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TWO SECTION

Township Committee hits the brakes

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

A proposed swap of parkland between Springfield and Union County is on hold until officials from both sides can meet to discuss specific details in terms of property and maintenance. Last week the Board of Cho-

sen Freeholders was presented with an idea to trade seven acres of land near Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield for more than 11 acres near the Springfield-Union border.

But a variety of concerns from residents and elected officials at Tuesday night's Township Committee meeting

has the township moving at a more deliberate pace. The county was aiming to have the trade of property and a new lease agreement between the county and the Board of Education on the freeholders' agenda tonight but it unclear the items be would, at press-time yesterday. The freeholders meet at 7 p.m. in the sixth-floor meeting room of the Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth.

Under the proposed land swap, Springfield would receive anywhere from seven to nine acres of land, stretching from the soccer and softball fields in front of Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue to the soccer field that borders the former Rahway Valley rail line near Meisel Avenue Park. The property line currently runs right through the softball field adjacent to tennis courts in front of the high school with the township owning land on the side of the courts.

The township would give up an 11.23-acre property along the Rahway River on Morris Avenue at the Union border. The county currently owns about four acres adjacent to the property and the swap would allow for a larger, contiguous site.

Due to the irregularity of the property, County Manager Michael Lapolla said the county's best estimate was about seven acres while township officials were under the impression it would be nine acres.

First, several committee members raised questions during the work session prior to the regular meeting Tuesday. Committeeman Gregory Clarke was unclear about just exactly what property the town would be getting and who would be responsible for maintenance of a pumping station and other apparatus on the currently township-owned property.

Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik wondered who Marion Avenue residents would have to deal with — the county or the township — in regard to wells on the property and flooding. The backs of homes on Marion Avenue abut the property and last year residents approached the township about flooding problems they believe resulted from wells on the land.

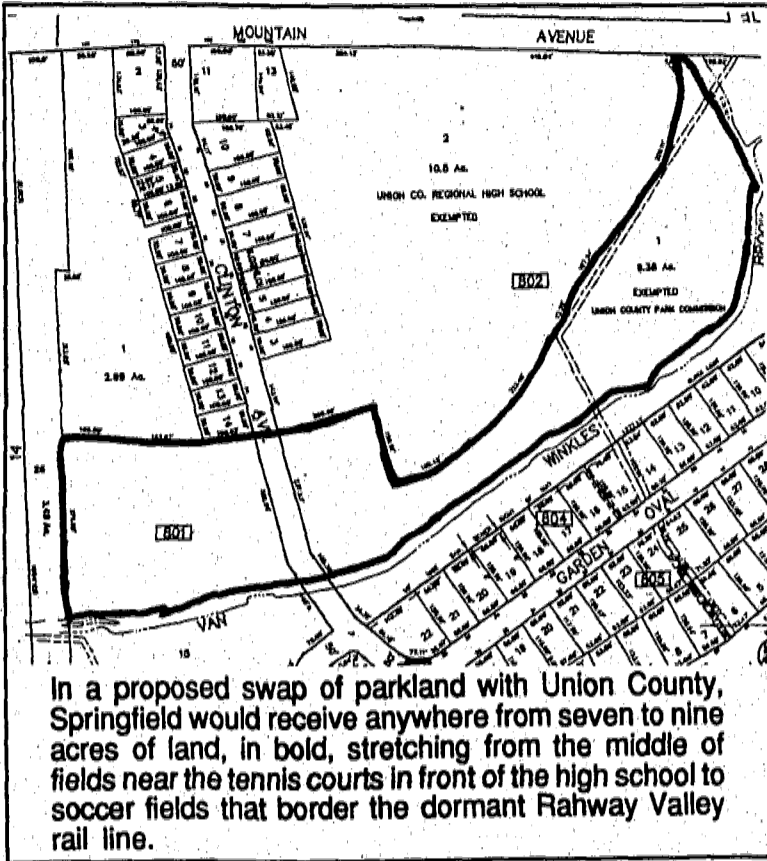
Committee members also were unclear if the town would receive land on both sides of Van Winkle's Creek and Wabeno Avenue Park. Lapolla said Tuesday the county only would give up land on one side of the creek, near the high school.

Mayor Sy Mullman said a walk of the property with county officials will be scheduled to "make sure we're all talking about the same thing."

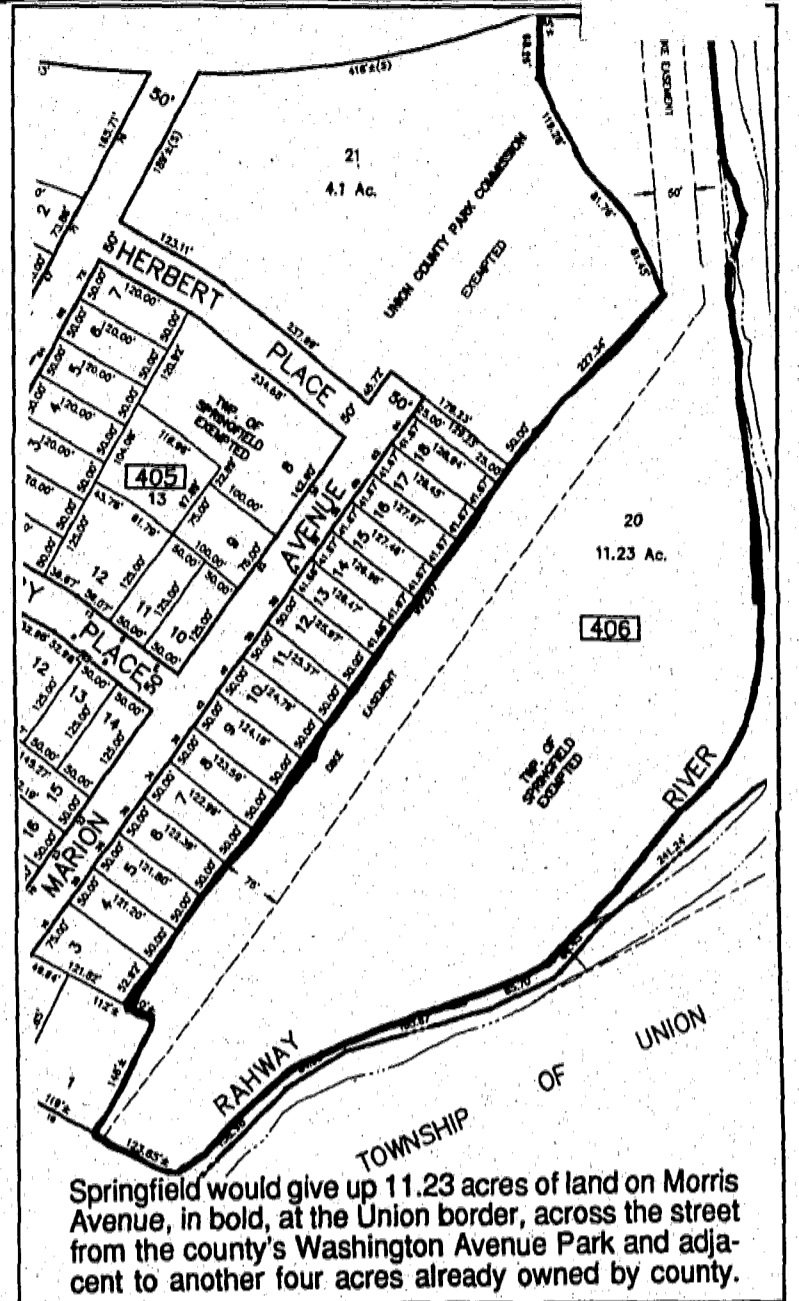
"We're not moving on it yet; there are a lot of questions and we need a lot of answers."

The Springfield Board of Educa-

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In a proposed swap of parkland with Union County, Springfield would receive anywhere from seven to nine acres of land, in bold, stretching from the middle of fields near the tennis courts in front of the high school to soccer fields that border the dormant Rahway Valley rail line.



Springfield would give up 11.23 acres of land on Morris Avenue, in bold, at the Union border, across the street from the county's Washington Avenue Park and adjacent to another four acres already owned by county.

Be my Valentine

Deerfield students enjoy annual day

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Forget expensive jewelry, gorgeous long-stemmed roses and chocolate hearts — nothing warms a mother's heart like a handmade Valentine from her child.

Deerfield kindergarten children were engaged in doing just that on Tuesday, the day before the Big Day. "This could not be more fun," said Jana MacMillan, one of the kindergarten teachers. "They are very artistic too."

All 20 of her little ones, ages 5 and 6, and mostly boys, were busy cutting heavy red drawing paper into exact hearts. Some were printing in big letters their special message. Cooper Truman, 6, was printing, "Be My Valentine?" and when asked if he had any doubts of his mom's answer, he laughed and said, "No, she will: she loves me."

Niko Karant, 5, was happy that the Valentine would be a surprise for his mother. Five-year-old Nisha Rele was looking forward to the other surprise planned by the school for the moms: a Love Lunch on Friday, given every

year by the kindergartens, inviting all the moms to come and share a festive lunch in the cafeteria with their children.

"Over 80 moms are invited, and they all come," MacMillan said. "In the morning the mothers pack two lunches; one for the child and one for themselves, but the rest is up to us." The four kindergarten teachers bake ahead and make desserts to treat the mothers, furnish coffee and tea, and decorate the entire cafeteria with red hearts and ribbons.

"If a mother is unable to come, the child can bring a grandmother or close friend as a guest. We always have a great time," added MacMillan. Besides MacMillan, the other three kindergarten teachers hosting the event are Ann Gerding, Michelle Hanlon and Annie Corley. "We do breads and cakes and puddings — a variety of desserts to share with the moms. It is our way of saying thank you to them, and we look forward to it each year."

The children also learn how to be host and hostess in the process of welcoming their mothers. In advance,



Photo By Jeff Grant

Peter Messler, 5, works on a valentine during kindergarten class at Deerfield School in Mountainside.

they have also made placemats. One little boy, Peter Messler, had made a heart-shaped placemat which read: "To Mrs. Messler. I love my Mom — Peter."

Assistant Principal Elizabeth Kesh-

ish stopped by Tuesday to see how the Valentine's were going, and to check on the placemats. "This is such a special thing and they love it, as do the

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Borough budget to be introduced on Tuesday

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Mountainside Borough Council will introduce the 2001 municipal budget at its regular meeting Tuesday night, a \$7.6-million spending plan that will mean a \$48 increase for the average household.

When doing preliminary figures with bonding issues last year, Mayor Robert Vigilanti said he proposed a worst-case scenario to the governing body of a three-point tax increase. One tax point is roughly \$16 to the average home. The borough last year got started on a \$6-million renovation project of its infrastructure, from sewers and roads to curbs and intersections.

"We normally don't introduce the budget as early as we this year," the mayor said, "because we can't get figures as early as we did from certain agencies."

The budget increase is approximately 2.98 points, primarily because of grants that are expiring and being made up from the tax levy. Under the proposed plan, the municipal tax rate

would increase from \$0.84 per \$100 of assessed value to \$0.87.

Decreases in appropriations were realized in debt service, \$20,000, and salaries for the Department of Public Works due to consolidation of a position. Increases on the appropriations side of the budget included \$113,000 for police salary and wages; \$17,000 for Planning Board legal expenses; \$50,000 for snow removal; \$11,620 for recreation, and \$5,000 for the public library.

The mayor cited several officers' salaries, not by name, that escalated dramatically last year; increases anywhere from \$7,000 to \$9,000. "It's getting to the point of getting to be serious."

The council approved a new contract in December 1999 with Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 126 through 2002 with salary increases of 3.8, 3.9, 3.95 and 4 percent, in each year, respectively.

Vigilanti credited Chief Financial Office Michelle Swisher, who worked "very hard work" on the budget and earned the borough \$139,000 in interest last year.

Methodist church aims to help poor

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, a sturdy white, wood-frame colonial style church building has been on Church Mall in downtown Springfield since 1832. Although the congregation was formed in 1827 with just a few families, now it numbers over 140, and has a much broader outreach.

"We are a church that cares for the poor. We are very involved in the care of the homeless, and feeding the hungry," said the pastor, The Rev. Jeffrey Markay, and the congregation has several ongoing projects that prove his point.

One of the most interesting is the church's "Coffee With Conscience" when the downstairs fellowship hall is turned into a coffee house, complete with candlelight, folk music and professional entertainers. It takes place every other month on a Saturday night, and has attracted people from far and wide, only about half of whom are church members.

"The event is run by a leadership team of five church members, including me, and there is a charge of \$10 per person. Not a penny goes to the church, but all proceeds go to three projects dear to our hearts," the minister said. The three recipients are the Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless of Union County and the Community FoodBank of New Jersey in Hillside. Markay said the hall can hold 140 people, and each time, it has been full.

Volunteers help the small church support the event. "Ahre Coffee Roastery of Westfield, a gourmet coffee brewer, owned by Ahre Maros, heard about what we were doing, and he not only comes, but gives us all the coffee that we use. Several bakeries in town also donate pastries," said Markay.

"None of these folks are members, but believe in what we are doing." The entertainers are paid, but the remainder of the money is divided between the three organizations that the church has virtually adopted.

The monthly event is open to all ages everywhere, and is how the church is trying to reach out to the community and help others at the same time. "We feel that these three agencies are making a big difference in the world; the idea was from Jeff Johnston, a member, who thought that people with a conscience would naturally want to help those in the worst need. We all agreed, and the coffee house was born last September," the pastor said.

Inside the traditional United Methodist church is beautiful but simple, with gold cross at the altar and no stained glass windows in the sanctuary. However, it is adorned with panels of beautiful handmade banners, designed by a poster committee in the congregation.

There is a red banner with a white dove, representing the Holy Spirit; a lion lying with a lamb, which says "peaceful union," from the Bible story in Isaiah, chapter 11, 1-9. There are banners for church holidays: Christmas, Easter, and a dark one with cross and crown of thorns for Lent and the Crucifixion. There is one beautiful stained glass window of the Savior with arms outstretched in the narthex.

"We have three very different worship services," said Markay. He said there is the traditional 10:30 a.m. Sunday service, and the other two are quite unique. There is a Taize service, named for a village in France famous for its ecumenical youth services with much chanting and simple hymn-singing. "Everyone comes to our Taize service, not just the youth of the church, and we hold this with CD music on the last Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., and it is well attended."

The third service is a healing one, on the first Wednesday of every month, also at 7:30 p.m. It is called "A Service of Prayer and Healing" and dates to the first century of the early church. The pastor uses anointing with oil, also an ancient practice, for those in need of God's healing touch. Markay was ordained in 1994, and was associate minister at the Morristown United Methodist Church before coming to Springfield in 1995. He loves it here, and said,

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Photo By Jeff Grant

The Rev. Jeff Markay says the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church is 'a church that cares for the poor.' In addition to a bimonthly coffeehouse that raises money for nonprofit groups, the church has organized shipments of pharmaceuticals and health kits to Kosovo.

Newspaper offices will be closed on Monday

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Monday in observance of Presidents' Day. We will reopen Tuesday.

The deadlines for the Feb. 22 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — today, noon.
- Letters to the editor — Friday, noon.
- What's Going On — Friday, 3:30 p.m.
- Display ads — Friday noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
- Sports news — Friday, 9 a.m.
- General news — Tuesday, 5 p.m.
- Classified advertising — Tuesday, 3 p.m.

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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 event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today

- Today is the deadline to register to vote in the March 27 Mountainside school referendum. To obtain forms for voter registration or absentee ballot requests call Cara Greeley at (908) 598-1334.
- The Springfield Free Public Library Book Discussion Group meets to discuss the Bible: Job at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room. For information call (973) 376-4930.
- The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, offers Preschool Storytime for 3 and 4-year-olds on Thursdays at 2 p.m. until March 8. For more information or to register, call (908) 233-0115 to sign up.
- The Berkeley Heights Board of Education conducts a regular meeting in the Columbia multipurpose room at 8 p.m.

Friday

- The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, offers Toddler Time for 2-year-olds on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. until March 9. For more information or to register, call (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

Saturday

- The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, offers a class: Community First Aid & Safety — infant, child, adult CPR and first aid — from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call Linda Johnson at (908) 232-7090.

Sunday

- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, continues its Sunday family programs with "Make-a-Snake" at 2 p.m. Create and camouflage a foot-long snake to blend with whatever habitat you select. Decorate a sea serpent, desert viper, jungle boa or other snakescape. Admission is \$1 per child.
- The Springfield Historical Society hosts an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For information call (973) 376-4784.

Monday

- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, presents "The Sky Inside," a planetarium show at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. For children 4 to 6 accompanied by an adult. Explore the day and nighttime sky. No preregistration. Admission is \$3 per person.
- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, presents "Journey of Sap to Syrup," from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. See how real maple syrup is made from the sap of a sugar maple tree. For families, ages 6 and up. No preregistration. Admission is \$3 per person.
- The Springfield Environmental Commission meets at 8 p.m. in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Tuesday

- Children are invited to learn about United States presidents by acting out some of the events in their lives at 10:30 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., as part of a Creative Dramatics program with Ellen Parker of Youth Stages. The program is intended for children in kindergarten through grade two. The performance is free, but pre-registration is required.
- Call the library at (973) 376-4930 to reserve your spot.
- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, presents "Kindling Kits," from 11 a.m. to noon. Collect sticks and twigs to create a kit that will help start a winter fire. For families, ages 4 and up. Preregistration required.

call (908) 789-3670. Cost is \$3 per kit.

• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., presents "Go Tell It On The Mountain," at noon as part of Black History Month. Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information call (973) 376-4930.

• Trailside Nature & Science Center presents "Magic is funny," at 1:30 p.m. Ron Owen will perform tricks to amaze young and old. For ages 4 and up. Admission is \$4 per person. No infants or babies in strollers allowed in auditorium.

• Trailside Nature & Science Center presents "Wildlife Watch," from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Observe animals visiting the bird-feeding station and search the forest for winter wildlife. For families, ages 6 and up. Preregistration required, call (908) 789-3670. Admission is \$3 per person.

• The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, offers Storytime Theatre for Kindergarten on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. until March 6. For more information or to register, call (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

• Trailside Nature & Science Center presents "Owl Prowl," from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A brief slide show followed by a walk to listen for owls of the Watchung Reservation. For families ages 6 and up. Admission is \$3 per person. Preregistration required, call (908) 789-3670.

• The Springfield Board of Adjustment conducts an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Borough Council conducts a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Wednesday

• The Springfield Development Review Committee meets at 7 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hosue. Following devotions and a short business meeting the group will engage in a work project of preparing health kits for Church World Service. Refreshments will be served. All women of the church and their friends are invited to be a part of this group.

Upcoming

Feb. 22

• The Great Books Reading and Discussion Group will meet at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. when the Book of Job from the Bible will be discussed. The discussion leader will be Arlene Blaumeiser. All are welcome. No advanced registration is required.

For more information call (973) 376-4930.

• The Springfield Rent Leveling Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Room, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor a Men's Night Out at 8 p.m. at Chrones Tavern. Call Jim Pisano at (908) 389-0455 for information and to RSVP.

Feb. 23

• The Governor Livingston Band Parents Organization will sponsor the Highlander Auction with doors to open at 7 p.m. and the auction to begin at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person which includes a book of tickets, \$2.50 value, and a complimentary beverage and dessert. For more information call (908) 464-3100. Snow date is March 9.

Feb. 25

• Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, will present "Winter get-a-way Australia" featuring Trailside's intrepid traveler Holly Hoffman, who will present a slide tour of Victoria Province, the jungle at Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef, at 2 p.m. Donation is requested.

Feb. 26

• The Mountainside Recreation Department will present line dancing at Beechwood School Gym from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for residents, \$20 for non-residents.

For more information call the Recreation Department at (908) 232-0015.

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

• The Springfield Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.

Feb. 27

• The Springfield School District will conduct a special election for a school bond referendum to renovate athletic fields. Polls will be open from 2 to 9 p.m.

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor Ladies Night Out, with Movie Night at the Rialto Theatre in Westfield. For more information and to RSVP call Heather Pisano at (908) 389-0455.

March 1

• The Foothill Club 38th birthday luncheon will be at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield, featuring a show and tell with members participating. Guests are welcome. For reservations call Genevieve Kaczka at (908) 232-3626.

March 3

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor Mommy & Me Bumper Bowling at Garwood Lanes. The cost is \$10 per child, which includes hot dog, chips, soda, two hours of bowling and shoes. Call Margaret DiPalma at (908) 518-0134 to RSVP.

• The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will have its annual pasta dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Call the church office at (973) 379-4320 for more information and tickets.

March 5

• The Mountainside Recreation Department will present line dancing at Beechwood School Gym from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for residents, \$20 for non-residents. For more information call the Recreation Department at (908) 232-0015.

• The Springfield Board of Education will conduct a conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School.

March 7

• The Springfield Planning Board will conduct an executive meeting at 7 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the committee room, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

March 8

• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will conduct a regular conference meeting in the Clausen Administrative Complex at 8 p.m.

• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

March 10

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor the Winter Gala at Sheffield's Catering. Call Kim Moriak at (908) 232-5608 for more information.

Retirees meet Tuesdays

Meetings of the Mountainside Active Retirees are conducted on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Mountainside residents and their guests are always welcome.

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Brittany Keeler, a fourth-grader at Saint James The Apostle School in Springfield, holds Gerti, the puppy she will raise as a seeing eye dog.

Student raises seeing eye dog

Each birthday is a major event for youngsters but for Brittany Keeler becoming 9 was the most important one she could imagine. Becoming 9 years old meant that she could become a puppy raiser for the Seeing Eye Inc., Morristown.

Keeler, a fourth-grade student at Saint James The Apostle School in Springfield, knew all about being a puppy raiser. She will tell you there were Seeing Eye puppies in her home even before she was born. But these pups were being raised by her grandmother. Keeler could help with these pups but they were not her project.

Gerti changed all that. Gerti is a yellow Labrador puppy being raised by Keeler, her first official Seeing Eye puppy.

As a puppy raiser, Keeler is responsible for the care, training and exposure necessary to prepare her furry charge for the life ahead of her — being the eyes and constant companion of a blind individual.

Keeler must attend meetings every two weeks with her puppy where the basic obedience commands are taught and problems are taken care of. She must work with her pup at home, both training and playing with her and making sure she receives love and attention.

Keeler attends many field trips with her puppy club where members — there are 35 pups being raised in her club — expose the pups to many situations they will encounter as working guide dogs.

These field trips are an important

part of the pup's training but they are also fun for the puppy raiser. These trips include Liberty Science Center, Livingston Mall, Newark Airport, a train trip, Philadelphia, a Newark Bears baseball game, parades and an overnight trip complete with a hotel stay.

Keeler understands as much as she loves her puppy there is someone who needs her even more — the blind individual who will gain freedom and independence from a Seeing Eye dog. She will gain confidence and responsibility from raising her puppy and will have the satisfaction of knowing she has helped someone else.

Keeler knew Gerti's mother, Charlotte, as this Labrador was raised by Keeler's grandmother several years ago. Seeing Eye pups are bred at the breeding station and the breeders come from the puppy project. Keeler had many happy moments with Charlotte and now is extremely happy with Gerti who, in turn, adores her young mistress.

Once Gerti is returned to the Seeing Eye for her formal training, Keeler will receive another puppy to raise. She will be invited to Morristown to watch Gerti work with her instructor and once Gerti leaves Seeing Eye with her new master, Keeler will receive a letter telling her something about the person Gerti was matched with and a photo of Gerti in harness.

For information on raising one of these puppies — both children and adults can be puppy raisers — call the Seeing Eye at (973) 539-4425.

'February Festivities' at Trailside next week

During the winter school break, Monday through Feb. 23, Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will offer "February Festivities," a week full of special programs for children and their families.

"Trailside's popular nature programs offer fun and educational activities for families during the winter break from school and throughout the year," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "No matter what the season, the wonders of nature in Union County await your discovery at the Trailside Center."

Highlighting this year's schedule is Ron Owen, magician extraordinaire, who will present "Magic Is Funny" on Feb. 20 at 1:30 p.m. for children ages 4 and older. The show has the perfect blend of magic, comedy and audience participation. Owens has been entertaining audiences for 25 years. Tickets are \$4 per person and will be sold at the door. No children under four years of age will be admitted.

To add to the festivities, two planetarium shows entitled "the Sky Inside" will be offered for children ages 4 to 6 accompanied by an adult on Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. and again at 12:15 p.m.

This is an opportunity to explore the day and nighttime sky with your preschooler. Participants will learn about the transition of daytime into nighttime and witness the movement of the sun and moon. Tickets are \$3 per person and will be sold at the door.

At 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 19, "The Journey from Sap to Syrup" will be presented for families with children of all ages in the Visitor Center auditorium. The program begins with a slide-illustrated discussion which will explain how Native Americans made maple sugar as well as how it is made today. Find out what equipment is needed to do the job, walk to a sugar maple tree to see a tap in

action and take part in a taste test. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3 per person. Participants in the "Wildlife Watch" offered on Feb. 19 and Feb. 20 at 3:30 p.m. for families with children ages 6 and older will observe animals who are visiting the bird-feeding station and then search the outdoors for winter wildlife. These winter walks will end with stories by a campfire, hot chocolate and marshmallows. The fee is \$3 per person, pre-registration is required and dress warmly.

Back by popular demand is a program entitled "Kindling Kits," offered before the magic show on Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. for families with children ages 4 and older. Keeping warm by an open fire has a lot of appeal, but getting the blaze going can be tough. Collect sticks, twigs, holly, evergreen sprigs and colorful berries to create a bundle that will help to start a winter fire blazing. The fee is \$3 per kit and pre-registration is required.

This year Trailside will offer an "Owl Prowl" for families with children ages 6 and older on Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. A brief slide show will be followed by an outdoor walk to listen for resident owls of the Watchung Reservation. The fee is \$3 per person, pre-registration is required and dress warmly.

The vacation week programs will close Feb. 23 at 1:30 p.m. with "Snakes of New Jersey," for families with children ages 6 and older. Did you know 21 different species of snakes live in New Jersey? Meet Trailside's live snakes and learn some surprising serpentine facts while observing snake feeding in Trailside's reptile room. The fee is \$3 per person and pre-registration is required.

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

For a complete listing of "February Festivities" programs and information on upcoming events, call Trailside Nature & Science Center at (908) 789-3670.

Deutsch on display



Photographer Martin Deutsch of Springfield shows off his picture entitled 'In Land of the Free,' which was exhibited at the New Jersey Senior Citizens Art Contest and Exhibition at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters. The NJ State Senior Citizen Art Exhibition is supported by the NJ State Council on the Arts, NJ Division of Senior Affairs, NJ Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the NJ Foundation for Aging, and is coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Open house on Sunday

The Springfield Historical Society will host an open house on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., in honor of President's Day.

On display will be a letter written by George Washington in his own hand from Springfield in 1780, and a recently rediscovered letter of commendation to the Springfield Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee in 1930 signed by Herbert Hoover. Also shown will be fragments of a bowl made in 1824 to commemorate the American tour of the Marquis de Lafayette.

Admission is free; refreshments will be served.

Captain's suit dismissed

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

More than three years of legal battles may be at an end after Superior Court Judge John Pisansky dismissed a civil lawsuit against the Township of Springfield, brought by Police Capt. Vernon Pedersen.

Pedersen, who is still working in Springfield Police Department, had claimed the township defamed and robbed him of his due process rights when they fired him for making anti-Semitic remarks about a fellow officer. Pisansky ruled that Pedersen's suit had no legal merit, adding that the suit was filed too late, as it should have been filed when he first appealed his 1998 firing.

Pedersen was fired in March 1998, but in February 1999 Superior Court Judge Edward Toy ordered that he be reinstated and given back pay. Toy said a 90-day suspension was sufficient punishment.

Pedersen was fired because he referred to a fellow officer, Lt. Ivan Shapow, with an anti-Semitic epithet during a telephone conversation to

police headquarters where all incoming calls are recorded.

It was not until March 2000 that Pedersen filed suit against the township, first in federal court before withdrawing it and filing in Superior Court.

"We are vindicated," Township Attorney Bruce Bergen said. "The recent decision is correct. Capt. Pedersen felt he had a basis for his suit and that is his right; he had been fired but Judge Toy brought him back. As far as I know, there have been no problems."

Bergen added, "Certainly the town always felt that they had acted properly. Pedersen is back in his job and I would hope this is the end of it."

Pedersen's attorney, Ronald Ricci, believed the results of the suit were disappointing for Pedersen. "He felt many of his civil rights were violated."

Three other officers, including Shapow, had filed separate lawsuits against the township, alleging a climate of discrimination. In August 1999, the Springfield Township Committee settled the suits.

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A month to observe black achievements

Education and community groups are holding events during February to mark Black History Month. This is a time to observe the significant contribution of African Americans to the development of our culture and society.

The civil rights struggle is certainly a prominent part of this annual observance. Activists such as Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King Jr. and Thurgood Marshall are recognized for their significant achievements in classrooms and other events.

This month is also a time to recognize those who are less known — teachers, government officials, ministers, scientists and military officers who have made their mark on society.

Some were among the first to break the color barrier in their respective fields, while others continue to show that people should be judged by their abilities and not by the color of their skin.

A history month means more than simply remembering people and events of the past. We must also learn how these things shape our present and future. While many strides have been made, the black community and American society as a whole still has a long way to go to achieve full equality and harmony.

Some may argue that singling out a particular group during Black History Month does more to create divisiveness than generate unity. We disagree. America's history of slavery and discrimination cannot be forgotten, and black people, more than any other minority group in this country, were the main victims of these assaults. The achievements and advancements of African Americans in the face of this cannot be overlooked. Acknowledging our mistakes is the only way we can improve conditions in the present and future.

The good fight

Like sex, drugs and rock 'n roll, teenage drinking is something that many don't speak of, but it still exists. In more affluent communities such as Springfield and Mountainside, underage drinking seems almost a rite of passage or just part of the high school or college-age scene. Yet few speak of it, either not believing it occurs in "our town" or simply looking the other way thinking "kids will be kids."

But underage drinking can have dire consequences that should not be tolerated as "a phase," "being young," or "at least it's not drugs, it's just beer." Besides the immediate dangers of underage drinking, such as drinking and driving or alcohol poisoning, there are the potential long-term effects such as alcoholism.

Springfield is preparing an amendment to its ordinances that would allow police to penalize kids for underage drinking on private property. Other communities in New Jersey have passed similar legislation including Verona, Bernardsville and Bedminster, while Summit is expected to approve its own next month.

It's not a matter of making the Police Department the Gestapo, breaking in doors to look for kids who may be drinking alcohol. There are common sense exceptions within the proposed amendment, such as the role alcohol plays in some religious ceremonies or in the presence of a parent or legal guardian.

The amendment closes a loophole that would allow a young person to avoid the consequences of being underage and drinking at a party, where usually there is no adult supervision. As it stands, an underage person would not be penalized should they be drinking at a friend's home; rather, it would be the owner of that property who would be liable. The measure forces young people who should be prepared to make difficult decisions in their lives soon to take on the personal responsibility that comes with maturing into an adult. Police regularly describe the law an "extra tool" in their enforcement of these laws.

Mountainside is doing its part in applying for a state grant that would fund a Cops in Shops program in which police officers work undercover as clerks in liquor stores. The program aims to crack down on underage kids trying to buy alcohol with phony IDs or people of legal age purchasing alcohol for minors.

When the parents are away, the kids will play. Whether it's Springfield, Mountainside or some other town, middle and high school kids are very much the same.

For whatever reasons, if someone's parents are out of town one weekend, more than likely there will be a gathering of youngsters at that home inviting guests like Jack Daniels and Jim Beam.

These measures are not so much punishment, but an attempt to ensure the safety of young people who might not think they need any help in that area, but we all know they still do need some.



PEACHES FOR ME — Springfield's James Caldwell School fourth-graders Jordan Gelband and Colin Greten summarize the plot and illustrate a scene from one of their book report books. Jordan read 'James and the Giant Peach' and Colin read 'Dear Mr. Henshaw' for Karen Hagan's communication arts class.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our schools selected for program

To the Editor:

As a member of the Springfield Board of Education and as a senior vice president of investments at Salomon Smith Barney Inc., Short Hills, I am pleased to announce that our schools were selected as one of the first 50 schools to enroll in our third annual nationwide financial literacy program, Take Your Parents to School Day. This qualifies the Florence M. Gaudineer School to participate in this year's program which will take place from Feb. 27 to March 1.

The selected classes — limited to three classes per school — within our school will also participate in our nationwide stock portfolio contest, monitored on Salomon Smith Barney's Young Investors Network web site, www.salomonsmithbarney.com/yin.

I, as a Salomon Smith Barney financial consultant, will introduce the contest to our classes on the third day of the program, March 1. Program materials, including the curriculum and workbooks, will be mailed to Frank Sanchez, teacher at F.M. Gaudineer School, this week. Materials will include a teachers guide, student guides and an NYSE video.

The program is designed for middle school grades 5 to 9. Any class outside that range is not allowed to participate in the program.

Robert B. Fish
Springfield Board of Education

Be mindful of all these 'trends'

To the Editor:

Your Jan. 11 editorial discussing Mountainside "trends and needs" are probably well taken. Let us be mindful — not complaining — how all of these "trends" will impact our traditional, reasonable real estate taxes.

Joseph C. Chieppa
Mountainside

Land swap still a bad deal for us

To the Editor:

I am now opposed more than ever to the Feb. 27 special referendum election being called by the Springfield Board of Education, even with the newly-announced land swap.

Last Friday, the news came that a land swap deal was being made between the Township of Springfield and the Union County government. The county will receive 11.23 acres of Springfield land, and Springfield is getting only nine acres of county land. This is peripheral land owned by Union County near Jonathan Dayton High School, and not within the main area of Meisel Avenue Park, one of 26 county parks. This is definitely not a good deal for Springfield residents.

Another factor is that even though the Feb. 27 referendum is an identical repeat of the defeated Dec. 12 referendum, the Springfield Board of Education has never renegotiated the 1963 contract with the Union County government concerning the use of Meisel Avenue Field which expired in 1983. In over 17 years, the Springfield Board of Education, and its predecessor, the Regional Board of Education, have failed to secure a written contract regarding the use and care of Meisel Avenue Field which is under Green Acres jurisdiction.

Last year, Springfield homeowners paid property taxes of \$19 million to the Board of Education, \$11 million for municipal purposes, and \$6 million to the Union county government. Now, the Board of Education wants \$3.4 million to repair old athletic fields and build new ones including a field house on Union County park property known as Meisel Avenue Field. This one small building has an estimated cost of \$786,000. Further explanations of these specific costs are also needed for not only the improvements and repairs on the county-owned land of Meisel Avenue Field, but also for the work to be done on the athletic fields of the Springfield schools.

It is questioned if the Union County government has done its part to maintain Meisel Avenue Field Park for many years. Perhaps Springfield legally has squatter's rights due to its aid with Meisel Avenue Field for such a long period of time. Springfield taxpayers are experiencing double taxation with payments to both the Board of Education and Union County regarding the care of Meisel Avenue Park.

It is about time that these governing groups cooperate with each other to give Springfield residents lower taxes, better education and more efficient governing bodies. How about better planning and publishing a list of costs involved with the various projects in this referendum? We want what is best for Springfield, but we are asking for more prudent decisions and lower taxes.

Springfield residents should defeat this referendum again by voting no on Feb. 27.

Sal Gibaldi Jr.
Springfield

Show your pride by voting yes

To the Editor:

Springfield voters have arrived at a major crossroads that will determine the future of our community.

On Feb. 27, the residents, by voting yes for the school bond referendum, have

an opportunity to improve the value of our homes and make Springfield a more desirable place to live, work and play.

Real estate experts agree that a town's recreation and education facilities are among the major attractions for potential residents.

Our fields need immediate improvement. Many of these fields are unsafe. Most are unplayable for days after a normal rainfall.

We must remain an attractive community in order to retain our current residents and to attract new ones. We can, and must, improve our property values by making reasonable expenditures to improve our facilities.

Despite the obvious benefits, there are those who ask, "Why should we pay for improvements to county fields?" Simply put, "These are our fields." We are the county. The condition of the fields and facilities in our community reflect upon all of us.

The Springfield Board of Education's proposed bond referendum is a prudent program that addresses the current and future needs of the entire community. This bond will improve Springfield and make it more attractive.

We have an opportunity to make a difference. Show your pride in Springfield. Vote yes for the school bond referendum on Feb. 27.

Marc Marshall
Springfield

Vague and expensive planning

To the Editor:

The Springfield Board of Education is asking \$3.4 million from the voters on its second try at a special referendum election on Feb. 27. However, the itemized allocations of the money for the various projects are not divulged.

Many of us would like to know exactly how our tax dollars are being spent on each item when renovating and/or building new athletic fields and other walking paths, bleachers, score board, etc. This work would also include putting expensive drain construction into some of the baseball and soccer fields which might not be effective.

It was revealed by Gary Friedland at the Feb. 7 Board of Education meeting that the estimated cost of the new one-story fieldhouse will be \$786,000, but there were no preliminary building plans showing the floor plan and the side elevations. Board member Richard Falkin said that the placement and quantity of showers, lockers, the location of the kitchen and other facilities were not known.

There should be some detailed drawings of the new fieldhouse to justify the big sum of \$786,000 with no cost for the land since it will be built on Meisel Avenue Field which is Union County park property.

With such vague, expensive planning, my friends and I must vote no on Feb. 27.

Ruth Lang
Springfield

Send message to elected officials

To the Editor:

The article in the Feb. 9 *Star-Ledger* referring to the special election referendum by the Springfield Board of Education is just one more scheme of "lip service" by Springfield's Board of Education and mayor.

Wake up Springfield! Have our elected officials taken the time to research what we the township of Springfield would be getting from Union County if the county gives the Meisel Field property in a "swap"? Before Meisel Field was a "playground" there was a chemical plant on this land. Do we really know what it is in this soil? I think not. Once this land is disturbed, we could be opening up a can of worms, more expensive to Springfield taxpayers than anyone would care to see or pay for.

Also, any improvements on this property would have to be approved by the Department of Environmental Protection because this land is in the middle of a flood plain.

Wake up Springfield and send our elected officials from Springfield's Board of Education and Township Committee, the message that we want them to act more responsibly and stop the deceitful policies that they use at the cost of Springfield taxpayers. Vote no, Feb. 27.

Sherry Schramm
Springfield

SPEAK OUT

Paying taxes twice is absurd

In regard to the Board of Education special election coming up on Meisel Field, not taking away anything from the school system in need of repair of Meisel Field, the taxpayers are getting double dipped. We've already voted for a referendum on the county park tax. It's county property and now we're going to have to get taxed again? More money to fix county property?

I'm against it and they should not have it unless the county is going to take responsibility for it. The issue of paying taxes twice is absurd.

David Manganiello
Springfield

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Alex Buisreth

"Yes, I always buy my wife candy and we go out to dinner on my day off, which is Monday."



Dan Frisch

"I have only been married to Essie for 45 years, of course I believe in Valentine's Day. We will probably go out to dinner, to a special place she likes."



Michelle Finne

"Yes; I really don't know this year how we will celebrate. We will probably go to dinner and I will pick the place."

Two arrested for burglarizing restaurant

Springfield
On Feb. 8 at midnight, the Police Department responded to an activated burglar alarm at Szechuan Village Chinese restaurant on Mountain Avenue. Upon the arrival of responding police officers it was found that the alarm was the result of a rear window being broken by a suspect who entered the restaurant to commit a burglary, according to authorities.

As police officers began searching the surrounding area, Officer Steven Hollyfield drove toward a male and female who were walking on Tooker Avenue, about one block from the restaurant. As the officer approached the pair, he observed the male removing handfuls of coins which he repeatedly threw into snow mounds along the sidewalk.

After the owner responded to the restaurant it was found that a large amount of U.S. coins were stolen from the cash register which also held various Chinese coins that were also stolen. From the snow mounds and still in the pockets of the two suspects, police recovered in excess of 200 coins including coins from China, authorities said.

Arrested were Gerardo Qualietta,

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27, and Sarah Foster, 21, both of Springfield.

Both were charged with burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, receiving stolen property and criminal mischief. They were both remanded to the Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

• On Feb. 7 at 1:25 p.m., the Police Department was alerted by a resident to a suspicious motor vehicle and based upon the description given, the vehicle was found parked on Berkeley Road with the motor running. A closer examination of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of a male occupant who was hiding low in vehicle as a police car approached, authorities said.

It was found that a second occupant of the vehicle had walked behind homes in the residential area and a nearby resident reported that he confronted a male who was repeatedly ringing his door bell and claimed to be going door to door looking for a friend's house. The second suspect was located several blocks from the parked vehicle.

Inside of the vehicle, police recovered various pieces of gold jewelry and pearl necklaces as well as large amounts of U.S. and Italian coins and a woman's handbag, according to reports. Both the recovered property and the suspects' actions were consistent with the crime of house burglary and the Police Department was investigating previous burglaries of homes in the area since December.

Both suspects were found to be fugitives wanted by the Irvington Police Department and were subsequently arrested. They were also charged with receiving stolen property, hindering apprehension and possession of burglar tools.

Suspects are Rabine Armour, 20, and Raheem Jackson, 23, both of Irvington. Both were remanded to the Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

A follow-up investigation by the Springfield Detective Bureau resulted in the recovered jewelry and other property identified as having been stolen during a house burglary in Maplewood earlier in the day.

Mountainside

• Edwin Flores, 41, of Newark, was arrested Feb. 7 for contempt of a judicial order, when it was found the war-

rant was out of Mountainside for \$580.

• On Feb. 7 at 1:30 a.m., Michael Giuliano, 35, of South Plainfield was arrested for contempt of a judicial order, when it was found he had warrants out of Mountainside for \$255.

• On Feb. 8 at 12:30 p.m., Kevin A. Lucas, 36, of East Orange was arrested in Clark and transported to Mountainside for outstanding warrants of \$744 and \$130 out of Mountainside. His court date was scheduled for yesterday in Mountainside.

• Jerry Duane Hill, 23, of Piscataway, was arrested for refusal to submit to a chemical test on Feb. 8. He was stopped for failure to maintain a lane, and was found to be driving under the influence of some type of drug or alcohol, according to reports.

• On Friday, Latisha A. McCrea, 24, of Plainfield was arrested for contempt of a judicial order, for outstanding warrants out of Mountainside totaling \$1,080.

• On Sunday, Roje Guevara, 28, of Elizabeth was arrested for securing a driver's license illegally. Bail was placed at \$100 and he was released with a court date of Feb. 22 in Mountainside Municipal Court.

Downed wires keep fire departments busy

Mountainside
Feb. 8
The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department 9:18 a.m. responded to a storage facility on Rt. 22 at 9:18 a.m. on an activated alarm. Investigation revealed the alarm company was working on the system but the monitoring station never notified of false alarm.

Feb. 5
A carbon monoxide levels were found to be high at a Stonybrook residence after a 7:01 a.m. alarm. Firefighters shut off the water heater and boiler and the home was ventilated. The homeowner was advised to call for check and repair.

At 4:53 p.m., the department responded to a New Providence Road

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residence on a report of wires arcing. One lane was closed until the utility company responded. Another wire was reported down at 5:54 p.m. on Camelot Court and at 6:02 p.m. on Ackerman Avenue. The scenes were secured and PSE&G was notified. At 7 p.m. another wire was reported down at Ridge Drive. The cable company was notified.

Springfield

Friday

The Fire Department responded to the area of a call in the area of Evergreen Avenue at 7:38 p.m. to investigate smoke in the area. At 6:25 p.m., firefighters responded to a Brook

Street residence for a water condition. A medical service call was handled at 6:59 a.m. at a Norwood Road residence. Firefighters responded to a Henshaw Avenue residence at 11:21 a.m. for a lockout.

Feb. 8

Firefighters responded to a Meisel Avenue residence for a water condition at 2:25 a.m. and then responded to a Route 22 West business for a medical service call just before 6 p.m.

Feb. 7

Activated fire alarms at the Municipal Building brought firefighters out at 5:34 a.m. and again at 12:45 p.m. Units units were sent to medical service calls a Colfax Avenue residence for a medical service call at 9:08 a.m.; a Mountain Avenue residence at 3:48

p.m., and a Ruby Street residence at 4:59 p.m.

Firefighters responded to Route 78 East mile post 48 for an overturned vehicle at 7:50 p.m.

Feb. 5

The Fire Department received a call from a Tree Top Drive residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector just before 10 a.m. At 1:07 p.m., units responded to a Morris Avenue business for a medical service call and to Route 24 West at the 78 East ramp at 1:52 p.m. for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

Reports of downed power lines came in at 4:05 p.m. on New Brook Road; at 5:28 p.m. on Colfax Avenue, and at 6:16 p.m. on Severna Avenue.

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Hilltop Community Bank President Mort O'Shea, left, congratulates TV-36 President Joe Steiner on the acquisition new equipment, which enables TV-36 to reach more than 25,000 cable homes on a 12-hour automated basis. Hilltop provided financing assistance to Communities on Cable, the nonprofit organization that operates the cable access station for Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Millburn/Short Hills and Springfield.

Station receives new equipment upgrades

The 2000-01 season began with a bang at TV-36, the local access television station for Summit, Berkeley Heights, Millburn/Short Hills, New Providence and Springfield. More than 25,000 homes can, and do reach the station.

Over the past few months, significant changes, repairs and replacements have been effected. The control room has been moved and is much larger, with new, updated equipment. The cameras have been repaired where needed and are in good working condition. A new editing bay is in place. Beginning the first of the year, cablecasting was automated, doubling the station's daily programming. Everyone at TV-36 is really enthusiastic about the new equipment and capacity.

Mort O'Shea and Hilltop Community Bank provided financing for the new equipment.

TV-36/Communities on Cable invites residents to be a part of the excitement and be trained or retrained as a volunteer. Are you experienced in the workings of a TV station, or would you like to be trained in one of the many positions involved in TV production? Become a producer, create a monthly TV program or a special event, or learn how to operate a studio and/or location cameras. Become an audio operator, a computer graphics specialist or a video editor. Try your hand at directing. The cost of training is a \$20 membership fee.

If the above positions don't appeal to you, and you would like to work in creative, friendly surroundings, perhaps you would like to offer business or marketing expertise, artistic, technical, mechanical or computer skills. Maybe your organization would

like to have a TV crew trained so you can videotape events off-site. You can do this and even borrow equipment to make it happen.

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Arts center highlighted on program

TV-36 and Comcast 57 will be airing a series of videos highlighting the exhibitions and programs at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit. The programs, called "Impromptu," are the work of M Soul Productions, located in Summit and were conceptualized, composed and produced by Producer Margareta Paslaru. They can be seen every Wednesday at 7 p.m. on TV-36 and every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. on Comcast 57.

Paslaru, in discussing her creative approach when conceptualizing and producing these videos, emphasizes the "combination of spontaneity — video being a 'hot' medium — and varied skills and experience." She brings a multi-dimensional background to this work.

She began her career as a pop star, writing songs and designing costumes. Early on she recognized the "need for an expressive flow in different ways." Leaving her native Romania, she settled in Summit in 1983 finding the right mix of educational and cultural opportunities for herself and her family. Her earliest experiences volunteering for various causes here were eye-openers for her.

Volunteerism was almost unheard of in the former Communist countries. Through her humanitarian activities, Paslaru found that her camera work could give "a voice to the voiceless." While working on producing documenta-

ries she gained experience directing the Summit Common Council meetings and other shows on TV-36.

Paslaru's commitment to the arts is paramount in her life. She often pictures art as a "Cinderella figure — sometimes neglected but a vehicle for understanding the humanizing needs in all of us."

Paslaru's productions use classical music to add warmth and delight to underscore the artists, students and programs at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. The added excitement of viewing the "moment" as it occurs adds that element of surprise inherent in video documentation.

Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local artists, NJCVA has evolved into a major regional art center. It has a full-scale art school taught by an award-winning faculty. There are two interior galleries and an outdoor exhibition space/sculpture garden.

The NJCVA is the largest art center in the state and specifically devoted to contemporary art. Programs include Artists with Disabilities, docent tours, lectures, demonstrations, art trips, workshops and other activities.

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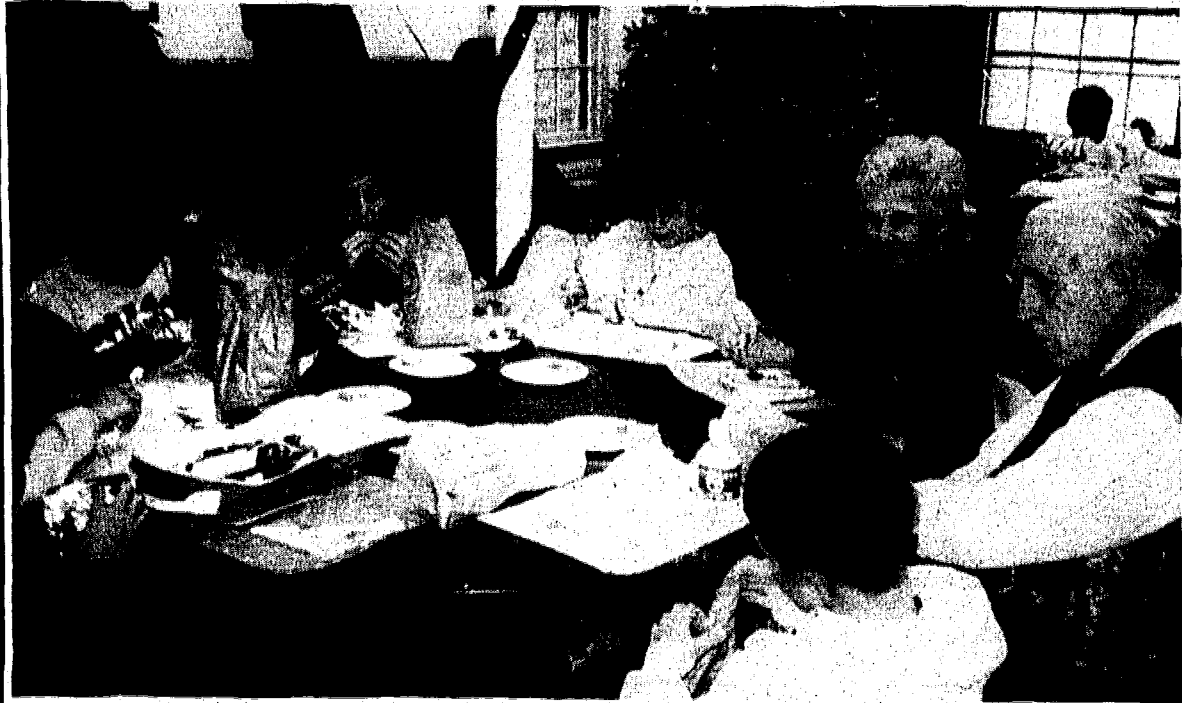
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The lunch hour



During a recent visit to the senior citizen center at Springfield's Sarah Bailey Civic Center, James Caldwell School students, from left, Jesse Kahoonei, Marco Hernandez, Justin Rodriguez, Tommy Clark and Ross Fish had lunch with two of the seniors who attended. After sharing lunch, the children and seniors made posters to indicate how they would stay healthy.

EDUCATION

Project Graduation fund-raising under way

Feb. 1 marked the fund-raising kick-off for Governor Livingston High School's 13th annual Project Graduation.

Each year the communities of Berkeley Heights and Mountainside join efforts to raise more than \$15,000 to provide an all-night drug- and alcohol-free event for the entire senior class on the night of graduation.

The purpose of the event is twofold: To provide a safe environment for the class to celebrate and to demonstrate it is possible to have a great time without the use of drugs and alcohol.

This year's Project Graduation will be at St. Elizabeth's College in Convent Station. Facilities will be available for swimming, basketball and volleyball. Additional activities will include a DJ, temporary tattoo artist, caricaturist and game room. Pizza, subs, snacks and desserts and sodas are served all night, with a light breakfast provided before the graduates leave at dawn.

Contributions from local businesses and senior class parents are the major source of funding for the event. Jars decorated in red and blue will be available in local stores to collect spare change for the cause.

Donations of money and gifts of goods and services are also sought. Prizes such as gift certificates, phone cards, disposable cameras and "going to college" items are also given out throughout the evening.

Those wishing to contribute to this year's Project Graduation can send a check made payable to GLHS-Project Graduation to the high school at 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, 07922, or call Sonya Mcluskay, publicity chairperson, at (908) 665-9481 for more information.

Filing deadline Feb. 26

With the deadline for filing for school board candidacy less than a month away, the president of the New Jersey School Boards Association is urging citizens sincerely interested in education to consider school board candidacy.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to appear on the ballot for this year's election is Feb. 26. The annual school election will take place April 17.

"For the individual who sincerely cares about children and their education, school board membership is a challenging and rewarding public office," said Patti J. Pawling, president of the New Jersey School Boards Association.

To help citizens make an informed decision on school board candidacy, the New Jersey School Boards Association has developed a "School Board Candidate Kit." The kit includes information on the requirements for school board candidacy, a calendar of important dates in the school election process, and a sample nominating petition.

In addition, the kit provides information about the New Jersey School Ethics sample nominating petition. In addition, the kit provides information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act and schedule of candidates' briefings to be conducted by the state's county school boards associations.

The School Board Candidates Kits are available at local board of education offices, in Springfield at (973) 376-1025 and in Mountainside at (908) 232-3232 or by calling the New Jersey School Boards Association at (609) 278-5202.

"I urge concerned citizens to seriously consider school board candi-

cy," said Pawling. "It's a fundamental way to have positive impact on your community."

Deadline to register for referendum today

The deadline to register to vote in the March 27 Mountainside school referendum is today.

If you haven't voted in the last four years or if you have changed addresses, you must register.

To obtain forms for voter registration or absentee ballot requests call Cara Greeley of the Deerfield School PTA at (908) 598-1334.

Pasta for Pennies

Students at Deerfield School in Mountainside will be bringing in their spare change from their home, their family, their friends and relatives to their classroom during February to donate to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The campaign, Pasta for Pennies, is sponsored by Olive Garden Italian restaurants to raise funds for families with leukemia in the northern New Jersey area.

Did you know that leukemia claims the lives of more children than any other disease? It is estimated that leukemia and related cancers will strike over 100,000 adults and children this year and take the lives of approximately 57,500.

Monies raised through Pasta for Pennies will be used to support the society's programs of research, patient services and education.

For more information call the chapter at (973) 376-9559.

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AT THE LIBRARY

Kids act like presidents

Children are invited to learn about United States presidents by acting out some of the events in their lives on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., as part of a Creative Dramatics program with Ellen Parker of Youth Stages.

The children will become Revolutionary War spies and deliver a secret message to George Washington, create an invention like Thomas Jefferson, build Abraham Lincoln's log cabin, and ride a horse with Teddy Roosevelt.

The performance is made possible by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. The program is intended for children in kindergarten through grade two. The performance is free, but pre-registration is required. Call the library at (973) 376-4930 to reserve your spot.

Black history films

For Black History Month the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will show three films celebrating the African-American experience. The first film, "Go Tell It On The Mountain," will be shown at noon on Tuesday, the anniversary of the first black-performed opera on Broadway in 1934.

From the voice of one of America's most celebrated authors, James Baldwin, comes the acclaimed motion picture adaption of a story of the trials, sufferings, yearnings and aspirations of three generations of an Afro-American family.

The movie examines what it means to be black in America, while following the journey of a family from the rural South to the "big city" and the struggles of a young boy to earn the approval of a self-righteous and often unloving stepfather. The cast includes Paul Winfield, Alfre Woodard, Rosalind Cash, James Bond III, and Olivia Cole.

The series continues at noon on March 6 with "A Raisin in the Sun" and March 20 with "Solomon Northup's Odyssey."

For information call (973) 376-4930.

Children's programs

The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, announces its children's programs for the winter:

- Storytime Theatre for Kindergar-

ten, Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., to March 6. Stories are combined with acting, movement, props, costumes and lots of imagination. The program lasts approximately 45 minutes.

- Toddler Time for 2-year-olds, Fridays, 10:30 a.m. until March 9. Stories and nursery rhymes for children, accompanied by parent or caregiver. The program lasts approximately 30 minutes.

- Preschool Storytime for 3 and 4-year-olds, Thursdays, 2 p.m. to March 8. Stories and simple crafts for children ages 3 and 4. Parents must remain in the library during the program. The program lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Registration is required for all programs and for Mountainside Library card holders only. Visit the library or call (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

Great books discussion

The Great Books Reading and Discussion Group will meet at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., on Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. when the Book of Job from the Bible will be discussed. The discussion leader will be Arlene Blaumeiser.

Great Books Discussion Programs for the next five months include the following selections: "Utilitarianism by Mill in March, "Caesar and Cleopatra" by Shaw in April, "The City of God" by St. Augustine in May, "Symposium" by Plato in June, and "Of Experience" by Montaigne in July. There will be no meeting in August. The programs will resume in September.

The Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets each month on third Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Springfield Public Library. Copies of the Great Books Series are available for a fee at the Springfield Library Circulation Desk.

All are welcome. No advanced registration is required.

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., is handicapped-accessible.

For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Programs for children

February brings a new series of programs for young children to the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.:

- Library Babies supports language-building through nursery

rhymes, songs and fingerplays for babies and younger toddlers up to 18 months old in the comfort of a parent or caregiver's lap. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program is set for Feb. 22 from 10:15 to 10:30 a.m. No advance registration.

- P-J Storytime, which invites kids to attend in pajamas, is scheduled for Feb. 26 from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Intended for children ages 3 to 6, the programs include stories and a simple project. Parents are welcome. Pre-registration required.

- The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, movement activities and puppets for toddlers ages 1½ to 2½ years old and their parent or caregiver. Plan to stay and play afterward. The programs will be Mar. 1 from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. No advance registration.

To register for programs, call (973) 376-4930 or stop by the Springfield Public Library. All children's event are in the children's room of the Springfield Public Library.

Tax help for seniors

From early February until April 13, AARP is offering free tax assistance to low and moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to people 60 years of age and over at the Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, and the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. This includes federal and New Jersey state income tax returns, homestead rebates and property tax reimbursement applications.

More than 70 AARP volunteer counselors, trained and sponsored by U.S. Internal Revenue Service and state Division of Taxation will be providing services at community and senior centers throughout Union County. Most tax help sites require appointments in advance.

For information call the Mountainside library at (908) 233-0115 or the Springfield library at (973) 376-4930.

'New Jersey Fall'

Sculpture and paintings combine to create "New Jersey Fall," an exhibit that will appear at The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through Feb. 22.

The exhibition includes oil paintings by Ludmila Mishina, a Russian artist from St. Petersburg. Mishina, a Union resident, has participated in exhibitions as far-flung as Russia, France, Germany and Finland.

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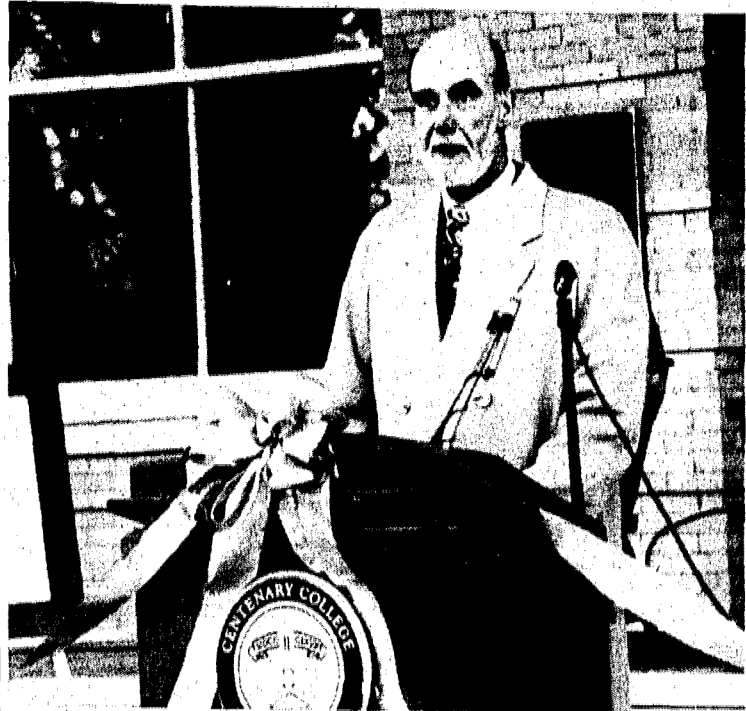
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Home enrolled in efficiency program

A single-family home, currently under construction on Badeau Avenue in Summit, is enrolled in PSE&G's Energy Efficient Home 5 Star Program. Anthony James Construction of Westfield is being recognized by PSE&G for its commitment to energy efficiency.

The EEH 5 Star Program certifies single-family, townhome, condominium and multi-family homes, which meet the highest levels of energy efficiency and use over one-third less for heating, cooling and water heating than the average new home built in New Jersey. Every EEH 5 Star home

is tested and inspected upon completion to assure it conforms to the superior construction specifications of both PSE&G and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Homes Program.

According to U.S. EPA Energy Star Homes Program manager, Sam Rashkin, "The environmental leadership of companies like PSE&G is helping and to show that public/private partnerships can work and that everyone, from builders and developers to American consumers and homebuyers can participate and benefit."

Fortnightly Club's annual auction to benefit squad

The Summit Junior Fortnightly Club's 21st annual travel and service auction will be March 24 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Green Village Fire House in Green Village. The live auction with auctioneer Brian Swartz of Swartz Associates Inc. will include adventurous getaways such as the Four Seasons Resort in Hawaii, a bike trip for two in sunny California, The Mirror Lake Inn at Lake Placid, The Blakes in London, a week in Vail, Colo., and The Point Pleasant Resort in the Virgin Islands.

Closer to home trips include vacation homes in Nantucket, Kiawah Island and Virginia Beach. There will be a large silent auction featuring fine jewelry, Waterford crystal, Baltusral and Canoe Brook golf outings, a Samantha American doll, Broadway theatre tickets, Devils and Rangers tickets, decorative items, catering packages and gift certificates to local spas, salons and restaurants.

Proceeds from the event will benefit The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad Inc. The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad Inc. is an independent nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing emergency medical services, non-emergency ambulance transportation and safety training to the community. They are staffed 100 percent by volunteers and are funded solely through private contributions. All of the First Aid Services are provided free.

In addition to covering the city of Summit, squad members frequently assist other communities. The First Aid Squad sent a team to spend 14 hours in Bound Brook following Tropical Floyd in 1999. Last year during the tragic fire at Seton Hall University, The First Aid Squad responded very quickly with ambulances, being one of the first to arrive.

The Summit Junior Fortnightly Club has received generous corporate donations in support of the Travel Auction from Ford Financial Group, Ward & Olivo and Burdgorff Realtors.

Tickets for the auction are \$100 per person, which includes buffet dinner with an international flair, open bar and dancing with live music by "Band Stand."

For more information and reservations, call (908) 522-9518. Ticket will be not sold at the door.

Summit AARP chapter meets Feb. 26

The Summit Area Chapter of AARP will conduct its regular monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on Feb. 26 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. Coffee and social begin at 9:45 a.m. Pat Brennan of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension will discuss mutual funds and how to choose the right ones for your investment portfolio.

Day trips include the Tim Gillis Jamboree at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Feb. 18, Stars on Ice at Madison Square Garden on March 3 and a West Point Academy tour and Hudson River cruise. For reservations and information call Herman Piraneo at 273-1962 or Angie Coiro at 273-3146.

RELIGION

SJCC adventure series

The Summit Jewish Community Center Religious School invites preschoolers to register for its Jewish Adventure Series.

Children 4 years old will experience an enriching, appropriate program to learn about Jewish holidays and the religious school. Activities will consist of music, arts and crafts, dance, cooking and creative fun. Upcoming events include a Purim costume party on Feb. 25, a Passover celebration on March 25, and Israel's birthday on April 22.

All sessions will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the SJCC, 67 Kent Place Blvd.

Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$10 per session, per child for members; \$15 for non-members.

For more information call Stacey David at 273-2800.

Third Kabbalat Shabbat at Temple Sinai Friday

Temple Sinai, 208 Summit Ave., will celebrate Shabbat with its third Kabbalat Shabbat, which the clergy has introduced as a new style of Friday night service on Friday at 8 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat, "Welcoming the Sabbath," is Temple Sinai's own experiment in worship renewal. It is virtually seamless service, where prayer and song flow together.

As described by Rabbi Stuart Gershon, "The appeal of this service is the people of all ages and generations who show up to sing together to lighten each other's burdens."

"The appeal of this service is its introspective moments of solitude and peace, and its exhilarating moments of joining your voice with the voice of another human being in song. When

this service is over, you feel full, who, released. You feel connected to the people with whom you have prayed. You feel connected to God."

A refreshment/kiddush will follow the service in Lieberman Hall. Temple Sinai is a Reform Jewish congregation.

Rosary/Novena March 5

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountain-side will have a Rosary/Novena on March 5 at 7 p.m. followed by a meeting with a topic of Osteoporosis at 8 p.m.

Coffee with a conscience

Coffee with a Conscience Concert Series presents singer/songwriter David Roth on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Emanuel Union Methodist Church, Church Mall just off Morris Avenue. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door.

Complimentary coffee from Ahre's Coffee Roastery of Westfield and dessert. Proceeds to benefit the Community Foodbank of New Jersey, Habitat for Humanity, and the Interfaith Council for the Homeless.

For information call (973) 376-1695 or 1-(800) 445-4129.

Fish and chips dinner

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountain-side will host a fish and chips dinner on March 14.

Day of Recollection

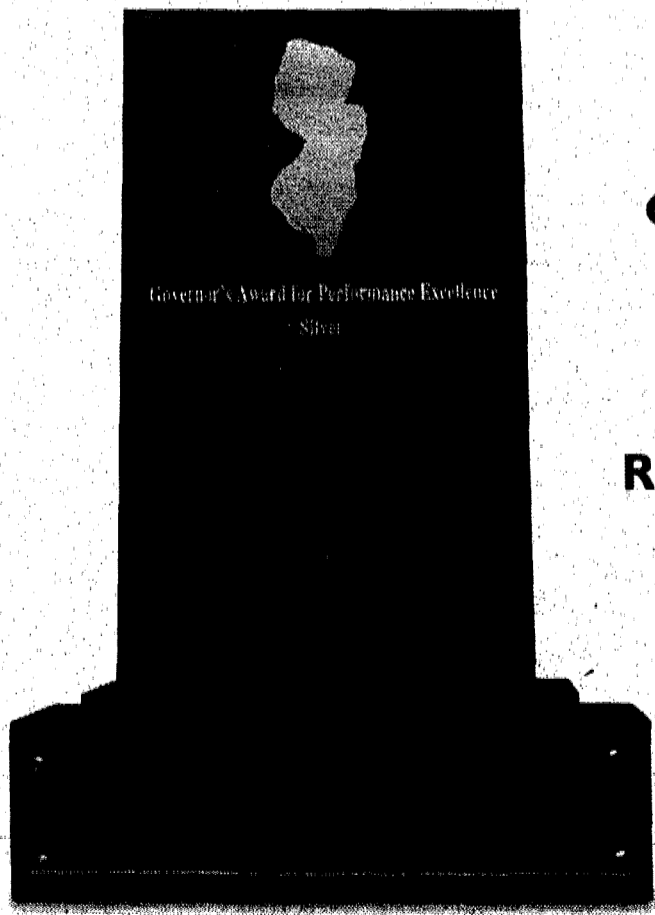
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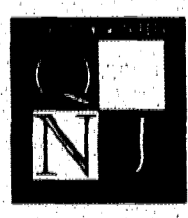
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THE NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZES QUALITY HEALTH CARE AT OVERLOOK HOSPITAL.



For the second year in a row, Overlook Hospital received the highest honor our state can bestow — the Governor's Award for Performance Excellence. This year, Overlook is the only health care institution to receive this distinguished recognition. The Governor's Award examiners cited Overlook for its strong commitment to self-assessment and performance excellence, as well as the hospital's focus on patient satisfaction and its firm commitment to empowerment of the staff. The award is presented by Quality New Jersey and is based on the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. Congratulations to this year's recipients and thanks to all of our physicians and employees for the dedication and commitment that made this award possible.



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AT THE LIBRARY

Shakespeare discussion

A centuries-old literary debate will take center stage at the next meeting of the Summit Public Library's Shakespeare Discussion Series. Paul Streitz of the Shakespeare Oxford Society will be on hand to discuss the controversy surrounding the authorship of the works attributed to William Shakespeare. The session will be at library on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Shakespeare Oxford Society, founded in 1957, is the second-oldest continuously operating organization involved in Shakespeare authorship debate. The society maintains that it is highly unlikely that Shakespeare was the author of the works which are attributed to him. They suggest that the qualifications necessary for the true author of these works are found in the person of Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford.

The roster of persons who have questioned Shakespeare's authorship include such notables as Walt Whitman, Sir John Gielgud, Sigmund Freud and Orson Welles. Doubts arise because what is known of Shakespeare's life does not necessarily suggest the experiences, attitudes, and different fields of learning reflected in the works. As Henry James said, "The facts of Stratford do not 'square' with the plays of genius."

Though most academics dismiss the suggestion of alternative authorship, as do the citizens of Stratford, it is an intriguing and entertaining possibility. Streitz, a resident of Darien, Conn., has lectured widely on the controversy. He had demonstrated that Edward de Vere was extensively educated in the theatre, Latin and Greek, and that he was known as a playwright and poet in his day.

He has further shown that a person such as Edward de Vere could have written plays of the subject matter contained in Shakespeare's works. Streitz is a graduate of Hamilton Col-

lege and the University of Chicago and is currently writing "Oxford, the Romance and Adventure of the True William Shakespeare."

Gloria Rojas of Summit will join Streitz in the discussion and present excerpts from films of the Shakespearean plays. Rojas serves on the board of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. She is also a contributor to the book "Willa Cather's New York" which was published in January by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press.

The topic originally scheduled for this session, "Shakespeare and Gender," will be rescheduled to a later date. The discussion will take place in Ernest S. Hickok Meeting Room.

Pre-registration is not required, although seating capacity is limited. The library is located at 75 Maple St. in Summit.

For information call the reference department at 273-0350, Ext. 3.

New releases announced

The following select new releases are now available at the Summit Public Library, 75 Maple St.:

Fiction

Sandra Brown, "Riley in the morning;" A.S. Byatt, "The biographer's tale;" Olivia Goldsmith, "Bad boy;" W.E.B. Griffin, "Special ops," and Elizabeth Lowell, "Beautiful dreamer."

Nonfiction

Lora Brody, "Basic baking;" Katharina Buss, "The big book of knitting;" Hilary Rodham Clinton, "An invitation to the White House;" Bruce Fries, "The MP3 & Internet audio handbook;" Susan Gilbert, "A field guide to boys & girls;" Kevin Graham, "Ralph Nader;" Jimmie Holland, "The human side of cancer;" "How to do just about everything;" Dave Johnson, "Digital photography;" Joseph P. Kennedy, "Hostage to fortune;" Maria Langer, "Quicken

2001;" John Lennon, "Lennon remembers;" Rich Levin, "KISS guide to Microsoft Windows;" Andre-a Mafin, "Makeover magic," and Rebecca Walker, "Black, white & Jewish."

Books on compact disc

David Baldacci, "The simple truth;" Ernest Hemingway, "A farewell to arms;" Anita Shreve, "The pilot's wife;" Garry Wills, "Saint Augustine;" and Simon Winchester, "The professor & the madman."

To find out about the availability of these and other titles, stop by the library and visit the reference desk, or call 273-0350.

Book lecture series

The library's popular book lecture series has begun a new round at the Summit Public Library, 75 Maple St. In addition, the library has introduced a new discussion series on Shakespeare and inaugurated a reading group. The 2000-01 programming season also includes the debut of a mini-series of film screenings, scheduled to take place in the spring.

The series continues throughout the year on Mondays at 7 p.m. Forthcoming selections and dates include William Kennedy's "Ironwood," March 12, and Ernest Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms," April 30.

A discussion series on the works of William Shakespeare will include the following upcoming topics: "Shakespeare in Performance," April 17, and "Shakespeare and the Sonnets," May 15.

The Summit Public Library's reading group will meet throughout the year under the leadership of the library's reference staff. The year will continue with aniel Goleman's "Emotional Intelligence," March 14; E.M. Forster's "Howard's End," April 11, and Ivan Doig's "This House of Sky: Landscapes of a Western Mind," May 9.

Looking ahead to the spring, a film series will be offered on three Mondays in May at 6 p.m. Slated to be shown are Elia Kazan's "On the Waterfront," May 7; "Persuasion," based on the novel by Jane Austen, May 14, and the Academy Award-winner for Best Picture of 1998, "Shakespeare in Love," May 21.

All of the programs will be con-

ducted in the Ernest S. Hickok meeting room and are open to the public. Prior registration is not required, although seating is limited.

For information or directions, call the reference department at 273-0350, Ext. 3.

Audiobooks on CD

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., is offering its patrons a new way to enjoy books. The library is launching a collection of audiobooks on compact disc.

"For years, audiobooks on cassette have been one of our most heavily-used collections," said Library Director Glenn Devitt. "People listen to them while commuting, when they're exercising or doing chores around the house. The children's audiobooks are especially popular with families taking long car trips."

In recent years, Devitt noted, compact discs have become the standard format for music sound recordings, since they are less bulky and less prone to damage than audiocassettes. Now that many people own personal CD players, or have them installed in their cars, the audiobook companies are issuing titles in both formats. The CDs are divided into three-minute tracks which make it easy for listeners to find their place.

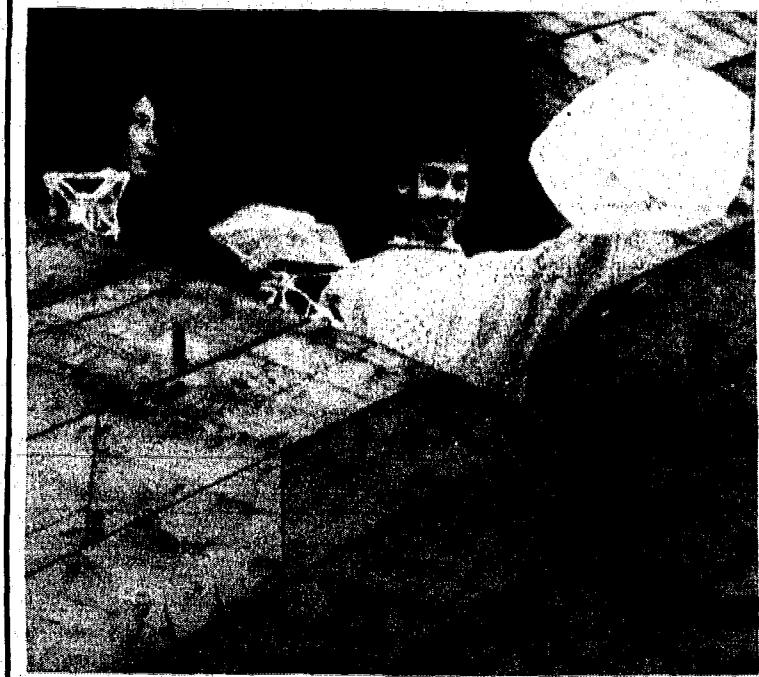
The CD audiobook collection will include a wide variety of materials — books for adults and children, fiction and non-fiction, traditional classics and new bestsellers. "We're creating a core collection that we can build on," said Robin Carroll-Mann, the library's head of Adult Services. "And then, just like our other collections, we'll continue to expand and develop it."

The books on compact disc may be borrowed by any library user with a valid Summit or Millburn library card. They circulate for 14 or 28 days, depending on the length of the recording and may be renewed once.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about audiobooks or other library materials, stop by the Reference Desk or call 273-0350, Ext. 3.

Egg Drop Challenge



Despite the school's extensive capital campaign, the Morristown-Beard School annual Egg Drop Challenge continued as planned from the second floor of a partially renovated Beard Hall. Chad Hillyer of Summit prepares to drop his creation while a perceptive Elysia Gern looks on. Students were required to design a counter out of straws and tape that could keep a raw egg intact after a two-story fall. After the drop, only a handful of physics students could claim victory after surveying the gooey carnage.

Tree pruning to begin

The city has a contract with Greenwood Tree Expert Inc. to prune numerous city trees over the next month. All trees are pruned to nationally-recognized standards. Pruning is required to preserve the health of the trees, to remove branches that interfere with streetlights, and those that grow in close proximity to electrical or cable services to private residence.

All of the street trees will be trimmed on Beekman Road, Blackburn Place, Colonial Road, Glen Oaks Avenue, Henry Street, Lenox Road, Londonberry Way, Morris Court, School Avenue, Sherman Avenue and Sunset Drive. At Soldiers Memorial Field, 125 trees will be pruned, as well as 28 trees at Park and Shop Lots 1 and 2. There are an additional 60 street trees at scattered locations throughout the city that will also be pruned.

The contractor will conduct Class 2 or Class 3 pruning on each of the trees. Specifically, Class 2 pruning consists of the removal of dead, dying, diseased, interfering objectionable and weak branches 1 inch or greater in diameter on the main trunks as well as those within the tree canopy. This also includes the removal of broken hanging branches and flush cutting of old stubs.

Class 3 pruning consists of the removal of dead, dying diseased, decayed and weak branches 2 inches in diameter or greater including some crown reduction of overextended branches.

Greenwood Tree Experts is responsible for the removal of all cut wood and debris. If you have any questions or comments call the Department of Community Services at 273-6404.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors; 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Music Program; Super Seniors 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. 973-376-0539. Mark Mallach, Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor. Dr. Scott D. Zinberg, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM Sun-Thurs: 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sundays: 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Murray Bell, President. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM,

with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Preschool classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. 07081, 201-379-4525, Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

The **SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, located at 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join us in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 A.M. with childcare available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education opportunities for children begin during the Worship Service with a special time for children led by the Pastor before

they depart for classes. Service of Prayer and Healing held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. Please call and ask about our Adult Christian Education, Young Adult Ministries, Bible Studies, Small Group Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, interest in opportunities to serve others, or have prayer requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Markay at the Church Office: 973-376-1695.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastor Lee Weaver for more information at 908 277-1700.

PENTECOSTAL-NON-DENOMINATIONAL

VISIONS OF GOD FAMILY WORSHIP "RAISING PEOPLE OF POWER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY" 242 Shunpike Road, Springfield (located at Evange Baptist Church). Office located at 1132 Spruce Drive, Mountain-side, Phone: 908-928-0212. Pastors, Paul & Sharon Dean. Worship Service - Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study - Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Ministries include: Singles, Married Couples, Women, Men. We welcome everyone who is someone to come and worship with us.

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, 379-4320. Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (July and August 9:30 a.m.), with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personal growth through worship, Christian education, Choir, church activities and fellowship. Communion first Sunday of each month; Ladies' Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.; Ladies' Evening Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The Rev. Daniel J. Russell, Jr., Pastor.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-3044. **SUNDAY EUCHARIST:** Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass - 9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume September 14th; Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM; Saturday weekday Mass, 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM anticipated Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

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FOR BEANS — Left, students in Anne Cohn's class at Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield, from left, Marc Kaplan, Benjamin Cohn and Remy Schmeier, show off their navy bean seedlings. The kids learn about the parts of the seed and how each part contributes to toward the growth of a beanstalk. Above, James Berke measures the height of his navy bean plant for his plant growth chart. Below, Sandmeier students, from left, Kaitlyn Boettcher, Jennah Santos and Danniel Torres display their experimental bean plants and growth charts with their teacher, Anne Cohn.

Kids prepare Valentines

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parents," she said. "The kindergartners will have the entire cafeteria to themselves on Friday as it will be the early shift. Then the mothers are invited back to the classrooms to see what their children are doing," said Keshish, while admiring some of the placemats.

"We have been doing this for

years," said MacMillan, and when asked what she was baking, it was enough to make your mouth water. "I am making a recipe called Death by Chocolate, which is a mousse; Swedish rice pudding, and also I am bringing fruit salad." Each of the kindergarten teachers makes four or five items as there is always a big crowd. For the children, there will be a special ice cream treat, as yet undecided.



Teacher's aide Regina Piscitelli gives 5-year-old Niko Karant a hand with his valentine.

Photo By Jeff Grant

Church raises funds through 'Coffee with a conscience'

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"These people are very loving and caring in this congregation."

He and his wife can never meet on Sundays; that is because she is the Rev. Julie Yarborough, associate pastor at Christ Church in Summit. She is an ordained Baptist minister, and the pastor said, "We were both ordained when we met; we are both followers of Jesus, and therefore there is no conflict whatsoever." They have a son, Matthew.

A large part of the United Methodist faith is international ministry, and that is true of Springfield Emanuel in particular. "We have done a lot of refugee work with Kosovo; actually, I went there," said the pastor. "Briefly, we were doing a needs assessment trip

and the needs were enormous. We ended up shipping millions of dollars worth of pharmaceuticals to hospitals in Macedonia," he recalled.

The church arranged for the donations to be sent through Cithope International as well as United Methodist Committee on Relief.

The congregation also made health kits. "We shipped four truck loads to the refugee camps. The United Methodist Churches nationwide put together 102,000 of those kits, and this little church made 14,000," he added, "but this is what we are called to do."

He asks all to come to the next "Coffee With Conscience" event, which runs from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on March 17.

Township to meet with county about property swap

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tion will have a \$3.4-million referendum on Feb. 27 for renovations of various school athletic fields. An identical referendum was defeated by only 10 votes on Dec. 12, a day when power was lost throughout the township for much of the day.

The fact that the school board plans to spend \$2.1 million of the \$3.4 million on improvements at the county-owned Meisel Avenue Park bothers some residents, one of the reasons why the township looked into trading land.

During the regular meeting Tuesday, longtime Springfield resident Gene Schramm said the renovations and development of athletic fields affects "three points imminent to the welfare of the town," those being, tax-

es, which have continued to increase since deregionalization, flood control and potentially-contaminated soil at Meisel Avenue Park.

He presented the Township Committee with a copy of an excerpt from a 1937 publication about the county's development of Meisel Avenue Park, written by W.R. Tracy, the engineer and secretary for The Union County Parks Commission at the time. Schramm said the property owned by the county that has been offered to Springfield cannot be disturbed because it may be contaminated soil from a former chemical plant.

Schramm said he found the document while doing research in the library and provided the Township Committee with copies of the excerpt and accompanying map. What the

document was excerpted from exactly was not clear.

In the document, Tracy describes the field house as being remodeled from "an old building of the chemical company which formerly owned this property." The development of Meisel, Tracy wrote, "will represent a stark contrast to its appearance of 12 years ago. Many remember the unsightly buildings of the old chemical plant," and describes it as "one of the main eyesores of the county."

Mullman said he was aware of the former chemical property but does not believe it is a concern. "That was 50 years ago," he said, and the fields have been used by the public for many years.

The land swap would be subject to the approval of the state Green Acres

program, which county officials said could take three months. Schramm, however, believes the state Department of Environmental Protection would become involved and need to approve any project should the soil be contaminated.

When asked Tuesday about potential contamination or a former chemical company on the Meisel land, neither Lapolla nor Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland had any knowledge of it.

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Lapides on display



Artist Judy Lapides of Summit poses with her painting, 'Natural Riddle.' Her artwork was part of 'Intuitive Abstract Paintings,' an exhibit recently on display at William Paterson University's Ben Shah Galleries in Wayne.

Wedding fashion show Feb. 27

The Suburban Chambers of Commerce Bridal Show returns for its ninth year on Feb. 27, at The Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave., Summit.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., brides-to-be, their friends, mothers, best friends and guests will have time to visit and talk with the more than 40 exhibitors — jewelers, stationers, florists, travel consultants, caterers, party planners, photographers and videographers, musicians and entertainment consultants, hairdressers and make-up consultants and financial planners. In addition, there will be vendors featuring giftware, bridal registration — silver, crystal and china, lingerie and trousseau wear, tuxedos, shoes, accessories, and shower and wedding favors.

The list of vendors includes Cradone and Keefe, Ferdinand, and No problems with Henry Jewelers; That Personal Touch, Berkeley Print, and Crane & Co., stationers, Prestige Photo, Images by J&A, and The Image Maker, photographers; Makes A Nice Weddy Videos; Crossroads Travel; Berkeley Florist and Millburn Florist; Villa Deli, Feast Caterers, Kings In-Style Catering, and Zappia's Gourment, caterers; Nee Dell's shoes/accessories; Your Wedding Wreath, Hearth & Home, Remember When, Turn Styles, and Wirco Co., gifts/favors/sweets; Faces by Mary, make-up; Nickel Street Salon; Windsor Gift Shop, tabletop designs, The Hilton a Short Hills and The Ground Summit Hotel, wedding facilities; Event Works and Parties to Perfection, wedding planners; Sovereign Bank, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, and Voluntary Benefit Systems, investments and insurance; Nicole Miller, fashions; National Cellular Network, communications; and, to feel your best and brighten your smile, Able-bodied Mierapeutic Massage and Livingston/Short Hills Dental Associates.

The fashion show, in the elegant hotel ballroom, will feature a full array of bridal gowns from Priscilla of Boston, bridesmaids dresses from Sealions, tuxedos and menswear from Adams Mens shop, mother of the bride and groom dresses and gowns from Sealions, and flower girl dresses from Kidding Around Childrenswear.

Live music will entertain guests throughout the evening, with a harpist, live band, and a DJ, courtesy of Leonard Bornstein Entertainments and Joe Verrisio's Entertainment Consultants.

"The Perfect Wedding" Bridal Show is a joint venture of the Chambers of Commerce of Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Millburn/Short Hills and the Chatham; the exhibitors are located in or near those communities.

Admission to the Bridal Show is free but reservations are requested. Respond to either the Suburban Chambers of Commerce in Summit at (908) 522-1700, the Millburn/Short Hills Chamber of Commerce at (973) 379-1190, or the Chatham Area Chamber of Commerce at (973) 635-2444, by Feb. 23.

OBITUARIES

Anna Hrycyshyn

Anna Hrycyshyn, 83, of Succasunna, formerly of Springfield, died Feb. 2 in the Merry Heart Nursing Home. Born in Newark, Mrs. Hrycyshyn lived there for many years and in Springfield for 16 years before moving to Succasunna six years ago. Surviving are two sisters, Pauline Santera and Sophie Dryburgh.

Francis Wagner

Francis Wagner, 82, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Jan. 30 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Mr. Wagner was a self-employed investor for many years. He received a bachelor's degree from Penn State in 1941. Mr. Wagner was an Army veteran of World War II.

John W. Muldowney

John William Muldowney, 74, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Feb. 1 at home.

Mr. Muldowney was a steamfitter and welder with the Steamfitters Union Local 475 in Warren for more than 40 years and retired in 1986. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Isobel; three daughters, Patricia Cengiz, Mary Dias and Ann; a son, Paul; three sisters, Eileen Keppler, Marion Paul and Nancy Moran, and eight grandchildren.

John R. Pasterick

John R. Pasterick, 74, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Summit, died Feb. 4 in Runnells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights. Mr. Pasterick was a technician for Fuji Poly, Cranford, and retired in 1989. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving are three stepdaughters, Nancy Pierce, Rosemarie Fader and Dolores Mattle; a sister, Florence Balog; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

John M. Millet

John M. Millet, 78, of Summit died Feb. 2 at home.

Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Millet lived in Glastonbury, Conn., for 25 years before moving to Summit five years ago. He was an engineer at United Technologies, Hartford, Conn., for 25 years and retired in 1992. Mr. Millet received an engineering degree from Villanova University, Philadelphia, in 1945. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are three sons, Michael, Padraic and Kelley; two sisters, Mary Aguirre and Joan Hick; three brothers, Joseph, Francis and Richard, and seven grandchildren.

Adele E. Sabo

Adele E. Sabo of Summit died Feb. 2 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in South Orange, Mrs. Sabo moved to Summit in 1989. She was a receptionist with Pat's Hairfashions, Millburn, for more than 40 years.

Surviving are a son, John; three sisters, Carmela DeCicco, Mary Pannucci and Rose Mercadante, and four grandchildren.

Eugene Schaefer Sr.

Eugene J. Schaefer, 80, of New Providence, a retired bank president, died Jan. 30 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mr. Schaefer was born in Irvington. He served as a coach in New Providence youth baseball leagues in the 1950s and 1960s. He was a successful banker and a volunteer for charitable organizations.

Mr. Schaefer was charter vice president in the Trust department of Summit Trust for 25 years. He became vice president and trust officer for Fidelity Union and then president and senior trust officer for First Fidelity Bank. Mr. Schaefer retired in 1986.

He served in the United States Air Force in China during World War II. Mr. Schaefer was a graduate of Seton Hall University and received his master's degree in finance from Rutgers University and a master's degree in business administration. He was head

of the Cancer Crusade and Heart Fund drives in New Providence and was a member of the Essex Club and former trustee and president of the Summit YMCA.

Mr. Schaefer was a founding trustee of the New Providence Community Pool, a founder and treasurer of the New Providence Junior Athletic League and a trustee and treasurer of the Cheseborough Foundation. He was commissioner of the New Providence Recreation Commission, a member of the Irvington Sports Club, the Irvington Varsity Club, VFW Post 6259 of Berkeley Heights, the Old Guard and the Senior Citizens Club, both of New Providence. Mr. Schaefer also was past president of the Tri-County Bankers Association, the Estate Planning Council of Northern New Jersey and the Summit Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Shirley; a son, Eugene J. Schaefer Jr. and three grandchildren.

Herbert W. Marano

Herbert W. Marano of Summit died Feb. 11 in John E. Runnells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Gloversville, N.Y., Mr. Marano moved to Summit 46 years ago. He was a research and development engineer for Consolidated Cigars, New York City, for 17 years.

Mr. Marano held 200 patents with such companies as Litton Industries,

Wilson Jones Co., Addressograph-Multigraph Corp. and Consolidated Cigar Co. During World War II, he was a consultant to the Naval Commission in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Mr. Marano received bachelor's and master's degrees from Brooklyn Polytechnic and a Ph.D. from McKenize Institute, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Surviving are his wife, Jean F.; two daughters, Virginia Manarecic and Jean T.; a son, Richard W., and a grandchild.

Josephine Pannella

Josephine L. Pannella, 75, of Summit died Feb. 7 at home.

Born in Orange, Mrs. Pannella moved to Summit 51 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Joanne McGhee and Jacqueline; a sister, Nardella Rossi; a brother, Dominick Scarola, and five grandchildren.

Terri Ann Patterson

Terri Ann Mary Patterson, 41, of Summit died Feb. 7 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Patterson lived in Watchung for most of her life before moving to Summit nine years ago. She was an active member of the Art Students League of New York City and was an artist, sculptor and poet. Mrs. Patterson attended the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut.

Surviving are her parents, Edwin and Eleanor Patterson, and two brothers, Michael and Mark.

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65th UCT Boys' Basketball

The Union County Tournament will continue tomorrow and Saturday with two quarterfinal-round games each day.

St. Patrick's, the top seed, is attempting to win a record sixth consecutive championship. The Celtics entered this year's UCT with a 20-game winning streak and victories in 31 of their last 32 games. The last team other than St. Patrick's to win the UCT was Elizabeth in 1995 when it defeated St. Pat's 50-49.

Top 8 seeds: 1-St. Patrick's, 2-St. Mary's, 3-Plainfield, 4-Roselle Catholic, 5-Union, 6-Roselle, 7-Linden, 8-Cranford.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Saturday, Feb. 10
 At Edison House, Elizabeth
 Union Catholic 62, Gov. Liv. 55
 Dayton 61, Brearley 53

Monday, Feb. 12

Dunn Sport Center
 Scotch Plains 66, Rahway 55
 New Prov. 65, Johnson 60 (30T)

FIRST ROUND

Tuesday, Feb. 13
 Dunn Sport Center
 Cranford vs. Summit
 St. Patrick's vs. Union C.

At Linden

Union vs. Westfield
 R. Cath. vs. Dayton

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Dunn Sport Center
 Linden vs. Hillside
 St. Mary's vs. Scotch Plains

At Rahway

Roselle vs. Elizabeth
 Plainfield vs. New Prov.

QUARTERFINALS

Friday, Feb. 16

Dunn Sport Center
 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Union-West. vs. RC-Dayton
 Cran.-Sum. vs. St. Pat's

Saturday, Feb. 17

Dunn Sport Center
 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Ros.-Eliz. vs. Plainfield
 Lin.-Hill. vs. St. Mary's

SEMIFINALS

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Dunn Sport Center, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Dunn Sport Center, 8:30 p.m.

FINAL

Saturday, Feb. 24

Dunn Sport Center, 3 p.m.

26th UCT Girls' Basketball

Four different schools have captured the last four Union County Tournament championships. Three of those schools are alive in today's quarterfinals.

Third-seeded Elizabeth won its third consecutive UCT title in 1997, top-seeded Union Catholic won its seventh in 1998 and fourth-seeded Union captured its first in 2000. Second-seeded Roselle Catholic has never won the UCT, while 1999 champion Summit was ousted in Monday's first round.

The quarters will be played today.

Top 8 seeds: 1-Union Catholic, 2-Roselle Catholic, 3-Elizabeth, 4-Union, 5-Oak Knoll, 6-New Providence, 7-Scotch Plains, 8-Gov. Livingston.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Saturday, Feb. 10

At Rahway
 Roselle 57, Linden 49
 St. Patrick's 52, Johnson 34
 Rahway 52, Mother Seton 31

Dunn Sport Center
 Plainfield 73, Brearley 46
 Westfield 62, Roselle Park 37
 Cranford 56, Hillside 33

FIRST ROUND

Monday, Feb. 12

At Linden
 Gov. Livingston 54, Dayton 37
 Union Catholic 41, Roselle 25

At Rahway
 Rahway 55, Oak Knoll 33
 Union 66, St. Patrick's 48
 At Roselle Catholic

Scotch Plains 47, Summit 41
 Roselle Cath. 74, Plainfield 54

At New Providence
 Cranford 54, New Providence 45
 Elizabeth defeated Westfield

QUARTERFINALS

Thursday, Feb. 15

Dunn Sport Center
 Rahway vs. Union
 Gov. Liv. vs. Union Catholic

At Rahway
 Cranford vs. Elizabeth
 S. Plains vs. Roselle Catholic

SEMIFINALS

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Dunn Sport Center, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Dunn Sport Center, 7 p.m.

FINAL

Saturday, Feb. 24

Dunn Sport Center, 1 p.m.



OUTSTANDING SWIMMERS AND CAPTAIN MOMS — Above, Celebrating their second-place finish at this month's Union County meet at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth are, from left, Summit swimmers Chris Manoni, Nick Nagel, Brandon Shea, Spencer Matthews, Ryan Clark and coach Dave Closs. Missing from the photo is the talented Robbie Messner, who was playing the saxophone in the jazz band at the Big Band Dance at the Grand Summit Hotel. Below, are the mothers of the three senior captains, from left, Becky Clark, Leslie Nagel and Ranell Shea.



Dayton boys' basketball stepping up to challenge

Bulldogs seek continued improvement

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — "We won the game, a lot of kids played and it will help us down the road when we play in the state tournament," Dayton High School boys' basketball coach Bill Berger said after his team defeated Brearley 61-53 last Saturday afternoon in the preliminary round of the Union County Tournament at the Edison House.

The victory put the Bulldogs, who improved to 15-3, up against fourth-seeded Roselle Catholic Tuesday night at Linden in first-round play. The winner of that game will play either Union or Westfield tomorrow night at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth in the quarterfinals.

The semifinals are Tuesday and Wednesday night and the championship game Feb. 24. If Dayton makes it to the semifinals it would play Tuesday night, most likely against five-time defending champion St. Patrick's.

Dayton's win over Brearley, which fell to 4-14, was its second this season. The Bulldogs also beat the Bears by eight points on Jan. 12, winning 50-42 in Kenilworth in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play.

"Even if we would have won by 20 points here, it wouldn't mean anything if we're going to lose in the states," Berger said.

Dayton, seeded first in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1, will host eighth-seeded Cedar Grove in the quarterfinals. The states commence the week of Feb. 26.

"I told the kids we have five games until we play Cedar Grove," Berger said. "Every game, you build and build."

Dayton not only wants to get back to the sectional final, but this time wants to win it. The Bulldogs surprisingly reached the final two years ago as the 10th seed, winning three road games before falling to eventual Group 1 state champion New Providence in the final at Millburn.

Last year Dayton defeated New Providence in the quarterfinals as the No. 2 seed, only to lose handily at home to Newark University in the semifinals, falling one game short of playing for the sectional championship. Two years ago Dayton went to Newark and defeated University in the semifinals. University did not qualify for the states this year.

Summit swimmers outstanding

A number of standout Berkeley Aquatic Club swimmers excelled at a recent Burgdorff meet held at the Sonny Werblin Sports Facility at Rutgers University.

Here's a look at how those from Summit performed:
 Girls 11-12: Stephanie Nerby: 50 freestyle 33.25, 100 freestyle 1:12.12, 200 freestyle 2:31.23, 400 freestyle 5:16.37, 50 backstroke 40.50, 100 backstroke 1:22.49, 200 IM 3:00.17.

Girls 13-14: Amy Beamer: 50 freestyle 32.17, 100 freestyle 1:10.18, 100 backstroke 1:19.19, 200 backstroke 2:44.25. Elizabeth Hankinson: 50 freestyle 31.74, 100 freestyle 1:08.55, 400 freestyle 5:12.48, 200 backstroke 2:45.91, 100 butterfly 1:17.90, 400 IM 5:59.76. Ellen Jones: 100 breaststroke 1:25.42, 200 breaststroke 3:03.52.

Boys 11-12: Jeff Mortenson: 100 freestyle 1:12.91, 50 butterfly 37.10, 100 butterfly 1:20.24.

In last Saturday's game against Brearley, the Bulldogs were led by point guard Carmine Santarella's 21 points and forward Matt Paz's 16.

Leading by a point at 13-12 to start the second quarter, Dayton went on a 6-0 run to boost its advantage to 19-12. Paz ended the run on a layup off a nice assist from guard Dario Ruggerio.

After Brearley scored the next three points to make it 19-15, the Bulldogs went on an 8-0 run to pace them to a 27-15 lead.

Brearley forward Greg Kizelevich nailed a three-point bucket from the top of the key to bring it to 27-18, but Paz scored on a layup off an outlet pass as the buzzer sounded ending the first half with Dayton taking a 29-18 lead.

"At halftime the coach told us we can play much better than we did in the first half," Santarella said. "We just had to push the ball and get some transition layups."

That kind of play was more prevalent in the second half, spearheaded by Santarella's 11 points.

The senior guard drove the baseline and dropped in an off-balance, five-footer that found nothing but net to make the score 37-27. After Kizelevich buried a banker inside the paint to make it 37-29, Santarella got the lead back to 10 points at 39-29 on a layup.

Brearley junior guard Richie Sporer knocked down a "trey" from the right wing circle to get it 39-32, but again it was Santarella answering back, this time hitting a seven-footer from inside the paint for a 41-32 lead.

Ricky Pinto would score on a nice bounce pass underneath from Kizelevich to make it 41-34 in favor of the Bulldogs. Dayton then closed out the period on an 8-0 run.

Santarella scored on a layup and then drilled a three-point basket. Chase Freundlich added a three-point basket to bring it to 49-34 heading into the final period.

Sporer zapped in a "trey" from the right corner to pull Brearley to within 49-37, but on the ensuing inbounds pass, an outlet to Paz resulted in a dunk, bringing cheers from those in attendance and a 51-37 score.

With six minutes left, Dayton went to its bench to give its younger players some minutes.

The Bears went on a 9-0 run to end the game, but it was too little, too late as they came up short in the 61-53 final.

"I give Brearley credit, because they only came with six players," Berger said. "They shot the ball real well."

In having only six players available, the Bears' game plan was to slow down the transition game of the Bulldogs. It worked in the first quarter as the Bears kept to within a point at 13-12.

"They tried to slow it down as best they could, but we kept putting pressure on them," Santarella said.

Here's a look at the state playoffs, which commence Feb. 26, for Dayton:

North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1: 1-Dayton, 2-Kinnelon, 3-Verona, 4-Newark Science, 5-New Providence, 6-Newark Central, 7-Bloomfield Tech, 8-Cedar Grove.

Quarterfinals: 8-Cedar Grove at 1-Dayton, 5-New Providence at 4-Newark Science, 7-Bloomfield Tech at 2-Kinnelon, 6-Newark Central at 3-Verona.

Minutemen excel at charity stripe

Free throws made by many

The Knights of Columbus Springfield Council #5560 recently held a free throw contest. The winners at the local competition competed at the district level earlier this month, with three councils competing: #5560, Our Lady of Fatima #11798, Elizabeth and St. Mary of the Assumption #11213.

The district competition was held at St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth. At this level, each contestant attempted 25 free throws.

Springfield's winners included Joseph Puleo, age 10 boys; Caitlin Quagliato, age 10 girls; Stephen Suarez, age 12 boys; Kenneth Suarez, age 13 boys and Williams James Fisher, age 14 boys. Stephen Suarez made 22 of his 25 free throw attempts.

Each winner at the district level received a medal for his or her outstanding efforts.

Youth Basketball

The regional competition is scheduled for this Saturday at a parish in the Bergen County municipality of Bergenfield. Any contestant who survives the regional competition will then compete at the state level.

In regular-season play, the Springfield Minutemen senior basketball team defeated Fanwood 50-40 on Jan. 31 at Gaudineer School in Springfield.

Outstanding center Kevin Johnson paced the Minutemen with a 26-point performance. Robbie Shabat added 11, Ross Kivowitz seven, Jesse Weatherston four and Kenneth Suarez two. Kevin Kleyman and Jake Floyd played well on defense.

Earlier this year, Springfield was defeated by Cranford 67-27 and by Chatham 56-48.

At Cranford, Weatherston scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds. He made two three-point baskets.

Johnson had five points and six rebounds, Shabat and Kenneth Suarez four points, Floyd two and Stephen Suarez one.

Against Chatham, Johnson scored 23 points and hauled in 10 boards. Shabat had 10 points, Kivowitz eight, Mike Tiss three, Weatherston two and Kenneth Suarez two and two assists. Kleyman played well defensively.

The junior team was defeated by Fanwood 52-34, fell to Cranford 50-5 and was defeated by Chatham 39-29.

Stephen Suarez scored 15 against Fanwood, Adam Hirst had seven, Kevin Jiang four, Floyd and David Steinman three each and Kyle Seeley two.

Against Cranford, Seeley scored three points and Jiang two.

Floyd had nine points and nine rebounds against Chatham, while Jesse Galinkin and Alan Steinberg had six points each. Stephen Suarez and David "Bubba" Steinman had four points each. Hirst and Seeley played well on defense.

Minutemen teams were scheduled to host Summit last night.

Their schedule continues tomorrow with games at Governor Livingston High School against Berkeley Heights, the junior contest at 6:30 p.m. and the senior game at 8 p.m.

The Minutemen are scheduled to play at Hillside High School against Hillside on Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. and 5:30 and then host Millburn on Feb. 28, with games at 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Home games at Gaudineer School begin with the junior contest at 6:30, followed by the senior contest.

Squads win on same day for first time

For the first time this year, both Minutemen teams were victorious on the same day. On Feb. 7, Springfield's senior team defeated Madison 55-27 after the junior squad was triumphant by a 64-45 count.

In the senior contest, Springfield dominated right from the start as the Minutemen jumped out to an impressive 21-1 lead. The Minutemen led 36-10 at the half and 53-16 after three quarters.

Center Kevin Johnson had an outstanding game as he scored 14 points and grabbed five rebounds. Guard Jesse Weatherston was also on target as he poured in 14 points.

Kenneth Suarez had seven points and six rebounds, while Kevin Kleyman scored six points and hauled in nine boards.

Ross Kivowitz had four points and seven rebounds, point guard Mike Tiss had four points and six rebounds and Jake Floyd had four boards. Stephen Suarez, Jesse Galinkin and Adam Hirst also played well for the Minutemen.

Floyd paced the junior squad with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Guard Jesse Galinkin also had a hot hand as he poured in 16 points.

David Steinman, a first-year 5th grade player, excelled as he scored nine points. Kyle Seeley also brought his "A" game as he scored eight points, hitting back-to-back three-pointers in the second quarter.

Stephen Suarez and Adam Hirst scored six points each, while Dan Shabat also contributed with a solid effort.



Springfield Minutemen junior team coach Rob Fusco, right, instructs his team during a timeout of a recent game. The Minutemen put together a solid effort in defeating Madison 64-45.



Springfield junior team guard Adam Hirst, with ball, sees fellow guard Stephen Suarez to his right and No. 11 Jesse Galinkin to his left as he brings the ball up in a recent game.

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The Annual Meeting of the members of the Pulaski Bancorp, M.H.C., will be held on Friday, February 23, 2001, at 2:00 P.M. Eastern Time, at 130 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, for the purpose of electing three (3) Directors for a three (3) year term, and transacting any and all other business that may come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

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Ladies Evening Group will meet Wednesday

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WHEREAS Hyman and Eleanor Kupers-tein, Applicants, have filed an application with the Springfield Planning Board, #14-2000S, relating to the proposed lots 3801, Lots 1 and 2, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, and more commonly known as 733 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey seeking approval for a minor subdivision and variance for lot coverage as to Lot 11 from the requirements of the Springfield Land Use Ordinance, as amended;

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slons of law with respect to the Application; (1) Applicants are the owners of Lot 57 in the S-75 Zone which abuts Lot 11 located in the NC and S-75 Zones. (2) Applicants propose to eliminate the existing lot line and relocate it to enlarge Lot 57 and reduce Lot 11. (3) The proposed subdivision will move the property line closer to the zone line than presently situated. (4) The proposed subdivision and relocation of the lot line supports the separation of commercial and residential uses and reduces the risk of future expansion of the non-residential use into the residential zone. (5) The reduction in the size of Lot 11 renders the lot coverage non-conforming as 80% is permitted and 89.4% will exist. There is no development associated with this subdivision. (6) The proposed subdivision and use variance is a situation wherein the purposes of the Land Use Law are advanced by a deviation from the Zoning Ordinance requirements. Maintaining an adequate buffer and separation between commercial uses and residential uses is of greater benefit to the property owners in that zone than the detriment of the slightly greater lot coverage ratio. (7) The variance for lot coverage as to Lot 11 can be granted without impairing the intent or purpose of the Land Use Ordinance. WHEREAS at the conclusion of the January 3, 2001 hearing upon motion of Mrs. Title for approval of the minor subdivision of Block 3601, Lot 11, requested by the Applicants, together with the variance for lot coverage, the Springfield Planning Board members hearing the application voted to approve the motion with the condition that the chain link fence to be located along Mr. Neibart's property line shall be installed with vertical slats pursuant to Township Ordinance.

PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 19:12-9, you are hereby advised of the following procedure to be used in the SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 27th, 2001.

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PLANNING BOARD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS Mr. Kupers-tein presented Mr. Stephen Fisk, a professional land surveyor and professional planner, who was sworn and whose qualifications to testify as an expert were accepted by the Board and who testified that the proposal is to create a subdivision line about 75 feet of the back of the Sumas Realty property which lies to the rear of the Kupers-tein residential lot, that this proposal would add the majority of the residential zone portion of Lot 11 to the residential Lot 57; and WHEREAS Mr. Fisk testified that Lot 11 as remaining will constitute 26,000 square feet fronting on Mountain Avenue in a zone that requires lots of 10,000 square feet; the proposed subdivision will be approximately 29,000 square feet; one variance will be required for lot coverage on the remainder of Lot 11 as the ordinance permits 80% coverage and the resulting coverage will be 89.4% albeit no construction or improvements are proposed; and WHEREAS Mr. Hyman Kupers-tein, Applicant, appeared and was sworn and testified that he is seeking the subdivision approval for two reasons: to avoid having a parking lot in his back yard, and to be better able to control dumping on this property; and WHEREAS Mr. Kupers-tein testified that he plans to clean up the property and fence one particular section where Mr. Neibart lives; he does not intend to enlarge his home and specifically will not seek to put a house on the back of his property; and WHEREAS the meeting was opened for public comment by Mr. Irving Neibart, appeared who was previously sworn, indicated he just wanted clarification and to be sure Mr. Kupers-tein did not plan on a board-ward fence; and WHEREAS no one else appeared to speak for or against the Application, that portion of the hearing was closed; and WHEREAS the Planning Board made the following findings of fact and conclusions:

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