiving Supplementary Security Income payments will receive notices in March explaining how they will be affected by a new law that changed the way Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid to noncitizens. The SSI benefits to some noncitizens will end in August or September of this year.

Under the new law, only those citizens, U.S. nationals and noncitizens in the following categories may receive SSI:

- Refugees, people granted asylum, and aliens whose deportation has been withheld — subject to five-year eligibility limit.

- Certain active duty military personnel and honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. Spouses and unmarried dependent children of military personnel or veterans who may also qualify.

- Noncitizens who have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence and have a total of 40 quarters of work.

You must bring your original naturalization certificate as proof of your citizenship or other proof of your legal alien status. Social Security will not accept photocopies.

Players wanted

The Union County Senior Softball League is seeking players for the 1997 season for both the 50-plus and 60-plus divisions.

Anyone reaching the age of 50 anytime during 1997 is eligible to participate in the 50-plus division and any player reaching the age of 60 before the end of the year is eligible to participate in the 60-plus division.

The league is entering its eighth year. Nine, or possibly 10 teams, will make up the 50-plus division, while the 60-plus division is expected to expand from four to six teams this season.

Many players participate in both divisions. Games are played weekday evenings on fields throughout Union County.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Tony Muccia at 272-3140 or Dom Deo at 654-5088.

Book on loans available

Seniors who own their homes can request a free workbook titled "HouseMoney" that describes a reverse mortgage plan that provides cash advances based on equity held in the home.

The workbook answers questions about reverse mortgages and shows how seniors can use "HouseMoney" to meet financial and lifestyle needs. "HouseMoney" plans are designed for people age 65 and over who have a home valued at \$75,000 or more. These plans are offered by Transamerica HomeFirst in New Jersey.

Seniors interested in obtaining a free copy of the workbook should call Transamerica HomeFirst toll-free at (800) 538-5569, or write the company at 505 Sansome St., San Francisco, Calif. 94111.

Singers for hire

The Golden Lights, a seniors musical group from Evangel Church of Scotch Plains, is available to present their concert "The Time of Our Lives Opus" for your group's enjoyment.

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Planning is better late than never

It's never too late to start planning for retirement. It's true that the earlier you start, the better, but experts agree that a late plan is better than no plan at all.

While your options may not be as great if you're over 50, you do have some options. The important thing is that you recognize what they are and factor them into a plan of action. You need to understand, for example, that, statistically speaking, you need to plan on living longer than your parents and grandparents did. And people over age 85 represent the largest growing segment of the population.

If you are within 10 years of retirement, here are some Social Security considerations:

Find out what you've got coming from Social Security. You should call (800) 772-1213 to get a copy of a "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement." That's a report on the earnings you have credited to your Social Security account, and the retirement, survivors or disability benefits payable on those earnings.

Remember, benefits decrease if you retire early. Although many people retire early, this may not be your best

Providing Security

By Dennis Maas

option. You can retire as early as age 62, but benefits are decreased for each month before age 65 you are receiving benefits, up to a maximum of 20 percent.

Note that benefits increase if you delay retirement. If you're in good health and don't mind working, you should know that Social Security benefits increase for each month after full retirement age — 65 in 1997 — you delay retirement. In 1997, the "delayed retirement credit" is five percent, but it's scheduled to go up to eight percent by the year 2008.

Know how other retirement income may affect your Social Security benefits. Most types of retirement income will not affect your Social Security benefits. This means you can have income from savings and investments and other pensions over and above your Social Security benefits. In general, earnings are the most common income that may affect benefits.

Know how much you can earn in retirement. There is a retirement test that limits how much you can make and still receive Social Security benefits. It increases annually with increases in general wage levels.

In 1997, people age 65 and over can earn up to \$13,500 without affecting their Social Security benefits. Benefits are reduced \$1 for every \$3 of earnings. Beneficiaries under 65 can earn up to \$8,640 a year. Earnings over the limit would reduce benefits \$1 for every \$2.

The earnings limits do not apply to beneficiaries age 70 and older.

Social Security is a good starting point even for late retirement planners. It's designed to be a floor of income protection that increases with the cost of living and lasts for the rest of your life. It's something you can build on.

For more details on the information here, call Social Security's toll-free number, (800) 772-1213, and ask for the publication, "Retirement."

Dennis Maas is the manager of the Social Security Administration office in Elizabeth.

Wednesday will become senior payday

For future Social Security beneficiaries, Wednesdays will become one of the most important days in their lives. It's the day that their Social Security benefits will be delivered, according to Dennis Maas, manager of the Elizabeth Social Security office.

"People who apply for benefits will not receive their benefits on the third of the month as in the past. Instead they will receive it on a second, third or fourth Wednesday of the month," Maas said. Benefits received this June will be based on the new delivery schedule.

The change is expected to even out

the workflow of the agency by avoiding the peak of telephone traffic that generally accompanies check deliveries on the third of the month. It is expected to help reduce telephone waiting times for all callers. Benefits to current Social Security beneficiaries will continue to be paid on the third. Benefits to current and future Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries will continue to be paid on the 1st of the month.

"When you apply for benefits, the Social Security representatives will tell you when to expect your benefit payment. The letter we send to you notifying you of your benefit amount

will also have this information," said Maas.

"The day you receive your benefits will be determined by the birthdate of the person on whose work record the benefits are based," said Maas. "This means that spouses who apply can expect to receive their benefit based on the birthdate of the working spouse."

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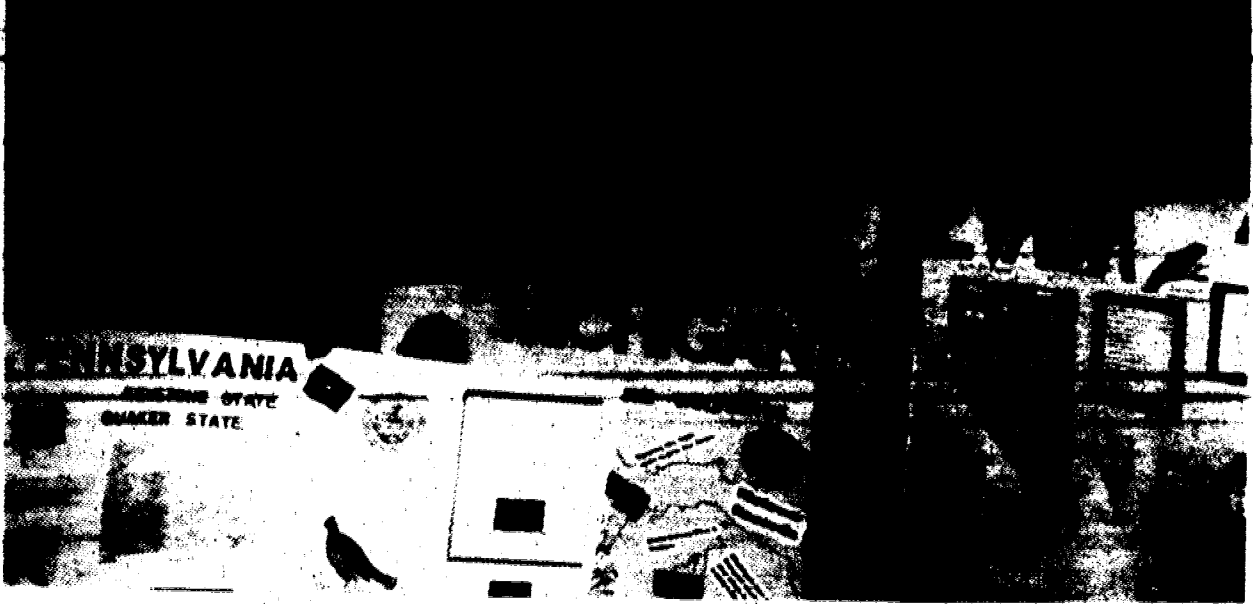
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From left, Springfield residents Hill Rosen, Jacob Feldman and Elana Wif, fifth graders at Solomon Schechter Day School, display their state posters, a culmination of their year-long research project. Early in the school year students chose a state to research and gathered facts utilizing many resources, including on-line research services through the school's computer access.

Wetland wonders highlight kids camp

The Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit is currently accepting enrollments for its Elephant Tree Nature Camp this summer, July through mid-August, for children 5 to 9. Guest experts will come to the camp with special attractions.

"How Your Garden Grows," July 30 with Clegg, who will help campers perform the tasks of an early naturalist.

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OBITUARIES

Virginia Fleming

Virginia Fleming, 69, of Durango, Colo., formerly of Summit, died April 30 in Durango from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Lewis Stanton Sr.

Lewis N. Stanton Sr., 79, of Mountaintide died May 20 at home.

Edgar C. Young

Edgar C. Young, 50, of Washington Township, formerly of Springfield, died May 30 at home.

Clarissa M. Rettino

Clarissa M. Rettino, 100, of Mountaintide died June 1 at home.

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James Costanza

James Costanza, 77, of Springfield died May 23 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Henry F. Grabarz

Henry F. Grabarz, 86, of Whiting, formerly of Springfield, a retired builder of custom homes, died May 28 in Community Medical Center, Toms River.

Leokadia Stawick

Leokadia Stawick of Mountaintide died May 27 in Somerset Medical Center.

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Edith A. Wright

Edith A. Wright, 72, of Spring Lake, formerly of Summit, died May 31 in Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune.

Willie J. Young

Willie J. Young, 50, of Springfield, a guidance counselor with the Newark school system, died May 31 at home.

Harold Friedman

Harold Friedman, 93, of Springfield died June 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Harold Friedman

Born in Newark, Mr. Friedman lived in Woodbridge, Irvington, South Orange and Newark before moving to Springfield 10 years ago.

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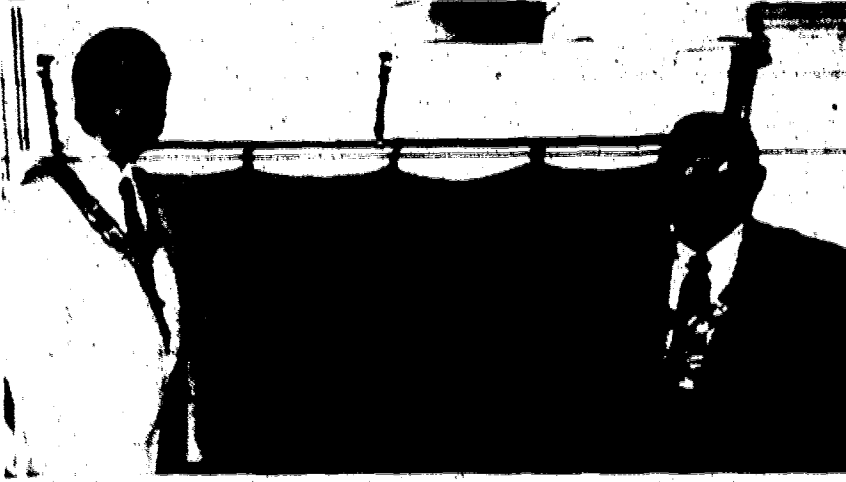
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In addition to the regular business at Wednesday's meeting of the Mountainside Elks, Lodge 1585, Exalted Ruler Frank Plummer, left, and George Florian Secretary of the Lodge, presented a gift to local residents for medical expenses associated with their child's recent open heart surgery.

Donations aid ailing child

A Mountainside 3-year-old recently underwent open heart surgery to correct Atrial Septal Defect. The condition, more commonly referred to as a "hole in the heart," was diagnosed during a routine check up at age 1. Each year in the United States about 25-30,000 children are born with a heart defect.

At this past Wednesday's meeting, the Mountainside Elks made a sizeable donation to the family. In addition, the Mountainside Newcomers Club organized a Community Walk for the toddler, and Suzanne Schneller's class at Deerfield School, where the tot's older brother attends the first grade, prepared a basket full of toys for the welcome home.

However, aid has come in more ways than monetary or material gifts for this child's parents. The encouragement and spiritual support the family has received throughout the past several weeks has been astounding. The family extends a heartfelt thanks to the community for their generosity and more importantly, their prayers and plentiful emotional support.

Hospital receives new technology

The Community Aide Committee of Norton Performance Plastic Corporation, Wayne, has purchased a computer adaptive interface for use in the Rehabilitation Technology Department at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

The device enables children who can't use their hands to work with a computer. By adapting to their individual level of physical ability, the device helps children to learn how to use a computer as well as benefit from the various developmental software programs which are available.

In responding to the gift presented by Gladys Dadian, chairperson of Norton's Community Aide Committee, Philip Salerno, III, vice president for development, praised the company and its employees. "Children's ability to maintain the highest level of pediatric rehabilitative care is due largely to the ongoing confidence and support of corporate friends like Norton," he said.

Children's Specialized Hospital, New Jersey's only hospital dedicated solely to pediatric rehabilitation, treats children and adolescents, birth through 21 years. Founded in 1891, the hospital system provides services including acute rehabilitation, long-term care and outpatient services.



The Springfield Township Auxiliary Police Unit prepares to control traffic during the township's Memorial Day commemorations.

Township auxiliary police aid parade

The Township of Springfield held its annual Memorial Day Parade with Springfield's Auxiliary Police Unit playing a role in traffic control for the event. The parade proceeded north on Mountain Avenue, one of the major thoroughfares in town, commencing at the Walton School and concluding at Town Hall. Auxiliary officers monitored all intersections along the parade route. Twenty-one of the 30 members of the unit volunteered for

the parade, with all completing their assignments in time to participate in the ceremony at the Municipal Building.

Auxiliary vehicles led and trailed the parade, communicating with traffic posts while directing the closing and opening of intersections. The teamwork displayed by the unit helped keep the parade moving expeditiously, with minimal delay to

motorists. Mayor Roy Hirschfeld commended the unit saying, "The auxiliary officers handled the event efficiently."

The Auxiliary Police have been providing traffic control for the Memorial Day parade for many years. They also have assisted in other events, such as the Fourth of July Fireworks and the Rotary Flea Market.

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SPORTS

Americans win All-Star tilts

Both games exciting and very high scoring

The Springfield Junior Baseball League AA All-Star Game was high scoring and very exciting.

The American Division All-Stars squeaked out a 15-14 victory over the National Division All-Stars in a see-saw battle held that took place May 24 in Kenilworth.

The Americans took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Corey Evans singled and Kenneth Suarez drove him in with a single.

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The Nationals answered with three runs in the bottom of the first as Josh Goldman hit a double and Lee Silverman and Jason Dressler banged out singles.

After plating one run in the second, the Americans regained the lead with four more in the third. Suarez stroked an RBI-double and Jason Gilligan had an RBI-single to give the Americans a 6-3 advantage.

The Nationals took the lead again by scoring five runs in the bottom of the third for an 8-6 cushion. Key hits were delivered by Silverman and Ross Kivowitz.

The Nationals seemed to put the game out of reach in the fourth when they scored six more runs to take a 14-7 lead. Steven Tettamanti belted a three-run double.

It was the relief pitching performance of Cory Berger that finally cooled off the Nationals. Berger entered the game in the fourth inning with runners on second and third with one out and shut down the Nationals.

Berger pitched 1 2/3 innings of shutout ball, facing seven batters of which he struck out three.

Meanwhile, the Americans scored six runs in the top of the fifth to pull to within 14-13. Andrew Yasinski, Alex Massimo and Raul Furnaguera belted RBI-doubles.

The Americans took the lead for good by scoring two more runs in the top of the sixth. Yasinski and Donald Cherry walked with the bases loaded.

Suarez picked up the save by pitching a scoreless bottom of the sixth. Second baseman Jarred Weiss made an excellent putout with two outs and the tying and winning runs on base.

Berger ended up winning the game in relief.

Others who played well for the Americans included Michael Tiss (two walks, one run), Michael Mohr (one run) and Louis Puopolo (three walks, single, one run).

Others who played well for the Nationals included Jesse Fischbein (walk, one run), Brandon Baron (walk, one run), Dan Kahoonei (one run), Matt Farley (walk, one run), Michael Rosania (three walks, two runs) and Steven Becker and Michael Kronert.

In the All-Star Game played in Springfield on May 26, the Americans were victorious again, this time by a 17-10 score.

Tiss earned the mound victory and Suarez picked up another save.

The Americans were paced by the hitting of Yasinski and Furnaguera and the pitching of Tiss, Massimo and Suarez. Matt Parman singled, walked three times and scored three runs and Keith Dworkin played well.

Kahoonei, Silverman, Dressler and Farley hit the ball well for the Nationals and Silverman and Josh Goldman pitched well.

In other action...

Marlins 15, Pirates 7: Marlin pitchers Dan Kahoonei and Matt Farley combined on a one-hitter in helping the team remain unbeaten. Charlie Conroy, Steven Tettamanti, Kahoonei and Farley had two hits. Paul Belliveau had the only hit for the Pirates. Josh Goldman and Brandon Baron played well.

Yankees 8, Orioles 7: Stephen Suarez drove in the winning run with a hit to help the Yankees improve to 6-2. Donald Cherry, Jordan Fish, Kenneth Suarez and Justin Molinari hit safely. Jared Model, Jonathan Rego, Philip Ferreira and Quince Zackrie also played well. Louis Puopolo pitched well for the Orioles and Patrick Circelli, Michael Tiss and Steve Stockl hit the ball well.

Red Sox 24, Mariners 5: Michael Mannarino pitched 3 1/3 solid innings, striking out seven, and Jesse Galinkin picked up his fourth save of the year. Jimmy Cottage smacked a triple and single and Cory Berger belted two triples and a single to pace the Red Sox offense. Jarred Weiss belted four this, including two doubles, and scored four runs. Jake Floyd, Nick Paolino, Stephen King, Michael Mohr and David Axelrod also played well. Matt Parman and Jesse Weatherston made several excellent plays in the field and added a combined four hits and six runs.

Red Sox 14, Orioles 13: Cory Berger, Matt Parman and Jarred Weiss pitched well for the Red Sox, with Weiss striking out the last batter with the tying run at second base. Jimmy Cottage had a walk, triple and three runs; Michael Mohr had a single, double and five RBI; Parman had a single, double and two runs and Berger belted a home run, double and single. Jake Floyd, Michael Mannarino and David Axelrod played well defensively. Jesse Galinkin and Jesse Weatherston walked five times between them, leading to five runs. Steven Stockl, Patrick Circelli and Brandon Stern-Charles played well for the Orioles, with Adam Sherman contributing a huge home run and Michael Tiss pitching five strong innings and getting two hits.

Red Sox 19, Yankees 6: The Red Sox, who improved to 8-2, clinched the American Division title with their sixth consecutive victory. The Yankees slipped to 6-4. Cory Berger improved his pitching record to 4-0 as he struck out five and made several outstanding defensive plays. One double play involved centerfielder Michael Mohr, Berger and catcher Matt Parman in the fifth. Michael Mannarino picked up a save in relief and Mohr, Stephen King, Jarred Weiss and Parman all hit the ball well. Jake Floyd started a nine-run rally in the fourth with a home run. Jimmy Cottage, Nick Paolino, Jesse Weatherston, David Axelrod and Jesse Galinkin played well in the field and at the plate. Kenneth Suarez, Stephen Suarez and Donald Cherry pitched well for the Yankees. The Suarez brothers, Jordan Fish and Jared Model all played well in the field and contributed at the plate.



National Division All-Star batter Dan Kahoonei takes a swing in the Springfield Youth Baseball League AA All-Star Game that took place May 26 in Kenilworth. The American Division All-Star catcher is Jarred Weiss.

Mountainside residents spark Gov. Liv. teams to success

The Governor Livingston High School baseball team had another highly successful season this year as the Highlanders reached the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship game.

Although GL, the fourth seed, was defeated by second-seeded Hanover Park 4-2 in last Friday's title game in Westfield, the Highlanders proved to be one of the best Group 2 teams in North Jersey and Union County.

GL finished 19-7 overall and second in the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division with a 12-2 record. Immaculata won the Mountain Division with a 14-1 mark.

Sparked by the pitching and hitting talents of Mountainside resident Craig Conway, the Highlanders also reached the Union County Tournament semifinals for a second consecutive season.

Conway pitched a six-hitter against Hanover Park and belted two doubles. His first double drove in a run in the first and then he scored after hitting his second double in the third.

GL eliminated top-seeded Jefferson 9-3 in nine innings in the sectional semifinals May 27 in Jefferson. The Highlanders scored seven runs in the top of the ninth to snap a 2-2 tie.

Conway, who should receive All-County honors for a second consecutive season, belted a solo homer and teammate Scott Bogosian ripped a two-run single to spark the seven-run frame. Senior righthander Eric Brown hurled a six-hitter, striking out five and walking one.

In the quarterfinals, GL ousted fifth-seeded Johnson Regional 2-1 May 23 in Berkeley Heights. Brown hurled a three-hitter, striking out eight and walking none.

Mountainside resident Brian Cantagallo belted an RBI-double in the bottom of the fifth for the Highlanders' second run. GL broke a scoreless duel with two runs in the fifth.

Dan Lallis, who had two hits, ignited the rally with a single, stole second and scored on a single by Terrance Reilly, the game-winning hit because it put GL ahead to stay for good.

Reilly then scored on Cantagallo's double. Steve Murk belted a solo homer in the top of the seventh for the Crusaders, who finished the season at 12-7.

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.

Softball squad was super

The Governor Livingston High School softball team, like the baseball squad, had another exceptional season.

GL finished 23-3-1 overall and second in the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division with a 10-1-1 mark. Johnson Regional, a team GL split with this year, won the Mountain outright with an 11-1 record. Johnson won the division outright two years ago and last year the two teams shared the conference championship.

What made this year special for the Highlanders was the fact that they ended Union's six-year reign as Union County Tournament champions. Union won the championship the past six seasons.

Not only did GL win its first UCT championship, but the

Highlanders defeated Union along the way, ending the Farmers' record 26-game UCT winning streak.

Sparked by the play of Mountainside resident Jesse Orenczak, GL also won all four of its UCT contests by shutout.

In the state tournament in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2, the Highlanders reached the semifinals where they were defeated by Morris Hills 4-1 May 27 in Rockaway.

Seeded third, the Highlanders were only able to bang out two hits against Morris Hills ace Christy Vuono. The second-seeded Morris County Tournament champion defeated the Essex County Tournament champion West Essex, the top seed, by a score of 2-1 in last Thursday's sectional final at Pequannock.

GL advanced to the sectional semifinals by blanking sixth-seeded Johnson Regional 1-0 in the May 22 quarterfinals.

Felicia Turturiello tossed a four-hitter to outduel Johnson's Karen Kolmos. Turturiello struck out seven and walked two in hurling another shutout. She also won all four of GL's UCT contests by shutout.

Track athletes excel

Mountainside residents Elizabeth Segall, Gena Schlegel, Amy Hansen and Lauren Kobel turned in outstanding performances at the girls' North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 meet held in Plainfield May 24.

The four Governor Livingston High School standout athletes placed in events to qualify for last Saturday's Group 2 meet at South Plainfield's Frank Jost Field.

Segall, a senior, finished second in the 3,200-meter run in 11:42.3. Lauren Kelly of Morris Hills won the race in 11:30.9.

Schlegel, a senior, was fifth in the 100-meter high hurdles in 17.3. Lydia Smith of Hillside captured the event in 15.4.

Hansen, a junior, was fourth in the shot put with a toss of 30-feet, 6.5 inches. Mirjana Banic of Johnson Regional won the event at 34-10.5.

Kobel, a junior, was sixth in the shot put event with a toss of 29-11.5.

Other GL performers to advance included Havre Cunningham and Tania Balci in the 100, Renee Knapp in the 1,600 and Emile Perret in the long jump.

GL finished tied for fifth with Roselle with 32 points. Morris Hills won with 70.5.

The GL boys' finished ninth along with Caldwell and Johnson with 10 points. Newark Central won the team title with 127 points.

Andy Miller finished fifth in the 400 at 52.9. Aswad Salaam of Newark Central won in 50.0.

Rob Compora finished second in the pole vault at 12.0. Mike Lis of Dover won at 12-6.

Segall placed in the Group 2 meet by finishing fifth in the 3,200 in 11:38.95. She was to compete in yesterday's Meet of Champions at South Plainfield, the last track and field event of the season.

Perret also qualified by placing fifth in the long jump at 16-4.

LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The Dayton Regional High School baseball team finished a highly successful season by defeating Roselle Park 6-3 in Roselle Park May 27. Winning pitcher Mark Armento went the distance, striking out four and walking three in seven innings. He allowed six hits. Eric Fishman was 2-for-3 with two RBI and teammate Jimmy Sweigart 2-for-2, one of his hits a double. Dayton swept the season-series against RP, finished 14-7 overall and 10-2 and in second place in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference behind champion Middlesex.

Mountainside resident Tracy Saladino drove in a run with a single to help the Dayton Regional High School softball team best New Providence 8-6 in the season finale for both last Friday in Springfield. Winning pitcher Nancy Kloud hurled a seven-hitter as the Bulldogs finished 5-15 overall and 3-10 in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference. Dayton was also sparked by Toni Tripodi, who had two singles and two RBI. Ann Battinelli and Lucy Cucciniello each drove in a run with a single.

Dayton Regional High School track and field standouts Mark Pinhasovich and Jackie Zika placed in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 competition held at Plainfield May 24. The two advanced to last Saturday's Group 2 meet at South Plainfield. The Meet of Champions was scheduled to take place yesterday at South Plainfield. Pinhasovich finished fourth in the boys' discus at 136-7. Zika finished sixth in the 100-meter high hurdles in 17.5 and tied for third in the high jump at 5-0.

Mountainside resident Derrick Whritenour pitched a no-hitter in leading the Governor Livingston High School junior varsity baseball team past Hillside 11-0 last Thursday. Whritenour struck out 13 in winning his third consecutive game. GL finished the season with an outstanding 14-5 record. Other Mountainside residents who contributed to the team's success included first baseman Philip Statile, catcher Scott Adams and pitcher Mark Leyrer.

The Mohawks defeated the Iroquois in Mountainside Recreation Commission Junior Softball League play that took place May 21. Jamie Boyce belted a triple and single and Brielle Luciano blasted a pair of doubles for the Mohawks. Chrissy McCurdy and Jillian Richard had three singles and Cecilia Watson two. Louis Friszenski, Katie Melnyk, Tess Perrin and Danielle Rosvack hit singles. Jennifer Hauser belted a double in the third for the Iroquois. Meghan Gensinger, Laura Manzano, Sarah Piscitelli and Jamie Zawislak hit singles.

The Cardinals defeated the Devil Rays 5-2. Mountainside No. 1 bested the Cardinals 15-2 and Mountainside No. 2 defeated the Cardinals 10-0 in Springfield Junior Baseball League Pony League play.

Playing well for the Cardinals were Brian Birch, Scott Eberenz, Chris Sarracino, Justin Woodruff, Ryan Stromeyer, Marc and Ryan Yospin. Birch belted a three-run double in the Cardinals' win.

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Drunks, deer, cause trouble in township

Springfield
The Springfield Police Department made a pair of back-to-back arrests May 26-27. The first pickup was of a North Plainfield man, identified as Victorio S. Desierto, 41, on a driving while intoxicated charge on Route 22 at 7:55 p.m. A Springfield man, identified as Louis Anthony Reino, 19, was arrested at 2:40 p.m. the next day on a count of marijuana possession.

• Pickpockets appear to have been at work at the Bally's Health Club over the Memorial Day weekend. One club member reported his wallet with credit cards and drivers license was taken from an unlocked locker 2 p.m. May 26. A Mini-Med insulin pump was lifted from the pocket of another customer while he was showering at about 3 p.m. May 28.

• A resident of a Maple Avenue

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apartment reported that someone had broken in before 8:30 p.m. May 29 and took jewelry, bonds and a German coin. A teacher at Jonathan Dayton High School stated that someone had taken \$63 cash from her pocket-book in a classroom the following day.

• A deer was blamed for damage to a Toyota parked overnight at the Mountain Avenue Shell station Friday - Saturday. The motorist noticed scratches along the right front side of his car and hood dented.

• Police and fire units responded to a car fire on the Route 22 center island May 26. A Ford Aerostar's engine

compartment ignited at the Lido Diner parking lot at about 3:45 p.m. There were no injuries but the damaged vehicle was towed.

• Two accidents involving six cars and causing two injuries halted smart traffic along Route 22 West May 28. Three cars were stopped at the Lido Diner U-turn waiting to blend into traffic when a fourth car started a chain reaction at about 3:55 p.m. The Springfield First Aid Squad transported one driver to Overlook Hospital with head abrasions and another complained of leg pain.

Another motorist was slowing to avoid the first accident ahead of her, only to be struck in the rear by another driver. The second motorist attempted to flee by U-turn but was stopped.

• Route 22 East also had its share of traffic hits. A Chevrolet Monte Carlo

driver ran into the back of a Saturn wagon on the entry ramp from South Springfield Avenue 7:50 p.m. May 28. A Pontiac driver was exiting from the Dunkin Donuts lot and a BMW operator leaving Bally's ran into each other 6:30 a.m. Thursday.

• A township Monte Carlo employee-driver was backing out of a Maple Avenue driveway when he knocked down a fence 9:45 p.m. Thursday.

• A tractor trailer truck from West Virginia was attempting a right hand turn from Maple Avenue onto Morris Avenue 10 a.m. Friday when he said he saw a car try to pass around him. In changing his arc to avoid the mystery motorist, the trucker's right rear tires damaged a state Department of Transportation traffic light pole.

VFW installs new officers

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Battle Hill Post 7683 of Springfield had their installation dinner at the Springfield Elks on May 25. Approximately 55 members and guests attended the dinner. Among the guests were Ethel Smith, commander of the American Legion Post 228, and Bill Smith, chaplain of Post 228.

On Monday, at the Memorial Parade, Battle Hill Post 7683 was the lead unit followed by the American Legion and the Jewish War Veterans. The Grand Marshall, Bill Van Riper, is a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and commander of the Disabled War Veterans.

The following officers were installed for the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the 1997-98 year: Commander, Stan Wnek; Senior Vice Commander, Joe Byrnes; Junior Vice Commander, Sal Gibaldi; Chaplain, Ed Cardinal; Service Officer, Don Casternoviz; Quartermaster, Stan Wisniewski; Adjutant, John Ernst; Trustees, Bill Van Riper and Tom Beirne.

Membership is open to all female and male members who have served outside the United States in armed conflicts with the armed forces. Call (201) 379-5139 for an application. The group meets the fourth Wednesday every month.

Fire Department responds to rear end accident

Springfield
The Springfield Fire Department was called twice to Route 78 East to assist with motor vehicle accidents May 19. The first response was at 11:51 a.m. when a rear end accident occurred at Exit 49 B between two cars and the second a car versus dump truck incident in the left lane at 4:55 p.m. Springfield First Aid units were also on hand to transport an injured driver each to Overlook and Universi-

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ty of Medicine Hospitals respectively.

• Local automotive mishaps also kept the department busy. An engine went out to quench a car fire at the intersection of Morris and Meisel Avenues at 6 p.m. May 23. Another unit assisted the police in removing a Buick LeSabre which had looped into a tree on the Morris and Morrison

Avenue traffic island 10 a.m. May 23.

• A ladder truck and pumper was sent to assist the Union Fire Department's fight against an office building fire at 2810 Morris Ave. May 19. It took three hours to control the fire and traffic was diverted at Morris and Miesel Avenues another three for investigation. A second unit was sent to battle a warehouse blaze in Plainfield 9 p.m. May 21.

• An alarm sounding from a South

Springfield Avenue apartment complex brought over a unit 8:20 a.m. May 19. All units responded to another complex on a smoky odor 6 p.m. May 23. The squad checked carbon monoxide levels at a Route 22 business about 3:30 p.m. May 20.

• A fire in a storm drain at Morris and Short Hills Avenues was handled 11 a.m. May 20 and a blaze from a gas grill was serviced at a Garden Oval residence 3:45 p.m. May 24.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Slapin elected insurance president

William I. Slapin of Basking Ridge has been elected president-elect of the Independent Insurance Agents of New Jersey. Slapin is chairman of Slapin-Lieb & Company, located in Springfield, and a past resident of the Independent Insurance Agents of Essex County.

IIANI, established in 1893, is a producer trade organization representing approximately 1,000 independent insurance agencies in the state. Its members offer a full line of insurance products to meet the personal and business needs of New Jersey consumers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF: NUMBER CH-751744
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F375182
PLAINTIFF: CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC
DEFENDANT: YERVANT ESENYAN, ET AL
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: DECEMBER 04, 1994
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE A.D. 1997
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, in the FREEHOLDERS MEETING ROOM, 6th FLOOR, in the Administration Building in the City of Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, Municipality: Township of Springfield - County of Union
Street Address: 10 S. Auden Terrace
Tax Lot: 6.7.8 and 9 Tax Block: 96
Approximate dimensions: Use Full Legal Description
Nearest cross street: Baltusrol Way
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY SEVEN CENTS (\$422,815.27)
ATTORNEY: KATZ ETTIN LEVINE KURZWIL & WEBER
905 N KINGS HIGHWAY
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034-1569
SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY ONE DOLLARS AND FIFTY FIVE CENTS TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$434,941.85)
MAY 29, June 5, 12, 19, 1997
U4712 SLR (884.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

back and maximum building coverage on the premises located at 57 Country Club Lane and designated as block 1806, lot 57 on the Springfield Township Tax Map. The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
Leon Lesnik
Applicant
(\$9.75)
U5120 SLR June 5, 1997

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ
TAKE NOTICE that the regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield has been rescheduled as follows:
Executive Meeting - Tuesday, June 10, 1997 - 2:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - Tuesday, June 10, 1997 - 3:00 p.m.
Regular Meetings are held in the Council Room, Municipal Building.
HELEN E. KEYWORTH
Municipal Clerk
(\$6.00)
U5116 SLR June 5, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 17th day of June, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Application #97-15 on behalf of Marcio Conte Family for a variance or other relief so as to permit final reconstruction of former dangerous deck which violates the Lot Coverage on the premises located at 22 Winfield Way, Springfield, and designated as block 3512, lot 12 on the Springfield Township Tax Map.
The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
Marcello Conte
Applicant
(\$10.25)
U5108 SLR June 5, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT NEW JERSEY ORGAN & TISSUE SHARING NETWORK, INC. (The Applicant) has filed an application for development with the Board of Adjustment with the Township of Springfield for minor site plan approval; for a use variance to permit the Applicant to occupy an existing building in the M-R Multi-Family Residential Zoning District for office and accessory medical laboratory purposes; for variances to conform with the requirements of the Ordinances of the Township of Springfield pertaining to the minimum number of on-site parking spaces; for variances to permit the Applicant to use an existing office building by the Applicant for office and accessory medical laboratory purposes and the installation of related site improvements shown on the drawings submitted to the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield, for the premises located at 841 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey and designated as Block 3601, Lot 2 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Springfield.
A public hearing on the application will be held before the Springfield Township Board of Adjustment on June 17, 1997 at 8:00 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. Any interested party may appear at the public hearing and participate therein in accordance with the Rules of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield.
Maps, plans and other related documents are on file in the Office of the Springfield Township Board of Adjustment, Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street, Springfield, New Jersey, and are available for inspection during normal business hours. This Notice has been circulated in accordance with the requirements of law, and in compliance with the regulations of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield.
HERALD AND HAINES, P.A.
25 Independence Boulevard
Warren, New Jersey 07059
(908) 847-1022
Attorneys for New Jersey
Organ & Tissue Sharing Network, Inc.
By: Michael Osterman, Esq.
Dated: May 1, 1997
U5114 SLR June 5, 1997 (\$23.75)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Township of Springfield
Springfield, New Jersey
RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for engineering services in connection with the drainage improvements to Morrison Road and Denham Road within the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Tighe, Doty, Carrino, P.A., for design and construction observation services for work to be performed at the Springfield Municipal Building, pursuant to a proposal dated April 17, 1997, from Tighe, Doty, Carrino, P.A. (TD #97-51), for a total fee not to exceed \$17,100.00, payable pursuant to such proposal. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(ii) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, May 27, 1997.
HELEN E. KEYWORTH
Township Clerk
(\$19.25)
U5118 SLR June 5, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for architecture/engineering services for the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a Resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Tighe, Doty, Carrino, P.A., for design and construction observation services for work to be performed at the Springfield Municipal Building, pursuant to a proposal dated April 17, 1997, from Tighe, Doty, Carrino, P.A. (TD #97-51), for a total fee not to exceed \$17,100.00, payable pursuant to such proposal. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(ii) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, May 13, 1997.
HELEN E. KEYWORTH
Township Clerk
(\$18.00)
U5119 SLR June 5, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
TAKE NOTICE that the following decisions were made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday May 7, 1997.
1. Appl. # 2-97-8
Applicant: Kenneth J. Burroughs
Site Loc: 29 Battle Hill Ave.
Block: 904 Lot 23
For: Minor Subdivision & Variances
Approved
Said applications are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.
Secretary
Robert C. Kirkpatrick
(\$6.75)
U5122 SLR June 5, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
TAKE NOTICE that the following decisions were made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday May 7, 1997.
1. Appl. # 4-97-8
Applicant: Sprint Spectrum L.P.
Site Loc: 118 Victory Road
Block: 303 Lot 2
For: Erection of PCS Antenna & Variance for Height & Use
Approved
Said applications are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.
Secretary
Robert C. Kirkpatrick
(\$8.75)
U5123 SLR June 5, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BID
NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Mountaineers for:
SALE OF ONE (1) 1993 CHEVROLET CAPRICE VIN #1G1BL5E378P136006, MILEAGE 100,188.2 in public at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountaineers, NJ on Monday, June 16, 1997 at 9:30 A.M., prevailing time.
Bids shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the Borough Clerk. Proposal blanks, specifications and instructions to bidders may be obtained at the office of the Municipal Clerk at the Mountaineers Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountaineers, NJ 07092. Bids must be made on the Borough's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Municipal Clerk, Borough of Mountaineers, 1385 Route 22, Mountaineers, NJ and hand delivered or sent via certified mail at the place and hour named. Bids shall be opened at the office of the Municipal Clerk with the name and address of the bidder and:
BID FOR ONE (1) 1993 CHEVROLET CAPRICE SURPLUS VEHICLE
Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, certified check, cashier's check or money order for Ten Percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00, and made payable to the Borough of Mountaineers as a Proposal Guaranty.
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127 (NJAC 17:27).
The Borough of Mountaineers 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.
Prospective Bidders are to make arrangements for appointment to inspect the vehicle with Police Chief William Alder (908) 232-8100.
Judith E. Osty, Municipal Clerk
U5109 MEC June 5, 1997 (\$20.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO TIGHE, DOTY, CARRINO, P.A. BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TAKE NOTICE that the following decisions were made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday April 2, 1997.
1. Appl. # 97-7
Applicant: Columbia Court L.L.C.
Site Loc: Maple Ave
Block: 402 Lot 26
For: Site Plan Approval for Housing Units
Approved
Said applications are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.
Secretary
Robert C. Kirkpatrick
(\$8.75)
U5124 SLR June 5, 1997

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