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THIS WEEK

NEWS

Fearing the pact

Towns are raising questions about the proposed lease between the Union County Utilities Authority and Ogden Martin Systems. Part of the lease would require the county to put-or-pay 250,000 tons of garbage in the incinerator annually. Can the county accomplish this? Will it be putting or paying? See Page B1.

Parenting methods

A Union County organization is putting together a series of free workshops to help train people in the positive methods of parenting. The first of the three-part series was held this week. The leader stressed taking care of oneself first. See Page B1.

THE ARTS

Window shopping

The Swan Galleries is presenting an exhibit of watercolors. See Page B4.



School house fun

A drama club in Union is preparing for its educational musical comedy scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday. See Page B3.

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41°
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Judge returns CVS case to Planning Board

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The J.D. Mack/Consumer Value Products pharmacy site plan is headed for the Springfield Township Planning Board.

Superior Court Judge John T. Pisansky ruled that the Springfield Township government may not impede the CVS site plan's path to the planning board Friday. Pisansky further declared that no parking variance is needed for the site.

"I don't know what I'm doing here,

listening to this case," said Pisansky. "This is a matter for Springfield's planning board. The only way I should be involved is if the applicants make a significant change to the plan. If the applicants are smart, they won't make a change."

Pisansky made his decisions after listening to the applicant's lawyer, Vincent D'Elia, Township Attorney Bruce Bergen and five members of the Bergen. D'Elia charged that the Township failed to give J.D. Mack/ CVS due administrative process

at their site plan for over a year.

"Your honor, my client was first directed to go to the Township Zoning Board of Adjustment, where they denied our variance application," said D'Elia. "We were then told to go to the Design Review Commission, who told us they needed legal consultation from the Township Attorney. The attorney never got back to us and then we're told we didn't have to go to the DRC."

J.D. Mack and CVS first charged Springfield with delay of the process

in December. Pisansky ordered the applicants back to the administrative process and told the township government to write a procedural outline. D'Elia returned to Pisansky's chamber over the winter, however, saying the outline was too vaguely written.

Bergen contended that the township wasn't dragging its procedural feet. Pisansky, citing the Wawa Food Markets versus Ship Bottom Planning Board case of 1988, dismissed Bergen's argument within 15 minutes.

"A township cannot deprive an applicant due process just because it doesn't want that applicant," said Pisansky. "If there is a pre-existing zoning and construction code, use it. If it meets the set standards, then it is accepted."

Pisansky compared the latest CVS site plan to the original plan of the then-Kentworth Savings Bank of 1976. J.D. Mack intends to convert the bank and office building to a 10,500-square foot pharmacy.



Rev. Joel Yoss of Holy Cross Church in Springfield is pictured with Elaine Thomas, Joy Wagenblast, children's minister and adult minister David Stambaugh at a Sunday Lenten service.

Lent gets greater community emphasis

By Donald M. Kelly
Managing Editor

The season of Lent is traditionally one of sacrifice and abstinence leading up to Easter. The churches in Springfield and Mountainside are approaching Lent this year with the community and family activities in mind.

The Rev. Anthony Nardo of St. James Roman Catholic Church in Springfield said his church's Lenten program was transmitting the traditional message of the religious season, while drawing in as many members of the parish as possible.

"Some of the programs are geared toward family involvement, while others are for special groups such as teens and women," Nardo said.

This Sunday and April 5, St. James Church will sponsor a 10:30 a.m. "Liturgy of the Word for Children" for pre-schoolers to students in grade five. The special liturgies are designed to relate to children the Lenten and Easter message in language they'll understand.

"The church is also continuing a series begun at the start of March called 'Tuesdays With the Staff,'" said Nardo. "Members of the St. James staff speak on a different topic on Tuesday afternoons and evenings."

The two remaining sessions are "The Role of the Deacon," presented by Deacon John Balus on March 24, and "Women in the Gospel of Luke," presented by Sister Rosanna Treton on April 7. Both programs will be held at the church from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and again from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Along with these programs, St. James Church is presenting more traditional Lenten events such as the Stations of the Cross.

"We have two Stations of the Cross scheduled for this year," Nardo said. "The first will be on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. It's a pantomime dramatization of the Stations presented by area high school CYO members."

The second, according to Nardo, is a family Stations of the Cross scheduled for 2 p.m. on Good Friday in St. James' parking lot.

"Each family is going to be one of the Stations and they have to construct a cross out of whatever material they choose," said Nardo. "I hope this kind of activity would bring families together."

For more information on these or any other activities at St. James Church, call (973) 376-3044.

Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside also has scheduled Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent and an extra mass on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and 9 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Rev. Patrick Leonard of Our Lady of Lourdes said that penance services will be held April 3 and 5 at 3 p.m.

Springfield's larger Protestant denominations have chosen to celebrate Lent and Easter through drama and outdoor services.

Besides the extended Holy Week services, Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Springfield is also presenting two multi-media events.

"On Good Friday we're doing a multi-media program for Lent called 'A Walk Through Holy Week' for kids and older folks alike," said Dave Stambaugh, minister of adults at Holy Cross.

The interactive program, which involves wide screen projections and actors playing different characters from Holy Week, will cover the events from Palm Sunday to Easter.

Jury finds Devino guilty

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield resident Ralph DeVino was found guilty of three bribery-related charges in Union County Superior Court Tuesday.

The 12-member jury found DeVino guilty of official misconduct, bribery by an official and theft by extortion. The panel arrived at the verdict after about two hours of deliberation.

The verdict ended a five-day trial. State prosecutor Monique Imbert asserted that DeVino had asked for and received half of a \$15,000 bribe from Gary Vialonga Feb. 3, 1997.

Vialonga, an employee of developer Paragon Associates, testified that DeVino agreed to smooth the way for approval of his site plan application by the Springfield Township Planning Board. DeVino was a member of the Township's Zoning Board of Adjustment and Chairman of the Design Review Committee at the time of the incident.

"I thank the jury for their decision," said Imbert. "I also have to thank Vialonga, Larry Paragano Sr. and representatives of Outback Steakhouse for having the courage to come to the County Prosecutor's Office after

DeVino approached Vialonga. Vialonga and Paragano were concerned about a backlash from the planning board since they had an application before them. Outback risked having their reputation tarnished by association."

Paragano testified Wednesday that his company had been negotiating with Outback to put a restaurant in Echo Plaza off and on since 1993. The exchange between Vialonga and DeVino was held in a closed bag room whose space Outback filled. Outback was granted planning board approval last March.

Defense attorney David Biunno asserted that DeVino was pursuing a bribe fee for allegedly matching Outback with Paragano. DeVino said he worked as a construction consultant whenever not serving as a Township official or on the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. Biunno charged that Paragano had a dispute with the Township over due application process and conspired with the County Prosecutor's Office to enrap his client.

"We're obviously disappointed with the verdict," said Biunno. "We felt we made the best defense. Obviously,

the jury felt otherwise and we intend to file an appeal."

The younger DeVino and Biunno said Ralph DeVino has been battling brain, neck and thyroid cancer over the past year. Indeed, the trial was spread over a three-week period as DeVino continued his Monday therapy sessions at St. Barnabas Medical Center.

"I don't understand why they would send a dying man to jail," said DeVino's son, Anthony.

The younger DeVino and Biunno said Ralph DeVino has been battling brain, neck and thyroid cancer over the past year. Indeed, the trial was spread over a three-week period as DeVino continued his Monday therapy sessions at St. Barnabas Medical Center.

"I read in the paper the statement made by a jail guard that 'The Prosecutor's Office is the prostitute of the county,'" said DeVino's wife. "The only thing I can do is pray to God that the truth will come out."

Garbage disposal alternative

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

At the last two Mountainside Borough Council public meetings, several residents expressed their displeasure with current residential garbage disposal prices, complaining that they were too high. The Decullo Disposal Company is offering a solution to this problem.

The Plainfield-based company has been providing service to thousands of residential homes in Plainfield, Scotch Plains, and in Middlesex County for more than 15 years. Now, the company has expressed a desire to expand its service to Mountainside.

The borough Council has been looking into consolidating the borough's residential garbage pickup. Council members have met with neighboring towns like Scotch Plains and Plainfield, in an effort to find ways to save borough residents money. Switching companies would provide a feasible solution to those that remain unhappy with the current service.

Although State-Wide Environmental Contractors currently handles most of the residential garbage pickup in Mountainside, homeowners hold individual contracts for their own garbage pickup, and thus have the option to shop around and choose which company they contract.

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"If people opt for curbside pickup, rather than back door pickup, they

will be saving a considerable amount of money. State-Wide later requires less labor, and costs less to run."

Residents would probably receive their current prices substantially. Decullo said. "We are not seeking the area's customers, that we found was dissatisfied with their current situation. We saw last month's council meeting on television where some people expressed their concerns."

"If people can get service for cheaper and Mountainside allows them to get curbside pickup, why wouldn't they?" asked Decullo.

"If an spending over \$30 every quarter or three months on garbage," said one Mountainside resident. "This is too much money and if I can save money and get curbside pickup, I'll do it."

Zero increase reflected in plan

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Borough Council met Tuesday and approved the 1998 municipal budget. The budget reflects a \$204,631 cut in spending from 1997, was set at \$7,168,981.

Last November, Mayor Robert Vignati had assured Mountainside residents that the budget would reflect a zero increase in spending from 1997.

"We are pleased to introduce a budget that does not reflect an additional spending from the previous year," Vignati said. "As we projected in November, the budget reflects a three percent cut in most of the departmental budgets. The council and myself have worked many long hours on this budget and we are very pleased with the overall finished product," he said.

The council also announced that the portion of the overall municipal tax rate that is controlled by borough council will be .81 cents, a decrease of .93 points from 1997. With this cut, the borough's tax rate is identical to where it was in 1996.

"The decrease in both budget and the municipal tax rate is due to the deregionalization of schools, the additions of Loew's Theatres and Brighton Gardens, two major tax-exempt establishments which have also brought jobs to the borough, and the

containment of 698 by this council," Vignati said.

But with the expansion of several borough departments, a few lines have been allocated some additional monies," he said.

One of these lines is recreation. Last month, the Borough officially abandoned the Board of Recreation Commissioners, in favor of a Department of Recreation.

"By establishing a Department of Recreation, we have added additional spending to cover the additional diversified programs that will be offered by the borough," Vignati said. The Department of Recreation, as a result of a budget transfer involving two other departments, will receive an additional \$4,800.

"Even with these overall reductions, the council is not standing still," Vignati said. "We plan to make major renovations in the near future to both the borough library and the fire department, as well as the community room in borough hall."

"The library, for example, will be installed with a new air, light, electrical and heating systems, as well as a new roof," he said.

Council also voted to allow the Deerfield PTA to use the community pool for the eighth grade graduation party site. For the past several years, diversions have celebrated their graduation at the pool under the supervision of lifeguards and the PTA.

Robert Weckoff was officially appointed as Borough Public Works Manager. The position, which was previously filled by Borough Engineer Mike Disko, carries an annual salary of \$2,000.

A petty cash fund was approved for use by the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department. The fund will give Fire Chief Marc Franciosa access to \$100 that will cover miscellaneous expenses.

Council also voted to endorse the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition. The coalition, which is seeking state and federal money to improve their line facilities, has also received endorsements from several other communities in Union County.

Councilman David Hart noted that last weekend was the first of two weekend recitals that were organized by the Board of Education's Strategic Planning Committee. The first was a weekend that ran very smoothly. It was well organized and we got much accomplished," Hart said. Hart is the council liaison to the project.

The Strategic Planning Committee, which is made up of Deerfield staff, board members, parents, and PTA members, collectively plans for the school district's future. The committee is headed by Board of Education President Tom Tanceter, and Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller.

Shabbat spurs local interest

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

At least two temples in Springfield will open their doors for the annual Shabbat Across America service this season.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom and Temple Beth Ahm, along with about 600 other synagogues in the United States, will hold special services and festivities during Shabbat Across America. The event, organized by the National Jewish Outreach Program, is designed to renew interest in the Hebrew Sabbath. The event will be sponsored by members of Judaea's four major temples.

"The idea behind Shabbat Across America," said Sha'arey Shalom Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, "is to have people acquaint themselves with the faith. We held it last year and we had some people who were new to the traditions and some who wanted to be reacquainted."

While Sha'arey Shalom will join most other synagogues in participating tomorrow night, Temple Beth Ahm is set to take part April 3.

"We have scheduled a special event Friday before we knew when Shabbat Across America would be held," said Beth Ahm official Lois Kalsh.

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UNICO holds wine party

Henry Variano, New Jersey District X Governor of UNICO National, announced that UNICO National will hold a wine and cheese party March 31 at the Gran Centurios, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark, at 7 p.m., as part of its annual membership expansion program.

The district is one of 11 in the state, and is made up of local chapters in Clark, Elizabeth, Hillside, Plainfield, North, Plainfield, South Plainfield, Roselle, Roselle Park, Springfield, Mountainside, Union, Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The program will include several distinguished speakers including officers of UNICO National, as well as exhibits, a question and answer period, and a chance to socialize and to become acquainted with some of the accomplishments of this 75-year-old national organization, the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States.

UNICO's primary charities are aid to the mentally handicapped and physically challenged, research on Cooley's Anemia, a blood disease indigenous to persons of Mediterranean heritage, and scholarship aid. Another major project of UNICO is to combat bias against the Italian-American community. It is expected that attendees will come away with a knowledge of their heritage and of what UNICO's unique brand of community service and camaraderie offers to those of Italian descent who wish to make their communities better places in which to live.

For more information, call Variano at (732) 388-4937.

Correction

A March 5 article in the Echo Leader should have reported the annual salary of Springfield Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland as \$136,000, plus \$17,000 in bonuses and benefits. His overall pay is \$153,000.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe we have made such an error, please write Donald M. Kelly, managing editor, 1291 Shuyesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083, or call (908) 686-7700, ext. 345 weekdays before 5 p.m.

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James Caldwell School fourth graders Jillian Volkert and Joseph Pallito use hand lenses to closely observe the movement of an earthworm during science class.

Council offers support

The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity offered by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. In recognition of the significance and value of traditional folk arts and crafts, the NJSCA has established a Folk Arts Program which will provide support for both artists and activities of New Jersey's ethnic, regional and occupational communities.

"We are extremely pleased to see the continuation of the Folk Arts Program by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts," stated Mary P. Ruotolo, member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the many cultural groups in Union County to further promote and teach the significance an value of their heritage," she said.

"In order to encourage communities to continue passing on their traditional arts, and to provide greater support for the folk artists who perform them for the community, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, with the assistance of the National Endowment

for the Arts, is offering grants for Folk Arts Apprenticeships. These grants provide stipends to apprentices so that they can master folk artists to help them develop their skills in traditional folk arts and crafts. The grants range between \$1,000 and \$3,000. Potential apprentices and the master folk artists they wish to work with apply as a team and complete a form giving information on their backgrounds, their plans to work together, and their art form.

Apprentices must be full-time residents of New Jersey and must be at least 15 years old. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: excellence of the master, preparation and commitment of the apprentice, shared cultural heritage of the team, tradition and significance of the art from within the community, adequacy of the work plan and appropriateness of the funding request.

The deadline for applications is April 13. For information or an application, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 556-2550 or Rita Moonsummy at the New Jersey State Council on the Arts at (800) 292-6130. TT Relay users call (800) 852-7899.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today
• Salo Enis and Mili Zisman, both of Springfield, are helping the Jewish Cultural School & Society presents two programs this week. Today, Enis, a long-time JCSS faculty members, will talk about "The Contributions of Jews to Polish Culture." Enis, who is a multilingual scholar, will encourage discussion from participants at this 7:30 to 9 p.m. session. Zisman is also the person to contact about the Sabbath program tomorrow featuring Virginia Ahsam, co-director of Peace Action. She will speak at 8 p.m. on "International Weapons Sales, Military Spending and the Current Situation in Iraq." She will be preceded by a secular Sabbath celebration of songs, readings and rituals starting at 7 p.m. For more information and to register for \$8, call JCSS Adult Education Coordinator Mili Zisman at (973) 376-5629. Both programs will take place at the Ethical Culture Building in Maplewood, 516 Prospect Ave.

March 23
• Monday Movie Matinees for Springfield Senior Citizens sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department will be shown at noon at the Sarah Balch Civic Center. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the curtain goes up at noon. All of those attending are welcome to bring a lunch. Snacks will be provided.

Monday, March 23 — "Apollo 13" with Tom Hanks.

Monday, April 6 — "Gumpier Old Men" with Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau.

Monday, April 20 — "Mr. Hollander Opus" with Richard Dreyfuss and Olympia Dukakis.

Monday, May 4 — "Mother" with Debbie Reynolds and Albert Brooks.

Monday, May 18 — "Air Force One" with Harrison Ford and Glenn Close.

Program schedule subject to change.

March 24
• Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. the College Women's Club of Mountainside will meet in Room 24 at Deerfield School. Susan Kemp, an herbalist, will speak on women's health issues. Guests are invited. Refreshments will be served. Applications for 1998 scholarships are available. Call Pat Conolly at 232-1695 for information and to obtain an application. For information about the College Women's Club of Mountainside or an application to join, contact Marilyn Hart at 233-4036.

April 4
• Springfield Recreation presents an Egg-strn Special Event: Springfield Egg Hunt. The egg hunt will take place on April 4 at Gaudinier School Field at 10 a.m. The hunt is for children ages 2 to 7 years of age. For more information, call (973) 912-2227. If raining the egg hunt will be located in the small gymnasium at Gaudinier School.

April 18
• The First Presbyterian Church in Springfield is excited to announce a "Coffee House" on April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Parish House Auditorium. Jeslyn Wheelless and her brother, David Austell will be the featured entertainment. Wheelless is a New Jersey storyteller and a folksinger who performs in churches, schools, libraries, park settings and museums. Her large repertoire includes folk tales and songs from all over the world, as well as literary tales by such authors as Laurence Housman and Carl Sandburg. Please make your plans and reservations to attend by calling the church office at (973) 379-4320 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For parties of 4 or more you may reserve a table. There will be a \$1 charge at the door and of course you may purchase delicious desserts and a variety of coffees.

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We're asking

Is another CVS needed in our town?

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

When one walks by 225-241 Mountain Ave. in Springfield, one would not know it is the center of a debate between neighborhood residents and a developer.

The building, set between Waverly and Oakland avenues, has been silent since its last tenant moved out in November. The five occupants, including Coriastes Bank, left when owner Montgomery Leasing decided not to renew their leases after 1995. Montgomery and developer J.D. Mack have been offering a single tenant for the 10,500 square foot building.

Their currently desired tenant is Rhoda Island-based Consumer Value Products, CVS, pending Township permission, would convert the building to a pharmacy.

The former Kinworth and United Counties Trust Bank sites in the heart of the township's Five Corners neighborhood, Mountain, Hanshaw, South Springfield, Oakland and Waverly avenues converge at the building's doorstep, along with the Post Office and 25 other commercial establishments.

Five Corners is also home to a church, two temples and three



schools. Near the otherwise residential region are municipal buildings and Caldwell School.

All of the above contribute to a lot of vehicular and pedestrian traffic — which is where the controversy lies. Many residents and at least one Township Committee member oppose the CVS plan on safety and quality of life grounds.

The schools and present businesses, according to the Five Corners Association neighborhood group, will generate more traffic. Present levels can make turning onto Mountain Avenue difficult at times, especially for those living on Waverly and Oakland avenues.

Questions about the type of lighting, hours, delivery frequency and additional traffic volume have been made.

As for alternate uses, Fire Chief William Gras said the cost of modifying the building to a firehouse would be too expensive. A Post Office spokesman said they had approached the J.D. Mack for a new facility in the past.

The Echo Leader asked people in the Five Corners neighborhood whether CVS should be in the bank building and for an alternative tenant Friday.

"I'm not for CVS being in there," said crossing guard Virginia Epps.

"We have a lot of kids walking to school and biking and rollerblading around here after school. It would be a good place for a day care center."

"The traffic is heavy now," said

Loa Rose. "The CVS would add to it."

"I'm for CVS coming in," said Earle Underum. "It would bring in business and taxes the township needs and there will be traffic no matter who comes into the building. It's hard to say what should come in place of CVS — it is an office building."

"I used to be in the building when they had the bank," said Charlie Di Maio. "They should bring it back. The CVS would put several stores here out of business."

"Union has a CVS on Morris Avenue," said Robert Cruidt, "and they're building a second one up the street. How many do they need? I'd like to see a bank in there again."

"We're willing to use the local stores," said Elynn Finston. "They are part of the neighborhood. CVS shouldn't go there but maybe a coffee shop instead."

"I spoke against CVS at a public meeting last year," said Manoral Finston. "The large corporate chain stores are squeezing out the neighborhood stores. We wouldn't have a neighborhood left."

Making the grade



Fourth-grader Jamie Staubs displays the awards she earned at James Caldwell School's recently sponsored PTA Reading Club Awards Night.

Firefighters clear roofing material

Springfield

A Springfield Fire Department unit came to a Caldwell Place residence at about 10:24 a.m. March 10 to investigate some debris. The debris was roofing material which the contractor happened to dump in front of the house's door.

Another engine arrived at a Hillside Avenue home on a call of a fire on the front steps at about 2:05 p.m. Thursday. The fire was actually smoldering embers which the home owner had dumped into a container. The embers were stamped out.

All emergency calls on an unactivated fire alarm of a business on Brown Avenue at about 12:37 a.m. the same day. The fire ended with a medical aid call at a Albany Street house at about 3:50 p.m.

A second fire alarm, this time from a Morris Avenue business, occurred at about 4:51 p.m. March 11. All hands went on a similar call to an Adams Terrace residence at about 10:55 a.m. March 10. A carbon monoxide reading investigation was conducted in between calls at a Diven Street home at about 9:29 p.m. March 10.

Three more all-hands fire alarm calls were handled in a 22-hour period March 8 and 9. The first was from a school on South Springfield Avenue at about 5:23 p.m. March 8, followed by one from a Brown Avenue business at 6:58 a.m. March 9. A Morris Avenue establishment's alarm also went off at about 3:58 p.m. March 9.

On March 11, the Mountanside Volunteer Fire Department responded to a serious water condition at Marlton's Brighton Gardens, located on Route 22 West in Mountanside.

Fire Chief Marc Francisco said the building had experienced a broken electrical valve which allowed water to flood the main electrical panel. Firefighters arrived at approximately 7 p.m. to stop the leak and drain the building of the excess water. No one was injured, and the building's electrical system was repaired.

Police seek burglar impersonating utility worker

Springfield

The Springfield Police Department is looking for a burglar impersonating a utility worker.

According to Crime Prevention Officer John Rowley, the suspect has been several times in the last two months. The latest incident occurred at about 2 a.m. Feb. 24 when the man was allowed in by a resident. The suspect, saying he wanted to check the color of water coming out of all faucets, had the resident watch the water in the bathtub. He would take valuables before leaving.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 40-45 years old wearing a yellow construction hard hat. He drives a black blazer-type vehicle with a "Llooters" restaurant bumper sticker.

Rowley said the suspect pretends to prey on elderly residents and homeowners. People approached by apparent utility workers at their doors are urged to request seeing a photo identification card for verification.

A pair of two-car accidents occurred on Route 22 ramps within a two-hour period Thursday. The first, as the northbound South Springfield Avenue ramp onto 22 East, happened when a Nissan stopped and a Toyota didn't at about 10:37 a.m.

A similar circumstance had a Chevrolet Cavalier rear-end a Pontiac Grand Am on the east-west U-turn by Rayco at about 12:10 p.m. While the Nissan driver and the Chevy passenger were hurt, the passenger refused medical assistance.

The driver of a Volkswagen GTI pulled out before oncoming Morris Avenue traffic from northbound Keeler Street at about 8:36 a.m. March 11. The resulting accident collected an eastbound Morris Avenue motorist, produced a careless driving summons for the VW driver and placed both vehicles on tow hooks. A fire engine arrived to mop up a fluid spill.

A person or persons may have stolen up to \$1,400 in automotive accessories along Troy Drive March 10. One car owner reported about \$600 in losses or damages, including

POLICE BLOTTER

a cell phone, a compact disc player and a teen off right rear door, at about 3:30 p.m. Another \$800 in amplifiers and a stereo compact disc player were taken from another car at about 6:20 p.m.

An unknown vehicle was blamed for hitting a Dodge along westbound Morris Avenue and ran away March 9. The Dodge, containing three passengers, was hit in the front end when the other car attempted to enter a lot by Lewis Drive and drove off. One passenger was injured but refused assistance.

Two cartons of cigarettes, valued at \$51, were shoplifted from an Echo

Plaza store March 9. A Toyota parked overnight at the mall's lot had a CD case stolen. Three vehicles along Dayton Court were broken into and relieved of about \$1,000 worth of cash, radios and other materials March 8.

Newark: Police forwarded an East Orange man with an outstanding warrant to Springfield Police Headquarters March 7. The man, identified as Keni T. Jenkins, was processed and released at about 1 p.m. A Bronx man, identified as Aliou Niasse, was arrested on a Route 22 electronics store on a federal warrant for CD piracy at about 10:20 the same day.

The owner of a Toyota four door started his car in a Route 22 dealer-service lot with a remote starter

at about 2 p.m. March 7. The vehicle ran into another unoccupied Toyota Mountanside.

Mountanside police arrested a Mine Hill couple and their stepson for their alleged roles in one of the largest fraud cases in Union County history. The suspects allegedly set up a bogus bank account at the Fleet Bank in Mountanside with over \$180,000 in funds. This is the second major fraud case in the past two months involving the borough, and the second involving the Fleet Bank.

Detective Sgt. Rich Ossiga headed an investigation that led to warrants to arrest Charles Rufat, 36, Kama Rufat, 39, and Adelgeny Adewale, 23, for conspiracy to commit theft by deception.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Here's hoping

Officials in Springfield and Summit are waiting to hear from New Jersey Transit regarding their minibus or jitney service proposals. NJ Transit will award matching grants of \$50,000 each to five towns whose proposals will best alleviate local parking shortages along the Morris and Essex commuter rail line.

Summit seeks to revive a three loop system extending to the city's far reaches during weekday rush hours. Springfield intends to run a comparable route for its Summit- and Millburn-bound commuters. Either plan will help with shrinking spaces at Summit and Millburn stations.

There are 10 towns, however, vying for the grant and many of them are neighboring towns. Joe Steiner, president of the Suburban Chambers of Commerce and sponsor of the Summit plan, said he had talked with officials of neighboring towns. Springfield Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld had asked NJ Transit if adjacent towns can make joint applications.

We hope both Springfield and Summit get their much-needed minibus grants. An apparent lack of communication between the two towns, however, have put the towns at competition with each other for grant money. It will be a pity if one, the other or both towns accordingly lose.

Good government is at work

The Mountainside Borough Council introduced its 1998 budget during Tuesday's public meeting and, as reported last week and today, the spending plan includes no spending increase.

We applaud Mayor Robert Vigilanti and the Borough Council for the hard work that must have gone into formulating a budget that does not include a tax increase, reduction in services or employee layoffs.

This year, residents are seeing good government at work.

Remember women in history

Although women comprise more than half of this country's population, you'd be hard-pressed to come up with three famous women in history — other than Susan B. Anthony, Molly Pitcher and Betsy Ross. Does anyone know Elizabeth Cady Stanton or Lucretia Mott? Can you think of three famous men in history? Of course, we could go on and on listing male historical figures. As recently as the 1970s, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in schools. Women's History Month began in 1978 in California before Congress officially made it a nationwide celebration of female achievement in 1987.

It was Stanton who, in 1848, organized the Seneca Falls Convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y., which drew several hundred women and a few men to discuss women's rights in the United States. There are numerous other females that history has forgotten. In 1931, Jackie Mitchell was the first woman to play baseball professionally in the United States when, as a teenage minor league pitcher, she struck out baseball legends Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in an exhibition game. It was Emma Willard who was instrumental in starting the first school in the United States to provide college-level education to women in 1821.

Why single out women's history? Because some young girls might grow up thinking women's history revolves around the likes of females such as Madonna rather than Madeline Albright or Sandra Day O'Connor. In their book "Falling at Fairness: How America's Schools Cheat Girls," Myra and David Sadker wrote, "Every time a girl reads a womanless history, she learns she is worth less."

Women, like minorities, have been struggling for equal rights for centuries. In the 1700s, women fought to have access to education and it wasn't until this century that women finally had the right to vote. In particular, women's sports have made great strides during the past decade with an increase in exposure on the Olympic and college levels and even the formation of a professional basketball association. Local and county governing bodies can boast of having nearly half of their officials being women, something that was very rare just 10 to 20 years ago.

However, there is much more to be done in ridding the inequity between the genders. In corporate America, just 8 percent of top managerial positions are held by women while they made up 32 percent of the workforce as recently as 1990. In 1995, the median income for females in this country was \$14,323 while for men it was \$23,656. Women combat these inequities, they are branded as "feminists" — a term that truly has a negative connotation to many.

It's these "feminists," women who simply want to be treated equally, who will be forgotten in the annals of history without some designated remembrances.



PACKING FOOD — Jared Weiss, Josh Ravitz, Jennifer Saracino, Debbie Gill and Rafael Polinski were among the Jonathan Dayton High School students who helped sort, clean and organize food at the Food Bank in Hillside. Accompanying the students were the Future Business Leaders of America.

When will discipline return to the schools?

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

No doubt most of us have heard the old chestnut where the prison convicts run the jail.

I was stunned the other day to read that in some New York City and New Jersey schools, students have all but taken over the building, and woe betide the teacher who protests. They are shoved into a corner and are lucky not to be fired or suspended.

When I was a student at an elementary school, the teacher was the boss. We may not have always agreed with her, but we obeyed her. And pity the poor student who was sent home with a note from his/her teacher complaining that the student was unruly, rude and a troublemaker. The kid would have been grounded for a week. Not today.

Nowadays if a teacher sends home a note complaining about a student's conduct, many parents would rush up to school to complain that their child is being picked on and the teacher should be removed. For many parents, there is a maxim: "My child is never wrong, should be allowed to express himself/herself in any way they want and if the teacher knows what's good for him/her, but out of my kid's

complaints from teachers generally are not acknowledged by parents and if they are, responses generally go against the teacher. "Can't Johnny's teacher control his/her class?" is one response and again, "Johnny's always being picked on for nothing."

Some schools are strongly opposed to putting the miscreant student in a corner for fear he/she will feel isolated and will have a negative affect on his self-esteem. Teachers should not say anything if a student comes to class late and there should be no corrections made about a student's bad spelling. All of this negativism will make Johnny feel humiliated in front of his classmates.

One teacher in a South Orange school says there are always a few who continually disrupt class, ruining the day for others. "There's something good about having a healthy fear, maybe it's called respect, for adults, and the way things are going now, we've lost it."

In our modern social life, many students have become more impulsive and react violently to a situation. Perhaps they watch too much violent television where in order to get your

own way, you must lash out at the opposition. Maybe the children forget television is mostly make-believe but life is not make-believe and if you want to get along and fit in as best as possible, guns, a big mouth and an attitude must be left home.

In a recent survey of a north New Jersey town, 71 percent of the students said there was too much disruption in the classroom and if the teachers or principal try to do something about it, they are accused of not being in touch or too old-fashioned. The disruption is dismissed as just some harmless high-jinks. The survey also showed that in the same school, only about 13 percent of the students were "very respectful" of teachers.

What is happening? It's obvious that education must get its act together or future generations of children will be going to school where anarchy rules the roost. With all the other problems we have, this cannot be allowed to happen. We must rethink this thing we call education.

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

Young parents should realize there is hope

Reporter's Notebook

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

were, do not understand what it means to have a child.

There are people who cannot have children for a variety of reasons. There are people who suffer through miscarriages. There are those still waiting to adopt. There are homosexual couples who are not allowed to adopt. And there are still those, like myself, who could not make a decision about an abortion because it is the woman's body and thus her decision.

Do teens who purposely discard their babies realize they may never get a second chance?

Yes, there are the social pressures of being 17 years old. Sure, most parents would be disappointed with

the thought of becoming young grandparents. But there are other alternatives, like adoption, and trying to raise the child with the many resources and support groups that surround them.

This baby cannot even fully open its eyes, it can't feed itself, and it can't communicate. It fully depends on its parents. And it is undoubtedly 100 percent alive. There are no debates here like there are with abortions. How could someone, anyone, even think of leaving it for dead in a dumpster? This can only be described as cold-blooded murder.

With all respect to the couple's situation, I don't care. Grossberg should be tried as an adult and as a murderer, since when she decided to have sex, like it or not, she decided to become an adult.

Peterson should be tried as an accomplice to murder, rather than the reduced charge of reckless manslaughter that he now faces.

But to suggest punishing these peo-

ple harshly and not offer a solution would be a waste of time.

In order to stop this careless abandonment of lives that has been surfacing so much in recent months, education must start at a young age. It should be education about the responsibilities that come with having sex, and the chance a sexually active person takes when they have sex.

If a student receives education about AIDS when they are in elementary school, as part of a recently passed New Jersey statute, they should receive education about what to do if they become pregnant, and the resources available for young mothers — and fathers — who find themselves in a lonely, tight predicament.

But no matter how desolate the situation might seem, young parents should realize there is always hope for their child because a child doesn't ask to be born, and they, as parents, may never get another chance.

Believe me, I know. Our baby would have been walking by now.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lawyers fulfilled their obligation

To the Editor:
A significant event affecting all of the municipal courts in Union County will occur March 23. On that date, the Legislature determined that every municipal court in the state would be required to provide a municipal public defender to represent defendants who are found to be indigent and unable to retain their own attorney, yet because of the nature of the case, entitled to such representation. Municipalities are able to impose a modest fee upon this category of litigants, creating a fund from which their public defenders can be compensated. I am very pleased to report that even before this date, all of the municipal courts in Union County already provided for public defenders, and indeed the majority of our courts have done so for many years. This is a recognition by our officials of the significant constitutional requirement of one's right to counsel, and their obligation to see it is satisfied.

Edward W. Beglin Jr., Assignment Judge
New Jersey Superior Court
Union County

SPEAK OUT

Take note of Mountainside

We live in Mountainside and although it's interesting to read about other people in Springfield, there's not much written about Mountainside. We're more closely connected to Berkeley Heights and my children go to Governor Livingston High School, which is in Berkeley Heights.

Catherine Gionta
Mountainside

Was the tax letter a waste?

A letter was sent to all Mountainside residents dated Jan. 6 in which the mayor said the council projected an additional municipal tax reduction of \$350 to \$500. A pretty lofty goal. The headline in the *Echo Leader* of March 12 said there would be a zero increase in the budget. This is admirable, but a far cry from a \$350 to \$500 reduction. What happened between Jan. 6 and March 12.

Frank Marchese
Mountainside

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Sam Jacobson brightening lives of parents

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Sam Jacobson became Springfield's first baby of the year by helping Hackensack University Hospital. His parents, Adam and Andrea, have been township residents five months.

"Sam was delivered in Hackensack," said Adam and Andrea, "because that is where we and our doctor were living at the time. Sam was delivered at 7:50 p.m. and both he and Andrea went home two days later."

A centralized location, according to the Blocks, made for Springfield's gain and Hackensack's loss.

"Andrea and I wanted a place about midway from where our parents live," said Adam Block. "I'm from Queens and Andrea's from Middletown, near the shore. We wanted easy access and I heard that Springfield had a good school system."

"Sam came about 16 days early," said Andrea Block. "He was expected to arrive on Jan. 21."

Adam and Andrea met while both were studying at the State University of New York in Binghamton. When Adam began to practice law, they

married and moved back to New Jersey.

Life with Sam, according to his parents, has so far been delightful.

"Sam is a very good-natured baby," said Andrea. "He rarely cries and he wants something right now. He does a lot of smiling and has a mouth for it."

"Sam has really made our family closer," said Adam of their firstborn. "His first name is after his maternal grandfather and his middle name comes from his paternal grandmother."

Andrea has taken leave from her job in a local Model 3, where she worked until March 3. Adam continues to work in New Jersey.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLANNING BOARD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by Resolution adopted March 11, 1998, the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield granted a Conditional Use Permit for Block 402, Lot 96 on the Tax Map of the Township of Springfield, to be used for a...
U1924 EL-MS March 19, 1998 (17:23)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Meeting of the Planning Board scheduled for March 23, 1998, has been canceled.
Kathleen D. Wisniewski
Secretary
U1934 EL-MS March 19, 1998 (15:50)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BID

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountaineer for the work of MAINTAIN ROOF AT MOUNTAINEER LIBRARY.
Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 1335 Route 22, Mt. Pleasant, N.J., on Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at 10:00 A.M. prevailing time.
Bids shall be in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Borough Engineer. Proposal blanks, specifications and instructions to bidders may be obtained at the office of the Borough Clerk at the Municipal Building, 1335 Route 22, Mt. Pleasant, N.J.
Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Plans and Specifications by the Engineer upon proper notice and payment of a check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per set to the Borough of Mountaineer. Said cost being the reproduction price of the documents and not returned to the bidder.
Bids must be made on the Borough's Official Bid Form and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Mountaineer, 1335 Route 22, Mt. Pleasant, N.J. and hand delivered or sent via certified mail at the place and hour named. Bids shall be opened on the outside of the envelope with the name and address of the bidder and Bid Proposal for Cedar Springs Replacement of Mansard Roof at Mountaineer Library.
This proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or a bid bond equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid, not to exceed \$200,000, and must be payable to the Borough of Mountaineer as a Proposal Guaranty.
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127, (N.J.A.C. 17:27).

PUBLIC NOTICE

requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127, (N.J.A.C. 17:27).

The Borough of Mountaineer hereby requests to be listed as a contractor at all times and to award the contract to any bidder who is qualified to perform the work. In the Borough's judgment, best value is interest.

JUDITH E. O'NEILL, Borough Clerk
U1928 EL-MS March 19, 1998 (20:29)

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-735626
MORTGAGE NO. 97-0000000000
COUNTY: UNION
PLAINTIFF: FC CAPITAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.
DEFENDANT: ROBIN JOHN O'CONNOR, ET AL.
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 1997
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 28TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1998
By virtue of the above cited writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue on the 28th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Parkway Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at the afternoon of said day. All encumbrances must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the time of the sale.
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TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT \$17,418.53
Mar. 25, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 1998 (86:00)
U1924 EL-MS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
Sealed Proposals will be received in the office of the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Springfield, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time, Wednesday, April 1, 1998, and publicly opened on the same date for the construction of a pool for the 1998 pool season to be used for the 1998 pool season. Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time, Wednesday, April 1, 1998. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127, (N.J.A.C. 17:27).

HELEN E. KEYWORTH
Municipal Clerk
U1939 EL-MS March 19, 1998 (13:25)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield by MAPLEWOOD NURSERIES, INC. for a site plan approval Section 608.6(b) variance for a free-standing sign. All applications relating to the zoning ordinance of the Township of Springfield, also any other variances that may be necessary as evidenced by the plans now on file or as may be modified at the zoning ordinance of the Township of Springfield. This application is made for premises located at 1620 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, N.J., Block 402, Lot 1. The application is now on file and will be on the clerk's calendar, and a public hearing has been scheduled for 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 1, 1998, in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J., and when the calendar is called, you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney, and present any objections which you may have to the granting of the application. All papers pertaining to the application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivet Street, Springfield, N.J. 07091.
MAPLEWOOD NURSERIES, INC.
1620 Springfield Avenue
Springfield, N.J. 07091
BY: KAREN A. HANCOCK, Secretary
U1931 EL-MS March 16, 1998 (51:40)

1998 Municipal Budget TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	1998	1997
1. Surplus	\$1,990,000.00	\$1,935,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	2,993,486.43	2,963,558.81
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	415,000.00	435,000.00
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	11,279,157.74	11,245,152.67
Total General Revenues	\$16,877,644.17	\$16,578,711.48

Summary of Appropriations	Final	
	1998 Budget	1997 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$7,344,079.00	\$7,176,149.00
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	6,659,915.17	6,672,238.75
3. Capital Improvements	217,800.00	267,800.00
4. Debt Service	1,216,750.00	1,235,423.75
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	415,000.00	435,000.00
Total General Appropriations	\$16,877,644.17	\$16,578,711.48
Total Number of Employees	196	196

1998 Dedicated Swim Pool Utility Budget

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	1998	1997
1. Surplus	293,776.00	309,490.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	293,776.00	309,490.00
Total Revenues	\$293,776.00	\$309,490.00

Summary of Appropriations	Final	
	1998 Budget	1997 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$115,000.00	\$104,000.00
2. Capital Improvements	91,075.00	81,997.00
3. Debt Service	72,701.00	76,743.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	4,000.00	46,750.00
Total Appropriations	\$293,776.00	\$309,490.00
Total Number of Employees	53	53

Balance of Outstanding Debt

	General	Swim Pool	Utility
Interest	\$1,917,134.82	\$48,758.76	
Principal	6,464,000.00	263,000.00	
Outstanding Balance	8,381,134.82	311,758.76	

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union on March 10, 1998.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on April 7, 1998 at 8:00 o'clock (P.M.) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 1998 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of Helen E. Keyworth, Township Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07091, (973) 912-2200, during the hours of 9:00 (A.M.) to 4:30 (P.M.). (Fee: \$399.00)

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-735636
MORTGAGE NO. 97-0000000000
COUNTY: UNION
PLAINTIFF: MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.
DEFENDANT: DEBORAH SUE DOLAN, ET AL.
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 1997
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 28TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1998
By virtue of the above cited writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue on the 28th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Parkway Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at the afternoon of said day. All encumbrances must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the time of the sale.
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TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT \$17,418.53
Mar. 19, 26, Apr. 2, 9, 1998 (81:50)
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
Sealed Proposals will be received in the office of the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Springfield, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time, Wednesday, April 1, 1998, and publicly opened on the same date for the construction of a pool for the 1998 pool season to be used for the 1998 pool season. Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time, Wednesday, April 1, 1998. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127, (N.J.A.C. 17:27).

HELEN E. KEYWORTH
Municipal Clerk
U1939 EL-MS March 19, 1998 (13:25)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield by MAPLEWOOD NURSERIES, INC. for a site plan approval Section 608.6(b) variance for a free-standing sign. All applications relating to the zoning ordinance of the Township of Springfield, also any other variances that may be necessary as evidenced by the plans now on file or as may be modified at the zoning ordinance of the Township of Springfield. This application is made for premises located at 1620 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, N.J., Block 402, Lot 1. The application is now on file and will be on the clerk's calendar, and a public hearing has been scheduled for 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 1, 1998, in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J., and when the calendar is called, you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney, and present any objections which you may have to the granting of the application. All papers pertaining to the application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivet Street, Springfield, N.J. 07091.
MAPLEWOOD NURSERIES, INC.
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BY: KAREN A. HANCOCK, Secretary
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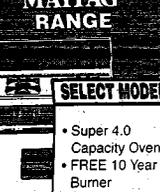
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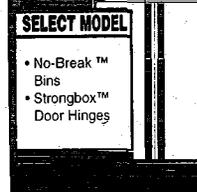
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Churches unite to aid homeless

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

St. John's Lutheran Church, the Christ Church of Summit, and Summit's Calvary Episcopal Church are three area churches that are part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a nationwide organization dedicated to helping homeless people that is headquartered in Summit.

"The IHN consists of parishes and churches of all denominations, with the one common goal of helping the homeless," said St. John's Parish Secretary Thelma McNulty.

Summit, although it is one of Union County's most affluent communities, still has its share of homeless people. Despite decades of national debate on "what to do with the homeless," the IHN has no criteria to judge the people in its programs help.

Regardless if a person became homeless by chance or misfortune, they can still receive aid from the IHN.

As part of the church program, for food out of the pot for each member church agrees to host a maximum of 14 homeless guests. The church provides a clean bed, hot food, showers, and telephone services to each patron. Medical services are available as needed, McNulty said.

"Not all of the churches in Summit are part of this fast growing national program and host the city's homeless people," McNulty said. "But we work hard to help those unfortunate," she said. "It's a program that is at the heart of charity."

St. John's hosted guests during the second week of February, and plan to do the same in May, August and October.

The Christ Church of Summit, who has been involved with the IHN for 12 years, also hosts homeless people in February. Laura Smith, coordinator of the program for the Christ Church, said the church expects its next guests sometime in early June.

"This is a wonderful program," Smith said. "The church donates the food and parishioners cook it on a completely volunteer basis," she said. "The program basically allows homeless and needy people to receive free hot meals, stay comfortably at one church, then get transported to another participating church. It is really all about giving."

The Calvary Episcopal Church does not house anyone, because of space limitations, but its volunteers cook breakfasts daily for the homeless as part of the IHN program.

IHN, a national organization with nearly 50 member churches across the country, is in the process of relocating its headquarters to what had formerly been the Summit Fire House on Summit Avenue.

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City advises on garbage pick-up

The Department of Community Services reports that some people are missing their garbage pick-ups because they put the cans out too late. Garbage cans should be out before 6 a.m. when residential collection begins. Those people who live in the central retail business district need to put out their garbage by 5 a.m.

Summit has rear-yard pick-up, and cans should not be left at the curb. The preferred locations are, at the rear of the house or near the garage. The same location should be used every week. Garbage is collected Monday through Friday, including all holidays, and residents are permitted as many as four 30-gallon cans with lids.

Should you wish to dispose of garbage or trash at the transfer station on New Providence Avenue, it is open daily — except Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day — from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Saturdays. A maximum parking and disposal-area permit for your motor vehicle, issued by Summit Downtown Inc., is required for admission to the transfer station area. Call S.D.I. at (908) 522-0357 for information about permits. For information about garbage collection, call the city's Community Services Department at (908) 273-6400.

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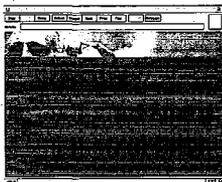
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NEWS CLIPS

Family aids organization

The Paragano Family Foundation, an affiliate of Paragano Associates of Springfield, has made several recent contributions to children's organizations including The Children's Center for Therapy and Learning in Cedar Knolls and The Somerset Hills Education Foundation in Bernardsville. The Children's Center for Therapy and Learning is a private school and treatment center that cares for children, from birth to 21 years of age, with physical, learning and speech disabilities. The recent contribution from Paragano Associates has benefited the organization's Assistive Communication Technology program. This special program utilizes computers and special devices which provide ways for children who cannot speak to communicate with others.

"The Paragano Family contribution will make a difference in the lives of more than 100 children," explained Susan Seaman, executive director of The Children's Center for Therapy and Learning. "For those children who do not speak, this will be their first chance to communicate with their parents and classmates."

The Somerset Hills Education Foundation is a public school advoca-

cy group formed last year to provide grant programs. Funds promote excellence in schools, including support for enrichment programs. "We are pleased to contribute to these wonderful organizations which provide an outlet for us to give back to our community," said Larry Paragano Jr., who was active in selecting the Foundation's recent recipients. "By helping today, we hope that the children of our future will have a brighter tomorrow."

Kennedy gets carrier duty

Navy Airman Recruit Alan J. Kennedy, son of Joyce A. and Alan J. Kennedy Sr. of Mountaintop, recently reported for duty with the aircraft carrier precommissioning unit Harry S. Truman, based at Newport News, Va.

Kennedy's rotation to a new duty station exemplifies the worldwide assignability of marines and sailors. This flexibility allows our naval forces to protect U.S. national interests by serving as the principal enforcers of peacekeeping engagement, deterrence and crisis response around the world. The 1995 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School of Springfield joined the Navy in July 1997.

Food and silent auction

International Best Chefs Night will take place on Monday beginning at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire in Mountaintop. Washington Rock Girl Scout Council is the organizer of the event and the focus this year will be on international food and a silent auction.

Participating restaurants include Ragini and L'Affaire, both located in Mountaintop.

Foods from around the globe will be featured along with the chance to bid on valuable items in a silent auction. Tickets are available for \$30 per person in advance and \$50 at the door if available at the time. You must be over 18 years old to participate and business attire is required. For more information, call Laurie Bell, Fund Development director at (908) 232-3236, ext. 218. Proceeds benefit Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

Ninth graders earn honors

The following Mountaintop students made the Honor Roll for the second marking period.

Ninth grade: Jonisha Anders, Rhonda Barkan, Lauren Beasley, Jessica Boehmer, Jessica Bong, Paul Bowes, Sharon Brodian, Jenna Burnett, Jenny Cal-

brese, Frank Cavallo, Lisa Chang, David Chen, Yvonne Chen, James Cong, Christina Cavallo, Tara Covino, Allison Divito, Matthew Donohue, Katy Englemeyer, Marc Folezola, John Flynn, Shabi Chaffari, Christopher Gibson, Eric Goldstein, Jessica Haas, Faith Huber, Megan Iorio, Kristin Joham, Lisa Lamotta, Christine Lay, Courtney Levin, Erica Megerl, Malcolm Matta, Susan McDonald, Melange Precilla Melango, Joshua Moss, Christine Murphy, Jacklyn Orlando, Annelise Oswald, Jennifer Pagano, Allison Pego, Emily Porch, John Richmond, Matt Rosenberg, Brian Rupp, Katherine Schmidt, Bonnie Silbergoon, Erica Smith, Roman Stefaniuk, Kristin Sylvester, Noelle Tale, George Tewick, Vijay Varma and Rebecca Williams.

Unit seeks vols

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The wedding and reception took place at the Knoll Country Club, Parsippany. Officiating at the garden ceremony were Rabbi Joshua Goldstein and Cantor Amy Daniels of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield.

Lee Hanauer served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Barbara Wolfe, Emily Weinstein, Eileen Weinstein, Michelle Zuckerman, Lyza Brugnola and Allison Shagnessy. Flower girl was Natanya Gornstein, cousin of the bride.

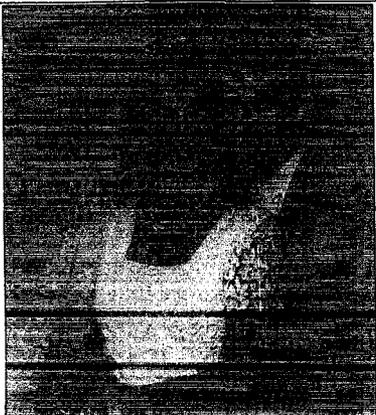
Andrew Weinstein served as best man for his brother. Ushers included Jeff Gornstein, Andrew Wolfe, David

Garon, Dave Quigg, Greg Quinn, Kris Lickowski and Andrew McMahon.

Mrs. Weinstein, a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, continued her education at Franklin and Marshall University, Lancaster, Pa., and received a master's degree in physics from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. She continues at Lehigh, where she will receive a doctorate in physics.

Her husband attended the Head Royce School, Oakland, Calif., and graduated from Clark University, Worcester, Mass. He received a master's degree in public policy from Lehigh University and is employed by Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., as assistant director of the Muhlenberg Fund.

Following a honeymoon trip to Aruba, the couple will reside in Heliertown, Pa.



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Weinstein

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Machine bond approved

By Sean Daly
Staff Writer

The county could buy a new batch of election machines in the near future.

The county Board of Chosen Freeholders voted at its meeting last Thursday gave initial approval to a \$2.8 million bond ordinance. The bond will be up for second reading and final approval at next week's freeholder meeting.

According to freeholder chairman Dan Sullivan, the money will be used to buy about 500 computerized voting machines from American Voting Machines Sequoia Pacific of Jamestown, N.Y.

This is the same company that made the election machines currently in use in the county for local, state, federal and Board of Education elections.

These mechanical machines are over 40 years old; according to June Fischer, chairwoman of the county Board of Elections, they are obsolete and are difficult to get replacement parts for. There has been no instance of election errors due to the machines in Union County, she said, but other counties have reported the machines making errors.

Their replacements are computerized units that go by the brand name of AVC. These units are both shorter and less hefty than the current mechanical machines and cost \$5,400 apiece. The AVC's will replace the current machines almost era one-to-one basis.

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The Springfield Minutemen Senior (8th grade) basketball team captured the Dunellen Invitational Tournament championship. Front row, from left, are Chase Freundlich, Chris Sarracino, Adam Cohen, Mo Abdelaziz, Ross Rahmani and Justin Woodruff. Middle row, from left, are Brian Birch, Carl Nazaire, Matt Paz, Joe Albez, Andre Callender and coach Bob Fusco. Back row, from left, are Paul Zaverzucki, Billy Chambers, coach Whiskey, Alex Belous and Mike Jaffe.

Springfield Minutemen capture Dunellen Tourn. championship Best South Plainfield, Somerville for title

The Springfield Minutemen Senior (8th grade) basketball team captured the Dunellen Invitational Tournament championship last Saturday night by besting South Plainfield 35-29 in the championship game.

The Minutemen defeated Somerville 41-39 the night before in the semifinals.

In the championship game, Springfield trailed South Plainfield 24-22 going into the fourth quarter.

The outside shooter of Mo Abdelaziz and Chase Freundlich helped put the Minutemen gain a 34-26 lead 10 seconds from the conclusion.

Andre Callender iced the victory with a free-throw in the waning moments.

Matt Paz earned the tournament's MVP award, scoring 62 points in four games.

Callender and Abdelaziz had 10 points each against South Plainfield, Freundlich had five and Mike Jaffe and Paz had four each.

Paz finished with a game-high 27-point performance in the semifinal win over Somerville.

After Springfield held a 23-18 halftime lead, the game was tied numerous times before Callender hit a baseline jumper for the winning basket, making a field goal that snapped a 39-39 deadlock.

Callender scored 10 points in the victory and Jaffe had four points.

Junior squad third in Springfield Tournament

Springfield's Junior Minutemen (7th grade) defeated Roselle 56-52 to finish third in the Springfield Tournament.

Andre Callender and Mike Nitello combined for over 40 points to pace the Minutemen.

Also playing well for Springfield were Nick Perretti, Dean Chenehanik, Yun Portugal, Don Volkert and David Levine.

Summit's Slonaker splashed way to swimming success Oak Knoll standout a double state-winner

By Joe Ragazzino
 Staff Writer

If there's one thing Kate Slonaker has learned from her years as a competitive swimmer, it's that there is no limit to how well an athlete can perform.

Achieving a personal-best means you can do better. Essentially, that's the credo that drives Slonaker, who arguably will go down as one of the state's best swimmers ever.

"I love swimming because it's so physically and mentally challenging," said the Oak Knoll senior and Summit resident. "It's nice because it has a team aspect, but in the end, it's just you against the clock and there's always room for improvement. Whenever you swim your best time, you know you can always go faster and that's what motivates me a lot of the time."

And that's why Slonaker has been able to pile up mounds of records and championships. Her latest achievement came as a cap to a brilliant scholastic career as Slonaker captured the state 50-yard freestyle individual championship for a third consecutive year at the NJISAA girls' championships held March 8 at the Gloucester County Institute in Deptford.

And, of course, her time was a personal best of 2:04. For Slonaker, it didn't matter that it came in the championship race, although it was nice that it happened that way.

"I always want to swim my fastest, regardless of the race," she said.

Sure, Slonaker was elated about the three-peat, but was even more ecstatic about trying for the 100-yard freestyle crown. That's because Slonaker was touched out at the wall in that event last year at the championships, deny-



Kate Slonaker ... 'I always want to swim my fastest, regardless of the race.'

ing her a chance at defending her title.

Slonaker tied Notre Dame's Christine Williams in a time of 51.82.

A member of the Summit Seals swim club, Slonaker was way ahead of the competition during her four years, going undefeated in each of her dual-meet races.

Her senior season was nothing short of fantastic as Slonaker captured the 50 free and 100 free in the Union County championships for the third time (she missed the counties in her sophomore year), holding records in those events. In fact, Slonaker this season broke her own county meet record in the 100-free, which she set last year.

She also broke the 100 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley records

at this year's Mountain Valley Conference championships.

At this year's Prep championships, Slonaker captured both the 100 breast and 200 IM. At the Pirate Invitational in West Windsor, she broke the 50 freestyle meet record and won the 100 freestyle.

Can you say Olympic record holder?

"I think every swimmer dreams of breaking a record in the Olympics, but right now I'm focusing on the next step," Slonaker said.

That step is college. Slonaker has narrowed her choices to Princeton, Virginia and North Carolina — three schools with outstanding swimming programs.

Slonaker also made headlines in the fall, leading the Oak Knoll field hockey team to the Union County Tournament championship and a runner-up showing in the North Jersey Section 2, Group 2 tournament. Slonaker, who scored 14 goals and 12 assists, was named Union County Player of the Year and earned second-team All-State honors.

No one is going to miss Slonaker more than Oak Knoll swimming coach Peg Swart.

"She is just a phenomenal athlete," Swart said. "She is so determined and willing to do anything you ask of her. She is a pleasure to watch swim because she is so skilled. She is a tough, gutsy competitor who was a good solid team member. It was a pleasure to have her on the team. She is somebody, we are going to miss, not because of her ability, but because she was such a manstay on the team."

"I had a fun time swimming in high school and had a good time with my team," Slonaker said. "I accomplished a lot that I wanted to accomplish."

Oak Knoll had great season

By Andrew McGann
 Assistant Sports Editor

A year after falling to Villa Walsh Academy in the NJISAA North Jersey, Parochial B quarterfinals, the Oak Knoll High School basketball team had an opportunity to avenge that defeat as the two teams met in the same scenario again this year March 6 in Summit.

Boosting a veteran squad that made it to the Union County Tournament final for the first time ever and swept its way through the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference for a second consecutive season, the Royals were the decided favorite in their re-match against Villa Walsh.

The game was tight throughout, but the top-seeded Royals were done in by their inability to grab the big rebounds and fell 60-55 to ninth-seeded VWA despite five three-pointers and 20 points from senior guard Melissa Lopez. Brenna Supple added 14 points in her Oak Knoll finale and Megan Ritson chipped in with 11.

"It was a very entertaining game," Oak Knoll head coach Tom Elliott said. "The bottom line is that we didn't rebound in the second half which led to them getting a lot of easy buckets."

Elliott said the lingering effects of a disappointing 51-39 defeat against Union Catholic in the UCT final might have contributed to his team's demise in the state tournament.

"There was definitely a little bit of a letdown coming off the Union Catholic loss," Elliott said. "The kids were down and they found it hard to get back up."

Despite a banner year in which they won the most games in school history and reeled off a 22-game winning streak, the defeat left a bitter taste in the collective mouths of the Royals, who finished the campaign on a three-game slide after sporting a 22-1 mark.

Oak Knoll, which ended at 21-3 last season, dropped a 65-53 decision to Villa Walsh in the quarterfinals last year, also as the top seed.

Take away the early exit from the states and you have a breakthrough year for the Royals. They finished the season with a 22-4 record, surprised many by garnering the top seed for the UCT and then went out and proved that their

top billing was well deserved, reaching the UCT final.

"As a whole I think it was a very successful season," Elliott said. "Winning the conference championship is always good and reaching the county final for the first time in school history was another good point."

Much to the dismay of the other members in the Mountain Valley Conference, the Royals joined the MVC last season and have gone 35-0 during the two-year stretch. That dominance, though, has also played a role in Oak Knoll's recent state tournament woes, the Royals prevented from facing any type of legitimate challenge between their rivalry tournament and the county and state tournaments.

"That's the situation we have to make the best of," Elliott said.

In an effort to play some competitive games during the regular season, Elliott attempted to add Westfield and Cranford to next season's schedule. However, North Plainfield's move to the Valley Division forced those games to be cancelled.

After a Paramus Catholic foe bailed out of a game scheduled for Feb. 26, Elliott jumped at the chance to take its place and Oak Knoll fought to a 69-57 defeat against the then 18-ranked Palmdale.

Oak Knoll is now faced with the unenviable task of replacing senior starters Lopez, Supple, Libby Kenally and Megan Ritson for next season. Lopez, who knocked down 48 threes in 146 attempts, led the team in steals and assists and also shared the team lead in scoring (with Supple) at 11.8 points per game. She was followed closely by Kenally at 11.0.

Supple edged out Kenally for the team rebounding crown by grabbing an average of nine boards per game. Although replacing four starters won't be easy, Elliott is confident his team will be back on top next year.

"We have a good group of kids coming back," Elliott said. "I think we'll be right back where we are."

The projected starting lineup, which is subject to change, currently consists of Meghan Brodbeck at the point, Lisa Kling and Jaimee Veronneau at the wings and Lisa Pieroni and Katie Johnson at forward.

Summit boys' showed improvement

By Andrew McGann
 Assistant Sports Editor

A year after a 10-12 season, the Summit High School boys' basketball team emerged as a contender and continued to make progress this year in only its second season as a member of the Iron Hills Conference, posting a 13-9 mark.

That's no small achievement either, considering the Hilltoppers play in a Hills Division that also houses the likes of Parippany and Mendham, both of whom reached their respective Group 3 final this season, as well as tough Union Clive and Dover squads.

Summit's club played the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship, winning well in both outings,

losing Mendham one of just four losses on the season with a 55-47 upset on Jan. 27 and playing to a 48-39 final on Feb. 26 without the services of starting guard John Brown.

In total, Summit finished at 10-7 in the Hills Division, besting their 9-9 mark from last season.

The Hilltoppers started the season off on a winning note, capturing the Suburban Classic Championship with a 48-41 win over Chatham in Dec. 30 final.

The fifth seed in North 2, Group 2, the Hilltoppers put on a gutsy performance against fourth-seeded Chatham in the sectional quarterfinals March 5, but dropped a heart-breaking 44-43 decision; it home.

Summit doubled Outcry 60-43 in

the preliminary round of the Union County Tournament and played Plainfield closely in the first round, falling 57-56.

Summit's season included sweeps of Morris Hills, Bonton and Cranford Park. The Hilltoppers also crushed West Essex 62-29 in their only encounter on Jan. 16. The second game, cancelled because of county tournament conflicts, was never scheduled.

The Hilltoppers were paced this year by the scoring antics of senior John Foushee, who led the team with a 15.2 average.

Summit will be led next season by Brian Rush and Kai Donaldson, the team's leading rebounders this season.

Springfield Rec tennis registration Monday night

Springfield Recreation spring tennis registration will take place Monday night from 7-8 at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center on 30 Church Mill in Springfield.

Lessons at the Irwin Park courts will be instructed under the supervision of Barry Ruback.

Session 1: Wednesdays, starting April 1: 9:30-11:30 adults, 3:30-4:30 grades 1-2, 4:30-5:30 grades 3-4, 5:30-6:30 grades 5 and up.

Session 2: Wednesdays, starting May 13: 9:30-11:30 adults, 3:30-4:30 grades 1-2, 4:30-5:30 grades 3-4, 5:30-6:30 grades 5 and up.

The fee is \$70 for each five-week session and checks may be made payable to Barry Ruback.

More information may be obtained by calling 201-568-3946.



Mountainside residents Lauren and Alison Kobel helped the Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball team reach the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 state playoffs en route to a 10-10 overall record.

Mountainside twin Kobels inseparable on the courts

By Joe Ragazzino
 Staff Writer

As twin sisters, Lauren and Alison Kobel are inseparable on the playing field. On the tennis and basketball courts this past fall and winter, the Kobels have been a major part of the success of the Governor Livingston High School teams they comprise for "Sisters rivalry." Hardly.

"We get along great on and off the court," Lauren Kobel said. "There's really no tension that we bring on the court that would make things difficult."

"We're really comfortable playing with each other because we're so close," Alison Kobel said.

So close that Alison didn't mind that her sister emerged as the GL basketball team's main offensive threat. In fact, Alison, a forward along with Lauren, concentrated on doing the dirty work inside, providing tough defense and grabbing rebounds in order to get Lauren her chances on the offensive end.

"We complement each other nicely," said Lauren, who averaged 14 points a game.

"When she gets a high game, I always congratulate her," Alison said of Lauren.

Indeed, Alison was the first person to hear praise on Lauren for her performance in a critical game against Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division foe Johnson on Feb. 6.

The Highlanders, who missed the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 state playoffs last season by just one game, were faced with the same situation heading into the Johnson game. With a record of 6-7 at the time, GL needed a win to secure a berth at the Feb. 7 state playoff deadline.

Lauren Kobel rose to the occasion, collecting 16 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks to lead GL to a stirring 50-27 victory.

"We were going nuts after the game," Lauren recalled. "This season, we would always get close. We would get to 500, but then we would lose the next game. When we won that game, we all took a deep breath and relaxed."

"Lauren did a lot of things for us." GL head coach Dan Kopcha said. "She made things happen."

The Highlanders' experience in the state playoffs was quickly short-lived as they were defeated in top-seeded and eventual champion Mendham 62-21 in the quarterfinals.

Alison was the offensive spark this time, scoring a team-high 11 points. Lauren followed with nine.

"She's a very streaky shooter," Kopcha said of Alison. "When she's on the court, it could really light it up."

For the Highlanders, who finished 10-10, it was especially sweet to qualify for the state tournament after last season's disappointment and this season's early rough start.

"In the beginning of the season, a lot of our losses should not have been losses," Alison said. "All of the games were really close."

Kopcha will have the pleasure of getting the services of the Kobel sisters for one more season.

"They work well together and sometimes they try to motivate each other, just like sisters would, which is a good sign," Kopcha said.

Kopcha is quick to note that if the team is going to improve next year then it will have to begin by working hard in the off-season, which will be replete with camps and summer leagues.

"I think the more they play, the better off they will be," Kopcha said. "Lauren and Alison both have the potential to be 20-point scorers. It's just a matter of working harder on certain aspects of their game."

Currently, the Kobels are gearing up for track season in which both specialize in field events. After the summer, it's back to tennis. Last fall Lauren and Alison, at second and third singles respectively, led the Highlanders to a 12-6 season and a berth in the state playoffs.

But the Kobels also can't wait for another basketball season, with a veteran team coming back that will seek additional success. The Kobels understand that their leadership roles will go a long way toward making next season a better year.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice to hereby give the Board of Education of the School District of Springfield in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:27-1 that a Public Hearing on the School Budget for the School Year July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989...

JAMES CALDWELL
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JONATHAN DAVENPORT

School District Budget Statement
for the School Year 1988-89
Advertised Appropriations

Table with columns: ENROLLMENT CATEGORY, October 18, 1986 Actual, October 18, 1987 Actual, October 15, 1988 Estimated. Rows include 0001 Pupils on Roll Regular Full-Time, 0002 Pupils on Roll Regular Shared-Time, etc.

School District Budget Statement
for the School Year 1988-89
Advertised Revenues

Table with columns: Budget Category, Amount, 1986-87 Actual, 1987-88 Revised, 1988-89 Anticipated. Rows include GENERAL FUND, 0010 Budgeted Fund Balance - General Fund, 0011 Reduced from Local Sources, etc.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Table with columns: Budget Category, Amount, 1986-87 Actual, 1987-88 Revised, 1988-89 Anticipated. Rows include 0055 Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-86 (Prior Budget), 0100 Current Approp. Balances 6-30-87 (from Audit), etc.

* Please note that if the law had been in effect in 1986-87, it is probable that the subsequent year balances would have been lower.

New Jersey Department of Education
Division of Finance

The Advertised Revenues of the School District Budget Statement

Table with columns: Budget Category, Amount, 1986-87 Actual, 1987-88 Revised, 1988-89 Anticipated. Rows include Per Pupil Cost Calculations, Total Comparative Per Pupil Cost, Total Classroom Instruction, etc.

The information presented in column 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the 1986 Comparative Spending Guide. This publication is available in the board office and public libraries.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SPRINGFIELD PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has received an application with the Springfield Planning Board for a site plan for a proposed parking lot on the property at 100-233-300...

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