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Fire Department seeks volunteers

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Springfield Fire Department is inviting all interested parties to walk right in and ask — about volunteering.

According to Chief William Gras, the township's Volunteer Fire Department currently stands at eight. "When I came on back in 1971, we had 50, and there was a waiting list," Gras said. "Our volunteers are supposed to number around 50."

The total number of career firefighters is 21. Combined with its eight present, volunteers, the township has 29 firefighters for approximately 14,000 residents. Gras said the National Fire Protection Association recommends three firefighters per 1,000 residents, a standard Springfield does not currently meet.

The department has four "tours" — groups of four firefighters, headed by and including the captain — who respond to incidents around the township. Gras said that for special circumstances such as snow storms or New Year's Eve, the number will be increased, but "normally it's four."

One of the most critical reasons for increasing the department's volunteer corps concerns the federal "Two In, Two Out" regulation.

"The 'Two In, Two Out' regulation says that to enter a structure where the atmosphere is immediately dangerous to life and health you must send a minimum of two firefighters as part of a buddy system, which means they have to have constant communication between them," Gras said.

"Then you need to have two outside, monitoring the two inside. Of those outside two, one must be totally committed to monitoring the inside activities." The other, according to Gras, is allowed to perform additional duties. However, if that individual needs to abandon his or her duties to assist the two firefighters inside, the foreman duties must not "negatively affect" the firefighting procedure in any way.

"That's why the New Jersey Career Fire Chiefs and Deputy Fire Chiefs have taken a strong position that neither of the outside two should serve as either incident commander or pump operator," Gras said. In Springfield, however, low staffing levels allow for one of the outside persons to serve as incident commander — "but not by our choice," Gras stressed. "And never as the pump operator. If that person had to abandon the pump

and it failed, everyone inside on that fire would be gone."

Not complying with the "Two In, Two Out" regulation could result in a fine of up to \$70,000 for the township, Gras said. He said the department has been working with the Township Committee to increase the number of fire personnel. He pointed out that he would like to see five firefighters on the scene at a time.

"The regulation is for our safety," he added. "It was designed to protect us, but it puts everyone in a bind because we can't comply with it, and provide the service this community is entitled to. That's what hurts: this has always been an aggressive fire department."

The four-man tour remains intact for all kinds of emergencies, including medical service calls. "They always stay together," Gras said. "Volunteers are trained to the same level as the department's career firefighters. Springfield's department is a 'combination fire department,' meaning career and volunteer firefighters work side by side.

Springfield's volunteers are the only volunteers around permitted to operate apparatus. "In other towns, volunteers only ride on the apparatus," Gras said. "In Springfield, they do the regular functions — they drive, do extrication, operate the pump. Our trucks are complicated apparatus, but they'll do it all."

Volunteers attend the Union County Fire Training Academy in Linden. "It's the 120-hour New Jersey State Certified Firefighter One Program," Deputy Chief Donald Schwedi said. "Basically, it takes a person off the street and gets them qualified to be an Interior Structural Firefighter."

Training is divided into two sections: "Firefighter One" and "Firefighter Two."

"Firefighter One" is synthetic smoke, Schwedi said. "There's no heat, no flame — just a non-toxic smoke generator."

"Firefighter Two" is considered "live burn training," in which volunteers get their first experience with smoke and flame. Successful completion of "Firefighter One," automatically qualifies the volunteer for part two.

Students take written and practical mid-terms and finals, after which they receive their certificate from the state of New Jersey. A physical exam is also required.

Good enough for emperors



One of the dancers from the Chinese Folk Dance Company performs a court dance for Springfield's Sandmeier School students Jan. 20. The dance could have been seen by the emperors of China.

HSPT scores & some improve!

By Darcey Doyle
Staff Writer

Springfield's 11th-graders took the High School Proficiency Test this fall and came out with flying colors. Of the 97 students 89.7 percent passed the test, which is required in order for them to graduate.

"That's a higher passing rate than we had last year," said Johnathan Dayton's Testing Coordinator, Ken Matfield. "The numbers have been improving."

The HSPT is comprised of what Matfield described as, "what the state feels every student should know before graduating." The test is made up of three sections reading, writing and math administered over three days. Students have approximately two-and-a-half hours each day for each section.

According to Matfield most states have similar tests which have been developed specifically for their state and their criteria. The HSPT is used as a state graduation requirement but the results would not weigh as heavily as grades or SAT in college admission.

Teachers in both math and English prepare students for the test. "They have material designed for reviewing the test. When the students walk in to take the test they have seen it before," said Matfield.

This year of the 11th-graders, 91.8 percent passed the reading, 96.9 percent passed the writing and 95.9 percent passed the math. If a student were to fail one of the sections they are only required to take that section again, not all three. They have four chances to take the test, two in their junior year and two in their senior year.

"We try to identify students with weaknesses as early as possible and address them so by the time they get to the high school problems have already been solved," said Matfield.

Finding students the school administrators feel might have difficulties starts as early as the elementary years. The school would then outline the weaknesses. See BETTER, Page 2

Police Department moves back into town hall

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The physical traces of Tropical Storm Floyd can still be found around Springfield, but officially, the storm is over.

According to Township Administrator Richard Sheola, the state of emergency finally came to an end, after four months, on Jan. 18. Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage declared the state of emergency on Sept. 16, as the rains fell.

Floyd pounded the township with consistent rain, severely damaging the Municipal Building and its immediate environs. A water level of more than seven feet in the Municipal Building's basement submerged electrical panels, meters, telephone switching equipment and 9-1-1 equipment.

The Police Department was forced to relocate to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center as a result of the basement flooding. Emergency Management, which has its permanent home at Sar-

ah Bailey, shared the facility with the department.

During the department's stay at Sarah Bailey, all 9-1-1 calls were routed to the Union County Police Department, who in turn forwarded them to the center. Bell Atlantic employees became familiar figures during the intervening weeks and months, as phone equipment was relocated to the building's second floor.

The state of emergency was kept in effect until the Police Department moved back in last week. Its Crime Prevention and Traffic divisions, along with the Detective Division, both of which had relocated, respectively, to Jonathan Dayton High School and the Girl Scout building on Caldwell Place, are also back in their rightful home.

In addition to the telephone equipment, the Police Department's records room, formerly located on the building's first floor, down the hall

from the Clerk's Office, has been moved to the second floor. Now housed in what was once a conference room, the space has been altered to serve the public: a wall, with a service window and a door leading to the office, was recently constructed.

The office's previous first-floor location has been modified also, to function as a police locker room, replacing the basement locker room damaged in the flood.

"The locker room is temporary, until we get the permanent set-up determined," Sheola said. A new carpet has been laid in the locker room area, and also in the dispatch area.

According to Mayor Clara Harelik, the basement is not being used. "We're looking for ways to make the building as flood-proof as possible," she said. At a Township Committee meeting following the storm, the township's assistant engineer proposed several physical changes, includ-

ing a modification of the building's outdoor basement steps.

Representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency made their first tour of the township on Sept. 21. Sheola said agency members have seen "in and out several times so far."

In addition to the substantial damage to the Municipal Building, the flooding of Van Winkle's Creek on Mountain Avenue caused damage to the library's carpet and forced scurrying Public Works employees to place as much machinery as possible on high ground at its Center Street location.

The Public Works Building ended up getting about two feet of water, although no costly equipment was damaged. The library's carpet was paid for through flood insurance.

"We've made a very lengthy appeal to FEMA, given the extent of our damage," Harelik said.

Unlikely situation has podiatrist save a life

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Dr. Nancy Kaplan used a medical skill uncommon to his particular profession, and it saved a life.

Kaplan, a podiatrist with an office on Morris Avenue in Springfield, responded to her neighbor's office Jan. 20. The neighbor, a 68-year-old urologist, had suffered an apparent heart attack.

"His secretary came in, while as a sheet," said Lorne Silverman, assistant office manager in Kaplan's office. The doctor, apparently, was sitting at his desk between appointments when he was stricken.

The fall caused the doctor to strike the desk. "His nose was broken," Kaplan said. "And he was lying on his face."

Tall and big, the doctor was turned over by his lab assistant and Kaplan. "He looked so blue, he was on his stomach, it was a tight little space and he was hard to move," Kaplan said. "But the adrenaline gets you going."

The victim was not breathing, and had no pulse. "His color improved to pink once I started giving him breaths, so that encouraged me," Kaplan said. As Kaplan began CPR, a 9-1-1 call was placed, bringing the police, fire department and First Aid Squad.

"I was happy to see the EMTs," said Kaplan. "They had a defibrillator, and I'm sure that was a big lifesaver. They were great."

Kaplan estimated about a five-minute period between the start of the resuscitation technique and the arrival of the Fire Department and First Aid. Without oxygen, such an interval could result in brain damage or death.

"You have to deliver breaths and compression: to the chest to get the blood flowing," Kaplan said of the cardio-pulmonary resuscitation technique. "Especially to the brain, which quickly becomes starved for oxygen."

The technique involves tilting the victim's head back to produce an airway. The nose is pressed closed while providing breaths so the air can fill up the lungs without escaping. Two breaths are given about every 15 seconds. Chest compressions, according to Kaplan, are given at "a normal heart rate."

All podiatrists are required, by the New Jersey Podiatric Medical Society, to receive CPR certification every two years. Kaplan, a Springfield resident who has been practicing for 12 years, and has been located in Springfield for the last nine, received her CPR certification at Union Hospital.

The victim, who is currently at Morristown Memorial Hospital, has been given an angioplasty, and is expected to make a full recovery.

"I was grateful I had the training to do this, although I don't do it everyday," Kaplan said. "But it's important that everyone learns CPR — you just never, never know when you'll need it."

For the last five years, Kaplan has been a business tenant of the man whose life she helped save.



Photo By Milose Mills

HE SHOOTS, HE SCORES — Taking advantage of the winter weather are, from left, Jeff Fantini, Chuck Beyer and Ian Cordoni, who catch a game of pick-up hockey at Meisel Avenue Park in Springfield.

Mountainside hosts Congressional forum

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Health care was the primary issue for voters Jan. 26, as five candidates vying for the Republican nomination for the 7th Congressional District seat shared their platforms in Mountainside's Borough Hall.

Michael Ferguson, Kenneth Gardner, Thomas Kean Jr., Green Brook Mayor Patricia Walsh and 21st District Assemblyman Joel Weingarten are seeking the seat that will be vacated by current Congressman Bob Franks. Franks decided to run for the U.S. Senate.

In her opening remarks, Walsh, a home care nurse, said she regretted watching people choose between buying their prescriptions and buying food. Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti wondered how this problem is alleviated without raising taxes.

Walsh recommended increasing the earning limits for senior citizens on Social Security. "That way, they can earn more and have more to take care of themselves," she said. "The cost of prescription drugs is astronomical."

The federal government, she said, would need to step in to control the costs of health care. "There might come a time when the government steps in and says, 'These things are going to have to be taken care of.'"

Of each candidate, Vigilanti asked how far the federal government should go to take care of its citizens.

Gardner presented his plan for the nation's welfare program. "Our representatives have capped welfare reform at five years," he said. Gardner's plan allows, for the first two or three years of welfare, "something they didn't have to reimburse and the next two or three is a loan. We are helping our people but not allowing them to live off taxpayers' backs."

Ferguson said he would like to create an environment where the "private sector can provide services and make themselves accountable. In health care, the government can provide an environment, and state and local government can provide the service."

"I believe we should move to a level playing field where patients have a choice," Weingarten said. He said medical decisions should not be made by "bureaucrats with no knowledge of medical treatment."

Former Norman Hobbs wondered how each candidate would spend the federal surplus expected in the government.

"The government shouldn't be spending it at all," said Weingarten, adding the money belongs to "the people."

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Better than 90 percent regularly pass the HSPT

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and try to come up with strategies. Students are placed in the Basic Skills Improvement Program.

"In many cases students just need a year or two of extra help," said Mattfield. "If their grades are up and their attendance is good, we will most likely move them up."

According to Mattfield, teachers can usually identify reasons why the students have difficulty. He cited examples like, English as a second language, coming in from a different state, learning disabilities and in some cases troubles at home.

Seniors who have difficulties with passing the test or with the test's format are offered an alternative to the HSPT, Special Review Assessment. The test allows districts to see that the student is capable of performing tasks that demonstrate they have acquired the skills they should have to graduate. It gives them a chance to show those skills but in a different format. They are asked to carry out seven untimed tasks.

The district is allowed to compare their results with other districts. Mattfield said when comparing they try to look at other districts that have the same socioeconomic background. As the testing program evolved, he said, there has been a greater emphasis on writing. Mattfield will report this year's results to the Board of Education on Monday.

"Most of our students score well above the minimum to pass," Mattfield said. "So far we haven't had anybody who hasn't graduated because of the HSPT and we hope to keep it that way."

GOP candidates square off

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Weingarten believes spending the potential funds on new programs would be the wrong answer. "The funds should be returned in the form of tax cuts."

Gardner agreed, adding that Republicans deserve credit for making sure these funds are available.

Walsh, however, said the money could be used to help lower the national debt. "We need to look at ways to reduce the tax burden," she said. "It's not their money in Washington, it's your money. It's not like the money is being saved to buy a shore house."

She said allocating the funds to Social Security and Medicare would be important gestures to "ensure that Social Security will be there for all of us when we need it."

"Everybody up here is in favor of a significant tax cut," Kean said. "When the American government has money, it will find creative ways to spend it." Kean said it would be important to pay a portion of the national debt, protect Social Security and Medicare and orchestrate a major tax decrease, as well. Arriving late, Ferguson echoed the sentiments of the other candidates. He said more than 40 percent of the income of New Jersey residents goes toward taxes. Ferguson, a community college professor, said he would try to lower the tax burden of families and small businesses.

"Individuals and families can make better decisions on how to spend their money than the government can," Ferguson said. "If we are not going to offer a tax cut when we have a surplus, when are we going to offer a tax cut?"

PTA invites all to pancake breakfast

On Saturday the Mountainside Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor its annual Community Pancake Breakfast in the Deerfield School cafeteria.

From 8:30 to 11 a.m., breakfast lovers can take a break from the winter doldrums and join family, friends and neighbors for this old-fashioned community event. The snow date will be Feb. 26.

The menu options include: Adult portion — four pancakes, two sausages, fruit and beverage for \$5; Smaller portion — two pancakes, one sausage, fruit and beverage for \$3.50; and the Bagel Breakfast — bagel, fruit and beverage for \$2.50.

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will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

Feb. 15
• The Mountainside Borough Council will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Today
• The Foothill Club of Mountainside meets for lunch at B.G. Fields. The program will feature Ruth Goetz with flower arranging. For a reservation call Genevieve at (908) 232-3626.
• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 8 p.m. in the Columbia School cafeteria, 345 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. Board members will discuss the facilities improvement recommendations of the facilities committee.
• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will hold a conference meeting in the Clausen Administration Complex at 8 p.m.

Feb. 16
• The Springfield Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host a free workshop, "How to get thousands of dollars more for your child's education," at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (800) 949-6250. The first 20 callers receive a free scholarship search.
• The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will conduct its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Hill. After a short business meeting led by Trudy Lindenfeller, chairman, at which time final plans will be made for the annual pasta dinner planned for March.

Feb. 17
• The North Jersey Association of Female Executives will have its monthly dinner meeting at 6 p.m. at the Spanish Tavern, Route 22 East. Admission is \$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers and \$5 extra for walk-ins. The topic for the evening will be "Women on Wheels," car care. For more information call LaDonna Carr at (800) 275-1767.

Feb. 20
• The Sunday planetarium show at 2 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road. Mountainside asks, what does Y2K really mean? Does it actually have special significance? Throughout history people have been keeping track of days and years. Different cultures recorded these observations into calendars. Kick off the new year by taking a look at what the fuss is all about. For ages 6 and up. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors.

Tuesday
• The Mountainside Board of Education will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield Media Center.
• The Borough Council will hold a work session at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Wednesday
• The Springfield Board of Health will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Caucus Room of Town Hall. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Upcoming events
Feb. 10
• The Planning Board of Mountainside will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.
• The Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will feature three area women business owners at its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at L'Alfara Restaurant in Mountainside. The cost for the auction and dinner is \$28 for members, \$30 for nonmembers and guests. For reservations or more information call (908) 688-0707.

Feb. 13
• The Sunday planetarium show at 2 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road. Mountainside asks, what does Y2K really mean? Does it actually have special significance? Throughout history people have been keeping track of days and years. Different cultures recorded these observations into calendars. Kick off the new year by taking a look at what the fuss is all about. For ages 6 and up. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors.

Feb. 14
• The Mountainside Public Library Board of Trustees

Ongoing
• The Springfield Recreation Department holds blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Hill, Springfield from 11 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information call (973) 912-2227.
• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines with one year's date. The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 11 to 4 p.m.
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Winter wonderland fun



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Bob Rohwetter and son Nicholas take advantage of the recent snowfall as they get some sledding in at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

Students place second at competition

The Junior Achievement Management/Strategy Bowl Competition was held at The Grand Summit Hotel. Eleven teams from Middlesex, Somerset and Union counties participated in the competition.

The Governor Livingston High School team, competing as Pentec, was composed of Marc Maccarelli, of Berkeley Heights; Steve Berkeski, of Berkeley Heights; Frank Geiger, of Mountainside and Luis Soares, of Mountainside. The members of Pentec placed second in the strategy

competition. Their competition consisted of an oral presentation to a panel of three judges. The team will go to Monticello, N.Y. Feb. 7 through Feb. 9 to participate in the Junior Achievement Student Leadership Conference.

All students in Karen Rusin's Business Management class were involved in preparing for the Junior Achievement Management/Strategy Bowl Competition. The four high scorers in the class earned the right to attend the competition.



Students at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, from left, Luis Soares, Frank Geiger, Steve Berkeski and Marc Maccarelli compete in the Junior Achievement Management/Strategy Bowl Competition where they placed second in the strategy competition.

Changes made to NJ Transit bus schedule

NJ Transit has revised some of its bus routes in response to changing travel patterns and customer recommendations. The agency regularly reviews and changes its bus routes to enhance its service.

Passengers are encouraged to pick up new timetables in major terminals and on buses for specific information about the routes they use. The major adjustments to NJ Transit's bus ser-

vice are as follows:

The No. 114 Bridgewater-New York and the No. 117 Somerville-New York routes will have significant service enhancements both for New York passengers and for riders traveling locally between Mountainside and Bridgewater.

For weekday New York-bound passengers, there will be an added No. 114 Local trip departing Mountain-

side at 5:40 a.m. and a new No. 117 bus leaving Somerville at 7:06 a.m. making a 7:45 a.m. stop in Mountainside. Two new afternoon trips on the No. 114 from Bridgewater to New York also will be added at 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Weekday and Saturday afternoon trips between Mountainside and Bridgewater will be increased from once an hour to twice an hour for most time periods. Some weekday trips are already served by the No. 65 Newark-Mountainside-Somerville route. Passengers are urged to check the No. 114/No. 117 timetable and the No. 65 timetables for specific trips.

All No. 117 trips at Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York will operate from Platform 222 — from which all NJ Transit trips serving the Route 22 corridor depart.

On Saturdays, three additional late morning and early afternoon trips will be served by the No. 114 route from New York to Bridgewater.

Minor adjustments also are planned for the No. 113 Dunellen-New York and No. 116 Perth Amboy-New York. Passengers should check their timetables closely for schedule changes.

Children's Hospital celebrates youth art

Come in from the cold and join Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside in celebrating Youth Art Month. Works of art from many of Westfield public school's 1,500 art students will be on display throughout February.

The six intermediate art teachers selected an array of paintings, meanings and drawings for display. Many of these works will go on to the Spring Art Show in May. A number of pieces by high school students were also chosen from the district art show in the spring for this exhibit.

"From kindergarten through high school, our students are provided with a complete 'Disciplined Based Arts Education,' encompassing studio production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics," said Linda King, supervisor of the Fine Arts Department for Westfield public schools.

"We believe the arts are our humanity. They are languages of civilization through which we express our fears, our anxieties, our hungers, our struggles and our hopes."

The exhibition is open to the public.

Ladies group to meet

The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold its regular monthly meeting on Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall. All ladies of the church are welcome to join this group.

After a short business meeting led by Trudy Lindenfelter, chairman, at which time final plans will be made for the annual pasta dinner planned for March, the members will work on a service project.

Refreshments will be served by Dora Speicher and her Hospitality Committee.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that on the date and time hereinafter set forth, and continuing from day to day until all goods are sold, we will sell by public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the warehouse of STORAGE USA, located at 37 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, NJ 07050. The following goods, items, and merchandise for rent, and other charges for which a lien on same is claimed, to wit: DATE OF SALE: FEBRUARY 20, 2000. TIME OF SALE: 9:00 A.M.
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EDITORIALS

Make the budget a priority

February can be a busy time. It is packed with school vacation, Valentine's Day and possible lost days for snow storms all squeezed into 29 days. But parents and taxpayers have an obligation this month — to attend meetings of the Board of Education.

Last year, the Mountaintop Board of Education approved an \$8.8 million budget for the 1999-2000 school year. This figure represented an increase of \$19,533 — a 0.22 percent increase that did not affect the tax levy.

When he presented the budget last year, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said the tax break would be "the last shot" for residents to see the benefits of the deregionalized school system.

At the same time, board member Richard Kress spoke against the budget, despite voting for it. "In order to give everybody a feel-good feeling this year, we are taking money away from next year's budget," Kress said, referring to the \$300,000 surplus added to the 1999-2000 budget to assist the zero percent increase. "It gives the appearance of no tax increase, but there will be an automatic tax increase for the next year. I would rather see it spread out."

In Springfield, residents faced a \$20 million budget with a slight increase versus the previous year and a separate \$350,000 spending question for computer technology in the classrooms.

For both municipalities, last year's budget increases were driven by enrollment and additional academic programming. Mountaintop compensated for the increase by using surplus funds. These funds may not be available this year. In Springfield and Mountaintop, if there are budget increases this year, taxpayers should want to know why and how much.

Residents flock to meetings to discuss the school calendar, standardized test scores or to watch when their children are being honored. This month, they should make it a priority to attend meetings of the Board of Education. They must raise questions about issues that may not otherwise be considered. The school budget is one-third of the total tax bill. Residents should force the budget process to remain open.

Attending meetings, listening, questioning and voicing opinions are the best ways for residents to have a say in the school budget. All residents will have a chance to vote for or against the budget in April, but now is the time when they can influence what gets presented on the ballot. They should make it a budget that has included the entire community. Make the "yes" or "no" choice in April an easy one.

For the next few months, board members and the districts' business administrators will find themselves buried in paperwork as they review the budget and make appropriate changes. Parents and taxpayers must take some responsibility for the budget, as well.

Do not allow members of the Board of Education to make these decisions on their own. They want public input; they need input. They are willing to listen. Residents should give them something to listen to.

Talk to each other

Communication. This is one of the basic principles we teach our children. But Springfield officials are not providing a positive example.

For more than a year, Springfield and Summit have been engaged in an ongoing battle regarding the proposed Bryant Park condominiums. The proposed 138-unit complex would be on the site formerly occupied by the Carter-Bell Manufacturing Co. It is accessible only by way of Summit's Park Drive.

Since this debate began, Summit officials have contended that the city's emergency services departments will be the first on the scene because of their proximity to the proposed complex. This is just one of Summit's objections. Last week, however, the heads of Springfield's Police and Fire departments claimed their responsibility for the property.

"That's our site," said Springfield Fire Chief William Gras. "It's always been Springfield's, and it'll always be ours."

It was only during the Jan. 24 hearing of the Summit Planning Board when letters were presented by Gras and Springfield Police Chief William Chisholm regarding their responsibility to provide emergency services. Why was this not discussed sooner?

With traffic and financial concerns, Summit would still have objections to the site, but chipping away at these problems will only help achieve the common goal. Saving information is counter-productive and prolongs an already extended process.



GIVE ME YOUR HAND — Caldwell School students, from left, Kirsten Vogt, Nicholas Conte, Amir Ali, and Jessica Gonzalez join hands for the final 'Give Me Your Hand' number as they project a vision of peace for the new millennium.

Today's gadgets go beyond two-way radios

Little did cartoonist Chester Gould know that when he gave Dick Tracy a two-way wrist radio in 1946 he was predicting the wave of the future.

But, that's exactly what happened. But today's gadgets go beyond two-way radios to the realm of all types of computer technology.

Last month, at a computer show in Las Vegas, the glitz was not on the streets of that city, but on what appeared to be wrist watches. As usual, what appears to be one item, turns out to be something else again.

For instance, a prototype of a telephone watch was displayed, with the numbers "dialed" through voice activation. The estimated cost of this "convenience" is \$300.

When Max Allan Collins, the successor to cartoonist Chester Gould, tried to introduce Dick Tracy to a television connection with the present house, he failed to convince the editor of the possibility.

At the computer show, however, there was actually a television set attached to a wrist watch, with the person's eyeglasses providing the

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

screen for viewing. There is no price on that item as yet, but just think of the possibilities of creating street and driving hives.

Some of us have trouble dealing with the simplest of computer-chip generated devices, never mind the programs with just resetting the clock. But those in the know, who use those palm address/calculator books, can now access that info through a wrist watch, at a cost of \$99 for a black model. Anyone who needs a silver model will have to ante up \$129.

Other hot wrist items at the computer convention included downloading music and audio books from personal computers at a mere \$250; television

phones, with 1.8-inch screens with access to VHF and UHF channels, at a cost of anywhere from \$149 to \$249; and Casio has developed a black-and-white camera, which will take 100 postage-stamp-sized pictures suitable for transfer to a personal computer and a small printer. Anyone who feels a need for postage-sized pictures will shell out \$200 for this number.

Believe it or not, but gizmos have also been applied to having wrist watches tell time. But not the usual time. Think atomic time, so there's no chance of being off a millisecond in 22 million years. There's a good chance if the watch does go off a second in that time, no one will know the difference.

Not to be outdone, the health field has also gotten into the wrist watch race. So, naturally, there are watches to measure heart beats, pulses, blood pressure and even glucose for diabetics.

Then, if you pass the health tests, you can get a watch which will work as an easy-pass; and you can gain

access to museums, movie houses, concerts and even ski runs.

Computer technology and miniaturization have opened up boundless horizons. What no one seems to have solved, however, is improving the strength of the human wrist.

Carpal tunnel syndrome was once the bane of all-day typists. Most recently, it has attacked people virtually attached to a computer keyboard. Now, physicians will need to go back to school to figure out how to solve problems with the wrist carrying wrist watches heavier than the wrist bones were created to bear.

In the meantime, if you notice anyone with a sling on the arm and no cast, you will probably find out that person is wearing a watch that not only tells time, but also brings in music, makes telephone calls, gains entrance to a ski lift and brings in the latest news on CNN.

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

Like everything in life, indiscretion is risky

Several weeks ago, I was examining the site of a drunk driving accident that resulted in the death of a young man. The accident had occurred only two days before; the tire tracks that led to the tree, where the accident happened, were still fresh.

The Police Department has the case under investigation, so I still don't know exactly how great a role the alcohol played in it. The driver was charged with driving while intoxicated, but there are questions about the significance of that, as far as I'm concerned.

I don't doubt the veracity of the blood-alcohol tests. Drunk — in its strictest, legal sense — is drunk. But numbers, like photographs, can be misleading. Sometimes they suggest the wrong circumstance.

While looking at the scene, I thought possibly, just possibly, that

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

the accident could have been caused by a simple indiscretion, one we've all been guilty of at one time or another: glancing toward the person we're talking to as we're driving. One second, or fraction of a second, with our eyes averted and that's it.

I'm not claiming to know for certain that this is how that particular accident happened. But it's a way, I think, of properly considering such an event. It's common for many people to hear of something like a drunk driv-

ing charge and assume the participants to be irresponsible criminals who deserved exactly what they got. Not right.

Bad things sometimes happen to good people. Indiscretions abound in this life, even among the oldest of us.

There are good indiscretions, bad ones, and really bad ones, and they're not often all that easy to compartmentalize. An indiscretion is a gamble, and a gamble involves a risk. Sometimes the risk results in a funeral and flowers placed against the base of a tree.

DWI is one of the bad indiscretions, obviously. But maybe there was that glance, that conversational snap of the head behind the wheel that we get away with 99 times out of 100, that has a more significant role than the

alcohol. We don't know. It's likely that not even the surviving participants know.

The important point is not to condemn people forever for their indiscretions. We all have them, and none of us wants them dangling from our backseats. Few people with reasonably normal egos would like to see themselves profiled on the "E! True Hollywood Story." Short of murder, indiscretions should be — even if not exactly encouraged — at least looked upon as a typical characteristic of human behavior.

Make no mistake: Indiscretions are important. They add color to life, and sometimes get us to try things we might not ordinarily have gone near. Plenty of worthwhile things have resulted, directly and indirectly, from indiscretions. But like everything in life, they're risky.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Some good things, some bad things Our policy on letters and columns

To the Editor:

From recent issues of the *Echo Leader*:

1. Rest easy, the final phase of Union County signage program has begun. This phase will spend \$90,000 and the last phase we know about spent \$45,000. So for the tidy sum of \$135,000 we have a bunch of new signs. Was that the best way to spend that amount of money?

There might be differing opinions on that one but again, when you're spending hundreds of millions, this amount seems like chump change. Plus all Union County residents can now proudly say that Union County is a leader in UTS — as in "United Thematic Signage" — and all for only \$135,000.

2. A pat on the back to the Mountaintop Borough Council for merging the functions of the planning and zoning boards. It makes sense not only from a numbers point of view but from a functional efficiency view as well. I hope they will seek more opportunities for this kind of activity where it makes sense.

3. I cannot disagree with our mayor's call for more volunteerism in Mountaintop. However, he may be facing an uphill struggle when, last I knew, the Borough Council is still seeking salaries for their efforts.

Frank Marchese
Mountaintop

The *Echo Leader* welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity is also open to all officials and employees of the township, borough, and the County of Union. The *Leader* reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday at 1291 Suyvassant Ave., Union, 07083.

The *Leader* also accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is WCN22@localsource.com.

Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. on Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in response to content that appeared in the newspaper.

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Brian McCarthy
"More snow. I like to slide in it."

Weather conditions have cars careening

Snowy conditions resulted in traffic accidents in Springfield. On Monday, a Westfield resident was travelling north on Route 22 in a Toyota Camry when she said she observed a vehicle that was travelling south jump the center divider and come at her in the left lane. She then said that she pulled to the right lane to avoid collision and was struck in rear by a Bay Head resident. According to the Bay Head resident, she attempted to stop but slid on a patch of ice and struck the Toyota Camry.

Also on Monday, an Elizabeth resident said he was travelling south on Springfield Avenue in his and when he attempted to change lanes he lost control and crossed divider.

On Jan. 26, a Hillside resident said she entered a U-turn on Route 22 west and the car in front of her stopped abruptly causing her to brake quickly at which point police said she was struck in the rear by a Westfield resident. According to the Westfield resident, she attempted to stop but slid due to wet pavement caused by melting snow.

Also on Jan. 26 a Jamesburg resident was attempting to exit a parking lot and turn right onto Morris Avenue. Due to snow in the driveway, he moved to the left just as a Short Hills resident was attempting to enter parking lot and slide in the Jamesburg resident's vehicle.

A Union resident was travelling on

POLICE BLOTTER

Route 22 west on Jan. 25 when, according to police, she hit a patch of ice and started to lose control of the vehicle. She then collided into the concrete divider in front of the Holiday Inn. She reported that road conditions were extremely icy.

Also on Jan. 25 a Basking Ridge resident said he was driving west on Summit Road and when he attempted to slow down he hit a patch of ice and slid. The vehicle first struck the curb and then spun until it ended in a snow bank.

Lastly, on Jan. 25 an Irvington resident said they were travelling east on Route 22 and lost control on snow covered road. Then, the vehicle jumped the curb and struck a state owned sign.

A Mountain Avenue resident reported a 32-inch color television stolen from his residence Sunday.

On Saturday a Springfield resident reported \$500 stolen from her pocketbook at Taco Bell on Morris Avenue. She said the cash was taken when she went to the counter.

An Evergreen Avenue resident reported jewelry stolen from his residence Friday. According to police missing was a two rings, two necklaces, a bracelet, and a pair of earrings were missing. The items were valued at over \$2,000.

On Saturday, Mountinside police arrested Jamie Aguirre of Newark after discovering he had warrants for his arrest out of East Orange and Clifton.

On Saturday, Russell Gibson, 26, a Belle Meade resident was arrested at the Echo Brook rest area for driving while intoxicated.

On Friday, Mountinside Police arrested Elaine Depena of Scotch Plains for driving with a suspended driver's license. Thomas Sykes of Plainfield was arrested and charged with issuing a bad check on Jan. 26. According to police, Sykes leased two buses at Hurley Limo and then issued a bad check in the amount of \$1,900.

Exhibit to begin at Palmer

Aliza Bryan Hondru, of Maplewood, and Christopher Pacio, of Murray Hill, will be showing their paintings at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from Feb. 11 to March 16.

Bryan Hondru's art is entitled "Color, Line & Form." Her painting evolved from many years of teaching the use of color, line and form in clothing construction. Her art mainly concentrates on paintings and drawing in oils, water media and pen and ink. The influence of growing up in China and Japan appears in her printmaking with her use of oriental symbols of all types.

Born and raised in Shanghai, China, Bryan Hondru is a graduate of Texas Women's University, and did graduate studies at Rutgers University's Douglass College. She then studied at the Arts Student League in New York City. In her career she has taught Related Arts in New Jersey Schools.

Bryan Hondru has exhibited in group and one-person shows in New Jersey, including the Arts Council of Livingston, Watchung Art Center, Essex Watercolor Club, and Millburn Library. She has won awards for her work: "Award of Excellence" from the Essex Watercolor Club, and the Union County Joint Arts and Craft Show 1999, among others. She is a member of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit and an Associate Member of NJWCS, PaperMill where she received "Award of Excellence" in 1998.

Pacio will be showing his watercolor paintings, which will include wildlife in their habitat, paintings of New England lighthouses. He will also display tee shirt art and wood carvings. Pacio has enjoyed the visual arts from the time he was a young child. At that time he attended various courses at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. After graduating from Governor Livingston Regional High School, he attended the duCret School of the Arts where he studied under the auspices of William Senior.

Library offers Julia Roberts movie

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its Luncheonette Video series "Hollywood Classics: Old And New" with "My Best Friend's Wedding." 1998, 114 minutes. This program will be Feb. 15 at noon.

Julia Roberts, Dermot Mulroney, Cameron Diaz and Rupert Everett star in "My Best Friend's Wedding," a high-spirited romantic comedy that serves up something wild, something new, something touching and something truly hilarious.

Roberts dazzles as commitment-shy Jules Potter, who reluctantly realizes she is in love with her best friend, Michael, played by Mulroney. There is just one catch: he's about to marry someone else. Comically crazed and full of devious plans, Potter will do anything to steal him back — except tell him the simple truth.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

Students of the Quarter



Springfield's Florence M. Gaudineer School's Students of the Quarter recipients for the first quarter of the 1999-2000 school year are, from left, fifth-grader Laura Dausser, sixth-grader Carolyn Maul, seventh-grader Brandon Baron and eighth-grader Preethi Moorthy. The program is sponsored by the Springfield Elks 2004 as part of their Youth Activities Program which recognizes exceptional students, who are selected by the teaching staff based on their character, leadership, service, citizenship and scholastic ability. The students are awarded certificates during a dinner at the Springfield Elks Lodge.

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Staffers for pool sought

The Springfield Recreation Department is accepting applications for summer positions from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Interviews for all positions will be after applications are turned in to the Recreation Department. Pick up and return applications to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield.

Mature, hardworking individuals are needed to be lifeguards. You must be a certified lifeguard, CPR professional rescuer and first aid trained; experience with guarding is a plus.

Candidates must be personable and willing to work 30 to 40 hours per week, including holidays and weekends. There are approximately 10 positions open.

Mature individuals also are needed to serve as front desk staff at the pool. Candidates must be personable and willing to work days, weekends and holidays. There are approximately five front desk staff positions open. The deadline is March 1.



PERFECT HARMONY — Fourth-grader Amanda Majewski of Caldwell School in Springfield was a featured soloist for 'I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing' at the school's recent musical 'Salute to the 20th Century' winter choral concert.

Deerfield registration scheduled next month

Mountside's Deerfield School announced its registration for 2000-01 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be by appointment March 21, March 23 and March 24. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Parents are requested to call Susan Nugent to make an appointment for the screening that will be conducted by kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist, Barbara Komoroski, Deerfield School's guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

Parents should call Deerfield School at (908) 232-8826, ext. 213 to receive forms. Eligible students should be 5 years of age by Oct. 1. A birth certificate and proof of residency need to be presented to Nugent at the time of the appointment.

Female executives will have monthly dinner

The North Jersey Association of Female Executives will have their monthly dinner meeting on Feb. 17, at the Spanish Tavern restaurant, Route 22 East, Mountside.

The topic for the evening will be Women on Wheels, care care. A representative from Planet Honda will be the speaker.

The evening will begin at 6 and the cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members and \$5 extra for walk-ins. If you have any questions call LaDonna Carr at (800) 275-1767.

Children's Hospital seeking volunteers

Children's Specialized Hospital is seeking volunteers, ages 18 and older, to transport patients between therapy appointments within the hospital's Mountside site.

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Registration begins at the Camp Open House on Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Camp runs for eight one-week sessions beginning June 26. Financial assistance is available for all YMCA programs.

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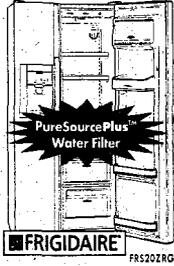
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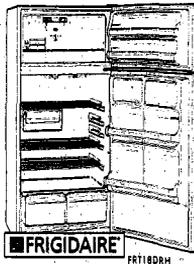
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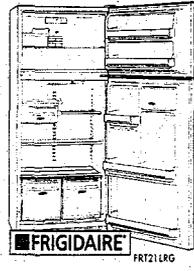
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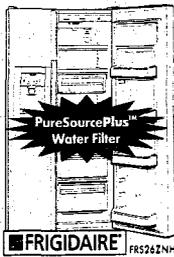
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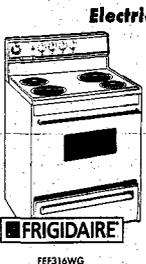
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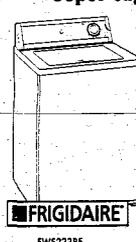
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OBITUARIES

Joseph P. Osty Jr.

Joseph P. Osty Jr., 55, of Roselle Park, formerly of Clark, husband of Mountainside Borough Clerk Judith Osty and a volunteer Roselle fireman, died Jan. 27 in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Paterson, Pa., Mr. Osty lived in Clark before moving to Roselle Park three months ago. He was a senior mechanic for the Borough of Roselle Public Works Department for 22 years. Mr. Osty was a volunteer fireman with the Roselle Fire Department for 12 years and a member of the Hillside Sportsmen's Association.

Surviving are his wife, Judith; two sons, Joseph P. II and Michael; a daughter, Debbie Burrows; two sisters, Barbara Fisch and Gail Buffone; and six grandchildren.

Angela Forina

Angela Forina, 79, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died Jan. 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in East Orange, Mrs. Forina lived in Union before moving to Springfield seven years ago. She was

a factory worker for 19 years with Colvin Friedman, Springfield, before retiring in 1997.

Alfreda Wade

Alfreda Wade, 65, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Jan. 25 at home.

Miss Wade was a nurse in Overlook Hospital, Summit, for many years before retiring. She graduated from Fisk University in Tennessee. Miss Wade was active with the Summit Chamber of Commerce and volunteered at Oaks Memorial Outch Center, Summit.

Michael Gonnella

Michael Gonnella, 75, of Mountainside died Jan. 24 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in East Orange, Mr. Gonnella lived in Westfield before moving to Mountainside in 1954. He co-owned with his brother, Joseph, Solid Waste Equipment Inc., Westfield, for 20 years, a company that sells and installs sanitation companies.

Prior to that, Mr. Gonnella had owned Golden Dawn Dairies in Westfield, the largest distributor for Rar-

itan Valley Farms, Somerville. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Also surviving are his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Norma Fendi; three sons, Anthony, Michael and Thomas; a sister, Annette Budo; and five grandchildren.

Paul Lippe

Paul Lippe, 89, of Maplewood, formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 24 in Memorial Memorial Hospital, Summit.

Born in Chicago, Mr. Lippe lived in Orange and Springfield before moving to Maplewood a year ago. He was a teacher at Barringer High School, Newark, for 35 years and retired as head of the history department, 30 years ago. Mr. Lippe received a master's degree from New York University.

Surviving are his wife, Louise; a daughter, Marjorie Hamen; and a stepdaughter, Sue Neuman.

Marie A. Voorhees

Marie A. Voorhees, 81, of Hamlet, N.C., formerly of Springfield, died

Jan. 29 in the Brithaven Nursing Home, Hamlet.

Mrs. Voorhees was born in Essex County. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church, Springfield. Surviving are four daughters, Marie Wortman; Marlene Durak, Margaret Agront and Eileen Accomero; five sons, Robert J., William, Edmund, Alan and Donald; 25 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Adele Thurston

Adele Thurston, 82, of Basking Ridge, formerly of Mountainside, died Jan. 28 at home.

Born in Cranford, Mrs. Thurston lived in Mountainside for 15 years before moving to Basking Ridge in

1997. She was a secretary for Western Electric, Kearny, for seven years until 1941.

Surviving are a daughter, Elizabeth Hogan; two sons, James and Robert; and six grandchildren.

Lee Van Goforth

Lee Van Goforth, 88, a church deacon, died Jan. 26 in Rahway Hospital. Born in Spartanburg, S.C., Deacon Goforth lived in Summit for 25 years.

He was a sanitation worker with the Summit Department of Public Works for 36 years and retired in 1975. Deacon Goforth was ordained in 1957. He was a trustee, Sunday School teacher and Brotherhood Club founder at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Summit. Deacon Goforth was a senior choir

member and past deacon board chairman. He was named "Father of the Church" in June 1998. Deacon Goforth actively visited the sick and shut-ins, attended Bible study and prayer meetings weekly and promoted various programs at the church and sister churches in the vicinity.

Surviving are two sons, Lee Jr. and Robert Lee; two daughters, Mary Ann Foster and Lois Cary; 23 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone.

For additional information, call 666-7700.

Composer gets in tune for dialogue

John Kaefler, a young composer and native of Basking Ridge, will engage in conversation with Garyth Nair, music director of Summit Choral, in two "Meet the Composer" programs.

The focus of both sessions will be the upcoming world premier of Kaefler's Psalm 27 for chorus, baritone soloist and orchestra. The dialogues will take place Friday at 8 p.m. in Hillman Hall of St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit, and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the lower level program room of the Bernards Township Library, 32 South Maple Ave., Basking Ridge.

Admission is free and there will be a reception following the program at both locations. For more information call (973) 762-8486.

Kaefler, now a graduate student at the Yale School of Music, began composing at the age of 10 and has since

won prestigious prizes for composition from the Renée B. Fisher Foundation, La Schola Cantorum, the International Horn Society and the International Clarinet Society.

He is a graduate of Eastman School of Music, where he studied with Christopher Rouse and Joseph Schwannner. Kaefler's compositions have been performed throughout the United States and Europe, including the Aspen Music Festival and Sidsawa Hall in New York City and at La Schola Cantorum in Paris. He has been profiled in the New York Times and The Star-Ledger and has been the subject of television and radio talk shows.

The world premiere of Kaefler's Psalm 27, on March 4, at 8 p.m., will be performed by Summit Choral in the auditorium of Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Ave. Also on the program, conducted by Garyth Nair, will be Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and David Diamond's Music for "Romeo and Juliet."

Katz earns degree at Syracuse University

Jordan Katz of Summit was among the students at the College for Human Development at Syracuse University who were selected to receive a bachelor's degree at the conclusion of the fall 1999 semester. Katz received a bachelor of science degree in consumer studies.

Mullens earns honors

Charles T. Mullens of Summit was among the students named to the dean's list, which recognizes students for academic excellence, for the 1999 fall semester at the University of Scranton.

A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours to make the dean's list.

Locals made dean's list at Quinnipiac College

Mountainside residents James J. Ciasulli, majoring in computer information systems; Elizabeth C. DeAnna, majoring in health science; physical therapy and Jamie P. Oels, majoring in occupational therapy were named to Quinnipiac College's dean's list for the fall 1999 semester.

Summit resident Lauren N. Martini also was named to the dean's list. Martini is an occupational therapy major.

Four residents honored for fall semester at U.D.

The University of Delaware has announced its dean's list for the fall 1999 semester.

Named to the dean's list are full-time students with grade point average of 3.33 or above on a 4.00 scale for the semester, with no temporary grades.

Mountainside resident and sophomore Jennifer Marie DeAngelis is enrolled in the College of Human Resources, Education and Public Pol-

icy. She is majoring in elementary teacher education.

Jan Louise Hoopingarmer of Mountainside is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is a mathematics education major.

Lucyann Cucinello of Springfield is a junior enrolled in the College of Human Resources, Education and Public Policy. She is a major in elementary teacher education.

Senior Christine Lynn Johanson, of Springfield, is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences as a communications major.

Staple among dean's list honorees at Scranton

Jessica R. Staple of Springfield was among the students named to the dean's list, which recognizes students for academic excellence, for the 1999 fall semester at the University of Scranton.

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

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Dayton, GL girls' excel in UC track

Dayton's Olga Oksov and Governor Livingston's Dana McCurdy turned in outstanding performances at the Union County girls' track and field meet held two weeks ago at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth.

Oksov finished fourth in the high jump event at 5-0. Amay Banas of New Providence was first with a jump of 5-0 that was slightly better.

McCurdy was second in the 60-yard hurdles in 8.7. Kiera Underwood of Elizabeth was first in 8.6.

Governor Livingston also had the winning mile relay team as Emilie Peres, Jennell Criscio, Shaha Chaffari and McCurdy, won in 4:28.7.

Hank Hansen and Marc Felezzola of Governor Livingston placed in the boys' shot put event at Dunn last week.

Hansen was second at 50-6 as Bernard Suchocki of Linden was first at 51-11. Felezzola was fourth at 46-5.

Springfield's Farrell first for Seton Prep

Ryan Farrell of Springfield, a senior at Seton Hall Prep High School in West Orange, turned in three outstanding efforts at Saturday's twin Hills Conference-Iron Division swimming meet at Morrisrow.

Farrell and three teammates were in the 200-meter freestyle medley in an impressive time of 1:57.89. Farrell was joined by Brian O'Neill, Tom Zagala and Greg Datoli.

Farrell was also third in the 100-meter butterfly in 1:04.45 and fourth in the 200-meter freestyle in 2:08.

Earlier in January, Farrell was sixth in the 200-meter freestyle event at the Essex County meet contested at Seton Hall University.

Springfield Softball is seeking players

The Springfield Men's Softball Program is seeking teams and/or individuals to participate in its spring league.

Games are played on weekday evenings from April to August. More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 973-467-4608.

Applications being accepted for instruction: The Springfield Recreation Department is accepting applications for the position of junior tennis team instructor.

The individual must have instructing experience and a valid driver's license.

The position involves organizing a tennis team for a summer league, practices and supervision at all home and away matches.

More information may be obtained by calling the recreation department at 973-467-4608 or 973-912-2227.

Camps upcoming

SportsMARTS will hold an Advanced Pitching Camp with pitching expert Tom House on March 4 and 5 in Union County. Sessions will be available for all ages. French Open doubles champion Luke Jensen will hold tennis camps in the New Jersey area in the coming months. More information about the camps may be obtained by calling 908-686-6057.

Dayton Boys' Basketball

Feb. 4 Breatley, 7:00
 Feb. 8 Roselle Park, 7:00
 Feb. 11 at North Plainfield, 7:00
 Feb. 15 St. Mary's, 7:00
 Feb. 18 at Johnston, 7:00

Dayton Girls' Basketball

Feb. 4 at Breatley, 7:00
 Feb. 8 at Roselle Park, 7:00
 Feb. 11 North Plainfield, 7:00
 Feb. 15 at St. Mary's, 4:00

Dayton Ice Hockey

Feb. 3 at N. Highlands, 5:00
 Feb. 6 at Ramsey, 9:15
 Feb. 9 Ramsey, 8:45
 Feb. 12 Tenafly, 8:45
 Feb. 13 Gov. Livingston, 4:15

Gov. Livingston Boys' Basketball

Feb. 3 at Immaculata, 7:00
 Feb. 8 Union Catholic, 4:00
 Feb. 11 at Newark Central, 4:00
 Feb. 16 Ridge, 7:00
 Feb. 17 at Millburn, 7:00

Gov. Livingston Girls' Basketball

Feb. 3 Immaculata, 7:00
 Feb. 11 Union Catholic, 4:00
 Feb. 11 Newark Central, 4:00
 Feb. 16 at Ridge, 7:00



Dayton's top line is shown in action against Passaic Valley. Freshman Brett Berger (No. 19) is feeding a pass to sophomore linemate Adam Cohen (center), while senior captain Jared Cohen (No. 9) heads for the net. Sparked by the play of the high-scoring line, Dayton had a three-game winning streak as of Tuesday and a 5-8 record after wins against Passaic Valley 8-1, Newark East Side 10-4 and Northern Highlands 6-1.

Dayton hockey impresses before NHL commissioner

Bulldogs began week with 3-game win streak

With National Hockey League commissioner Gary Bettman in attendance, the Dayton High School ice hockey team rose to the occasion by beating Northern Highlands 6-1 Saturday night in a contest held at the Chimney Rock Ice Arena in Bridgewater. Dayton's home rink.

Freshman Brett Berger and senior Jared Cohen each collected four points by scoring two goals and assisting on two others. Gerardo Roman and Adam Cohen also scored for the Bulldogs, who improved to 5-8 with their third consecutive win.

Roman and senior Brian Berger also had assists. The win pushed Dayton up to fourth place in the American C. Conference standings.

Prior to last night's scheduled game, Dayton outscored its last three opponents, all wins, by an impressive margin of 24-6.

Dayton routed Newark East Side 10-4 last Thursday at Ironbound Recreation Arena in Newark.

The Bulldogs' senior line of senior-captain Jared Cohen, freshman Brett Berger and sophomore Adam Cohen (Jared's brother), continued their assault on their opponents, amassing 17 points in the contest.

Adam Cohen and Berger each had six points. Cohen with three goals and three assists and Berger with two goals and four assists. Jared Cohen had two goals and three assists for five points.

These three players have now gathered 50 points in the four games since their line has been together, led by Jared Cohen (9 goals, 8 assists for 17 points), Adam Cohen (8-9-17) and Berger (5-11-16).

Jared centers for brother Adam (right wing), while Berger, a natural center, has moved to the off-wing.

Gerardo Roman picked up two goals in the East Side game and Jonathan Kovacs added the final tally.

Freshman defenseman Eric Decker assisted on one of the goals.

Goaltender John Laurencelle played well during the first

two periods. Freshman goalie A.J. Garciano played well in the third period, allowing only one goal.

Dayton won its third game of the season Jan. 23 as it dominated Passaic Valley 8-1 in a contest played at Chimney Rock in Bridgewater.

Berger scored two goals and assisted on two others and Jared Cohen scored two goals and had one assist.

Laurencelle stopped 18 of 19 shots and Garciano shut out Passaic Valley in the third period.

Dayton faced Bernards Jan. 22 at Chimney Rock and was defeated by a 12-6 score. Bernards improved to 15-1 with the victory.

Jared Cohen, Adam Cohen and Berger had a total of 12 points. Adam Cohen scored two goals and had two assists, Jared Cohen scored two goals and had two assists and Berger scored one goal and had three assists.

Todd Walters also scored for Dayton, his goal assisted by seniors Brian Berger and Kovacs. Freshman Ross Kravetz contributed an assist and Michael Rodriguez played well in only his second varsity game.

Garciano earned the game in the second period and limited Bernards to four goals over the final two periods.

Berger had two goals and two assists, giving him a total of eight points in the weekend games against Passaic Valley and Bernards. Jared Cohen had two goals and one assist for seven points over the weekend and Adam Cohen had one goal and two assists for a total of seven points in the two games.

Billy Chambers also had two goals for Dayton, with Kravetz tallying the final goal. Decker had an assist, along with Kevin Tighe, Brian Young and Roman.

Dayton, which was scheduled to host Fair Lawn last night at Chimney Rock, is scheduled to play Northern Highlands again tonight at 5 at Sport-O-Rama in Monsey, N.Y.

Upcoming: Feb. 3 at Northern Highlands, 5:00; Feb. 6 at Ramsey, 9:15; Feb. 9 Ramsey, 8:45.

Union County Tournament to feature best wrestlers

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

Can Roselle Park continue its dominance?

Will Rahway be able to slip past the Panthers?

Could a Union or Scotch Plains, or a Cranford or Governor Livingston roll to a first-place finish?

These questions and many more will begin to be answered beginning tomorrow night when the 25th annual Union County Wrestling Tournament, sponsored by the Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference, commences at Union High School.

The tournament, previously held the second week in February and at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth, will conclude on Saturday with the finals at 3:30.

County coaches agreed to move the tournament up a week this year in order to give whichever teams in the county qualified more time to prepare for the team sectionals. This year's sectionals are scheduled to take place from Tuesday, Feb. 15 through Saturday, Feb. 19.

The Dunn Sport Center is hosting the Union County Swimming Tournament this weekend and was not available, thus the tourney was moved to UHS, the annual site of Region 3 and Super Regions competition.

The seeding meeting is scheduled for tonight at 5:30 at UHS.

Here's a look at the schedule for the two days of wrestling:

Tomorrow: 5 p.m.: Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary. 7:30 p.m.: Quarterfinals. 9 p.m.: Consolation Preliminary. Saturday: 10 a.m.: Semifinals and Consolation Quarterfinals. 11:30 a.m.: Consolation Semifinals. 2 p.m.: Consolation Semifinals (3rd, 5th places). 3:30 p.m.: Awards Presentation. 3:45 p.m.: Finals.

Participating teams include: Breatley, Cranford, Elizabeth, Governor Livingston, Johnston, Linden, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle Catholic, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Union and Westfield.

State positioning about to wrap up

Dayton boys' seek high seed

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

Positioning for state playoff berths is about to come to a conclusion for local high school basketball teams as the cutoff date is this Saturday.

Dayton's boys' team, which was 10-2 going into Tuesday night's game at Oratory, is looking at probably the second seed in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1. Newark Science began the week with just one loss (12-1).

Governor Livingston's boys' team, which was 9-5 going into Tuesday afternoon's home game against Roselle, qualified in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2. The Highlanders began the week with a three-game winning streak and were winners of six of their past seven contests.

High School Basketball

Dayton's girls' team began the week at 6-8 and was scheduled to host Oak Knoll Tuesday night. The Bulldogs are scheduled to play at Breatley tomorrow night at 7.

Governor Livingston's girls' team qualified in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 and had a 9-4 record as of Tuesday. The Highlanders were scheduled to play at Roselle Tuesday and tonight have a game scheduled at home against Immaculata at 7.

Dayton's boys' team reached the North 2, Group 1 final last year as the No. 8 seed. Wins came at home over Kinnelon 46-35, at top-seeded Roselle Park 41-36 and at University 59-57. The Bulldogs were bested in the final by eventual Group 1 state champion New Providence 56-39.

This year Dayton has swept New Providence. Last week the Bulldogs split against Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division defending champion and leader St. Mary's of Elizabeth and Bound Brook.

Dayton received 12 points from leading scorer and senior captain Ryan Frenlich, nine from senior point guard Carmine Santarella, nine from Jeffrey Stapher, seven from Matt Paz and six from Dario Ruggiero in Thursday's close 49-44 loss at St. Mary's of Elizabeth. As of Tuesday St. Mary's was 14-1, winners of 11 in a row and 11-0 in the Valley Division.

Frenlich scored 13, Stapher 11, Lorenzo Williams and Paz eight each and Santarella six in a 71-50 win at home over Bound Brook Friday.

CL's boys' team won both of its games played last week, first beating Hillside 58-56 at home Thursday and then Johnston 43-36 in Clark Friday.

Freshman center Doug Caruso scored 15 points, Keith Goveia 14, Andrew Whitney and Rob Findlay 11 each and Mark Caniagalgo four in the win over a Hillside team that was 10-3 at the time and which had previously defeated CL in the season-opener for both back on Dec. 17 in Hillside.

Caruso had 17 points and five blocks. Whitney 10 points and Caniagalgo two in the victory over the Crusaders.

Dayton's girls' team routed Bound Brook 59-28 on Saturday in Springfield as Linda Agostinelli scored 13 points and dished out 11 assists. Dana Rutkowski had a team-high 16 points, Tara Listowski had 10 and Christina Tomasino had eight.

CL's girls' team won back-to-back games last week as it bested Hillside 60-35 in Hillside Thursday and Johnston 67-21 in Berkeley Heights Friday.

Jen Calabrese had 25 points and Maya Monroe 10 against Hillside and Calabrese had 17 points, 11 rebounds and eight steals and Monroe 12 points vs. Johnston.

Springfield teams give solid efforts

7th grade hoopsters win twice

The Springfield Minutemen 8th grade basketball team gave two solid efforts despite falling to Millburn 54-53 and Chatham 59-34 last week.

Leo Ferrine scored 16 points, grabbed nine rebounds and had six steals in the close loss to Millburn. Helmi Abdelaziz and Jordan Gerber both scored 13 points, Mike Luciano had nine and Frankie Miceli and Dan Scott had one basket each.

Abdelaziz had 11 points and five rebounds against Chatham. Gerber had eight points, Ferrine seven, Luciano four and Scott two and five boards.

Springfield's 7th grade team won two of three games last week, starting with a 37-36 victory at home over Millburn.

Youth Basketball

Matt Farley made two free throws with eight seconds left to give the Minutemen a 37-34 lead. Millburn made a two-point basket just before the final buzzer.

Kevin Johnson paced Springfield with a 14-point, nine-rebound performance. Kenneth Suarez scored nine points, including two free throws after technical fouls, and also grabbed five rebounds.

Mike Tiss scored eight points and Farley finished with six points. Robbie Shabat, Jesse Weatherston, Stephen Suarez and Kevin Kleyman also played well for the Minutemen.

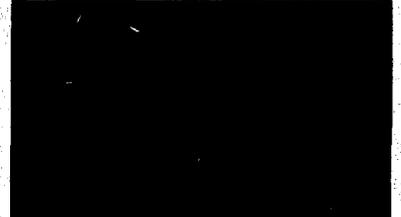
Springfield was defeated by Chatham 37-29, despite getting 18 points and 13 rebounds from Johnson. Weatherston had four points, Farley three and nine rebounds, Shabat two and four rebounds and Kenneth Suarez two. Tiss, Jesse Galinkin and Stephen Suarez also played well.

Springfield rebounded Saturday to defeat Scotch Plains 42-27 as Johnson had another double-double by scoring 12 points and coming down with 11 rebounds. Kenneth Suarez had nine points and five rebounds.

Shabat had eight points and six rebounds; Weatherston had six points and Tiss four. Alan Steinberg came off the bench and sunk a bucket and Kyle Seeley made a foul shot.

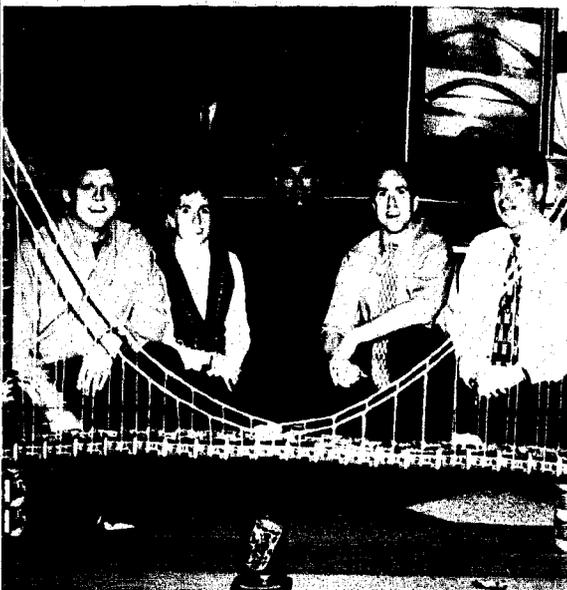
Greg Stefanello, Adam Hirst, Jake Floyd, Stephen Suarez and Galinkin also played well.

Springfield squads were scheduled to host Westfield last night at Gaudinier.



Springfield Minutemen 7th grade basketball player Robbe Shabat, shown here going up for a rebound against two Cranford defenders, scored eight points and grabbed six rebounds in helping Springfield defeat Scotch Plains 42-27 last week. Shabat also played well in a 37-36 home victory over Millburn and scored two points and grabbed four rebounds in a 37-29 loss to Chatham.

Bridging the gap with Spam



Employees of AGM Architecture and Design, from left, Ed James, Adrien Butjas, Ken Gruskin, Brooke Robinson and Springfield resident Joel Shulman display their spam bridge. The crew was sponsored by ShopRite supermarkets in developing the 410 'construction' to symbolically bridge the gap between nutrition and hunger. The award-winning Spam Bridge benefited the food banks of Second Harvest, a Food For survival benefit.

Township rec department offers co-ed volleyball

The Springfield Recreation Department offers a co-ed volleyball program Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the gymnasium at Sandmeier School on South Springfield Avenue.

This program is open for all township residents. For more information call (973) 912-2227.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE PROPOSED ORDINANCE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of MountainSide in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 18th day of January, 2000 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, MountainSide, NJ on the 15th day of February, 2000 at 8:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Judy E. O'ary
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1029-2000
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III, SUBSECTION 3-9.4.1 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE REGARDING PERMIT MAINTENANCE, AND AMENDING CHAPTER III, SUBSECTION 3-9.4.2 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE INCREASING THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER III, SECTION 3 OF THE CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of MountainSide, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Section 3-9.4 of Chapter III of the Code of the Borough of MountainSide, entitled "Property Maintenance," is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 3-9.4.1(g) shall be amended by deleting "12" and inserting "five inches (5") as follows:

2. Section 3-9.4.1 shall be amended by adding a new subsection (g) as follows:

3. Section 3-9.4.1 shall be amended to read as follows:

Any person or entity who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance or any order promulgated hereunder shall, when a summons is issued under the terms hereof, upon conviction, be punished as follows:

1. For a first offense, by a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a maximum fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) per day for each day the violation continues; and

2. For a second offense, by a minimum fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) per day and a maximum fine of four hundred dollars (\$400) per day for each day the violation continues; and

3. For a third offense, or any subsequent offenses, by a minimum fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) per day and a maximum fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day the violation continues or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days or both such fine and imprisonment.

Each of any of the provisions of this ordinance, and each day that such violation shall continue, shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Judy E. O'ary, Municipal Clerk
U7350 ECL Feb. 3, 2000 (834.25)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.

TAKE NOTICE, that the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee, scheduled on January 25, 2000, and cancelled for Wednesday, January 26, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. was rescheduled to prevent economic loss and to assist contractors and state regulatory matters.

KATHLEEN D. WBIENIEWSKI, RMC/CAC
Township Clerk
U7350 ECL Feb. 3, 2000 (\$4.50)

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Judy E. O'ary
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1029-2000
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1006, 1007 AND 1020 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE REGARDING PERMIT MAINTENANCE, RENEWAL OF PERMITS, ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY FOR EXPANSION OF OPERATIONS AND THE BUILD-

PUBLIC NOTICE

ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR REFINEMENT SIGNS, ILLUMINATION OF THE PROHIBITION AGAINST UNLAWFUL GREEN COLORED AND/OR ILLUMINATED SIGNS AND THE MINIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of MountainSide, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Article 10 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Borough of MountainSide, entitled "Zoning Regulations," is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 1006(a) shall be amended by inserting the following at the end of the subsection:

All building permits must be paid in full by the homeowner within ten (10) business days of issuance.

2. The initial paragraph of Section 1006(c)(1) shall be amended to read as follows:

Industrial/Commercial/Professional/ Retail: No parking, canopy, firm or corporation shall occupy, commence operations, enlarge operations within a building, enlarge the premises of any business or industry in the Borough, or change the location of its business or industry from one location to another with the Borough until an application is first made to the Administrative Official for a Certificate of Occupancy and said Certificate is issued after an inspection is performed by the Fire Official and the Administrative Official.

3. Section 1006(c)(1) shall be further amended by inserting the following paragraph at the end of the subsection:

The Administrative Official may grant a Certificate of Occupancy to a retail store or service operation in the B Zone without the necessity of a site plan approval if the Administrative Official is satisfied that the operation will be similar to the previous use, does not alter traffic or create safety hazards, does not endanger the health, safety and welfare of the citizens, and meets other required approvals, including, but not limited to, those relating to Board of Health and Fire Safety Codes.

4. Section 1007(a) shall be amended by deleting the words "existing tenant" and "existing" appearing from the second sentence.

5. Section 1007(11) shall be amended to read as follows:

Signage: cutout three-dimensional, cartoonish and/or pictorial signs, signs with garish or bizarre nature or which would be offensive to the community shall be subject to traffic flow, safety and aesthetics.

6. Section 1007(18) shall be amended by deleting the last sentence of the paragraph.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of MountainSide, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Article 12 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Borough of MountainSide, entitled "Enforcement, Violations and Penalties," is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1203 shall be amended to read as follows:

PENALTIES. The owner or user of any building or structure, lot or land or any thereof, where anything in violation of this Ordinance shall be placed or situated, and any architect, builder, contractor, or other person who is in any way connected therewith and who assists in the placement of such violation shall be liable jointly and severally to the full penalty of a separate offense and upon conviction thereof shall be fined \$200.00 or one hundred dollars (\$200.00) or one year imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or to both such fine and imprisonment for each day the violation continues.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect after its first passage and publication as provided by law.

Judy E. O'ary, Municipal Clerk
U7350 ECL Feb. 3, 2000 (853.75)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND THE REGULAR BOARD SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 27, 2000 WAS CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM.

MURRAY FROWER
Township Clerk
U7362 ECL Feb. 3, 2000 (\$4.25)

SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

In compliance with the Open Public Building Act of the State of New Jersey the Springfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees shall be held as follows: February 10, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. and March 13, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. (if necessary) September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, 2001. No regular meetings are held in July and August unless necessary.

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FACT: Overlook recently received accreditation with commendation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. Less than 14% of all hospitals surveyed across the nation receive this recognition.

OPINION: (a strong one) You should choose a proven leader in performing successful same day surgeries. Consider Overlook.

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