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Judge sentences hit-and-run driver to probation

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

It was a case where nobody could win. "The defense is crying, and so are the plaintiffs; a young life is taken and no one can be the same again," said Union County Superior Court Judge John Triarsi, a veteran of over 30 years on the bench, during sentencing Friday. Jian Lin, formerly of New York City, now of Elizabeth, was in court Friday for sentencing, after pleading guilty to striking 22-year-old Michelle Margaritonda with his vehicle as she crossed Route 22 in Mountainside Aug. 2 and then fleeing in panic. Margaritonda was killed on that rainy and foggy night at the intersection of Route 22 East and the Lawrence Avenue U-turn at approximately 11:15 p.m.

Under a plea agreement, Lin, 36, will serve five years probation, lose his New Jersey driver's license for one year, serve 100 hours of community service at a local hospital and pay \$2,600 in fines. If Lin does not fulfill the requirements of the sentence, he could face five years in state prison.

According to the Mountainside police report, Margaritonda was found unconscious on the side of the road, and was transported by the Mountainside Volunteer Rescue Squad to University Hospital in Newark. She was pronounced dead at 1:30 a.m. She and her boyfriend, Chris Leone of Mountainside,

had disembarked a bus and crossed from the eastbound to the westbound side. Leone was about 100 feet ahead of her and was not injured. The impact reportedly carried Margaritonda onto the hood of the car, smashing the windshield, and threw her to the other side.

Lt. Todd Turner, in charge of the investigation from the Mountainside Police, said Lin allegedly drove directly to his place of employment, a Chinese restaurant owned by his family in Elizabeth, where he had parked behind the building. His 13-year-old son was in the car with Lin.

Leone had been able to provide a description of the vehicle which was broadcast over the police network and within a short time, the damaged vehicle was discovered and Lin was arrested. A six-member Major Accident Investigation Team learned that the vehicle was indeed the one that had killed Margaritonda.

Lin, a native of Fujing, China, gave the Mountainside police a statement, admitting he hit her and said he had not seen them crossing the road in the rain and fog. "She was running across the highway. I stopped, but then I got scared and left." He claimed to have been going no more than 40 to 45 mph, and said he stopped at the light which went from yellow to red.

Lin was charged with a third-degree crime: leaving the scene of an accident. Bail had been set for \$50,000, which was posted two days after the accident. The plea of guilty meant that Lin would not serve jail time. Lin, through a

Mandarin interpreter on Friday, expressed "great sorrow to the fact that I did not see her and he cannot express his grief."

Triarsi then allowed the boyfriend of the victim, Leone, to read a statement. Extremely distraught, he had to stop several times; he claimed he was still in shock and that Lin had been speeding.

"He could have called 9-1-1; he had a cell phone. I had to go down and identify the vehicle and fill out a report while I was in total shock; this is very hard to deal with. This is no real punishment for him, this plea bargain. Will it make him understand that he took a life? He could have helped and he didn't."

Michelle's mother, Mary Lou Margaritonda, who had to be helped to the chair in front of the judge, also read a statement. She spoke, sobbing intermittently, for about a half hour, pleading with the judge to sentence Lin to jail time and reject the plea bargain. She had sent the judge numerous letters also, which he quietly said he had received.

A point the distraught mother made was that she had had Lin's driving record investigated and found he had several driver's licenses, some with minor tickets recorded. She wanted to know why Mountainside police had not checked for drugs and/or alcohol, and became more and more upset, finally calling Lin a "murderer." Then pausing, she said, "How does a parent actually describe what

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Students get a special teacher for civics lesson

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Instead of learning about how state government works through a textbook, third-graders at Deerfield School in Mountainside got the chance to live it by becoming the government for a day when Mark Boyd, commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Labor, visited the school for a presentation Friday.

"Government is what society and everyone else decides what it is they want to have," said Boyd.

Shortly after asking the students some general questions about what government is and how it works, Boyd let them create their own state, declaring it the state of Deerfield.

Then, he divided the students up into the three branches of government, elected a governor, and explained what the executive, judicial and legislative branches do.

"When you want to pass a law in the U.S. or New Jersey or Deerfield, the only part of the government that has the power to pass the law is the legislature," said Boyd. "Then the governor decides whether she will implement the law before it goes to the Supreme Court to determine if it's good."

Next, he asked the legislature to create a law concerning whether or not smoking should be made illegal. After introducing a bill to make smoking illegal in the state of Deerfield, the legislature voted in favor to pass the bill, but ran into trouble when Boyd explained that it could hurt people who own businesses that sell cigarettes.

By passing a law that could harm some citizens by putting them out of

business, Boyd said the law now had to go to the Supreme Court, where it was voted down.

"You passed a law with good reason," Boyd said to the legislature. "But it impacted one person and the Supreme Court is there to interpret the law to see if it violates the Constitution."

For the second example, the legislature devised another law, one that would prohibit the use of cellular phones in certain places. After much debate, the vote produced similar results, with the law going before the Supreme Court to be voted down for its negative impact on business owners who sold cellular phones.

"That's how the government of New Jersey and the U.S. works," said Boyd. "Law is about trying to predict the future and trying to guide people as to how they should behave."

Boyd explained law as having to look to the past, present and future to determine the right thing to do.

"While the legislature is trying to look forward," Boyd said, "the governor is concerned with the present and how they are going to implement that law. The Supreme Court looks backwards and examines how that law will affect real people."

After the presentation, students asked lots of questions about government and about what Boyd does on a day-to-day basis.

"I keep your moms and dads safe when they go to work," he said. "If they lose their job, they can come to the Department of Labor to get some unemployment insurance to keep some money coming in while they look for a new job."

He said people also go to him to get



Photo By Ruthanne Wagner

State Labor Commissioner Mark Boyd explains to the governor of the state of Deerfield and how they, and ultimately she, has to decide the issue of smoking being legal or illegal, and whether to go along with the vote of the Legislature. The exercise was part of Boyd's visit with third- and fourth-graders on Friday to explain the workings of state government.

temporary disability insurance if they get injured and permanent disability insurance if they get sick and can never work again.

"I try to help all the workers of New Jersey," said Boyd. "I try to keep them safe and get them through tough times and get them new jobs."

Boyd got involved in politics in 1992 and was assigned to work with former President George Bush during a White House press conference. In 1993, he began working with Gov. Christine Whitman, serving as deputy commissioner before becoming commissioner of labor last June.

But before all that, Boyd was a truck driver who owned a rigging and trucking company in Kenilworth with his father. Boyd now lives in nearby

Westfield and was a former student of Susan Schriber's third-grade class in 1974, the same teacher whose class he made the presentation to on Friday.

After his presentation, Boyd stressed the importance of children learning about government to prepare them for becoming citizens who know and care deeply about the issues of the world today.

"I think that too many citizens of New Jersey don't understand how government works," said Boyd. "It's good to understand how the process works. The more people that are involved, the better it'll be."

As for the young citizens of Deerfield, they appeared to have enjoyed taking part in their own government

for a day, and for some, it could spark an interest for life.

"It's not an easy process," said Louis Loftus. "But I like the debating."

"I liked listening to what he had to go through every day," said Kelly Montagna. "It sounded really cool."

Most students agreed that the presentation taught them a lot about government.

"We learned a lot from it because we haven't really been talking a lot about government," said Mallory Corrigan. "It was fun."

"I learned how they make laws and decide how they are going to be made legal or illegal," said Max Nagel.

"I learned how he does his job and why," said Tim Black.

Orthodox congregation keeps long-held traditions

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the ninth part in a series highlighting the various churches and houses of worship in Mountainside and Springfield.

Congregation Israel, architecturally round, sits at the corner of Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road in Springfield. The beautiful synagogue is the oldest chartered Orthodox synagogue in the state and is a member of the Metro West Council. The cornerstone says 1978.

Inside, the sanctuary is also circular, or shaped in the round; as Rabbi Allan J. Yuter said, "It is shaped this way to make it seem more inclusive." Seating is tiered, accommodating about 220 members. Sliding doors at the back open, however, into a huge multi-purpose social hall, which is used not only for social events, but for services on the High Holy Days.

In Orthodox tradition, men sit in the front rows, and women in the back rows around the sides. Children are free to sit anywhere. "Let them be children," said the rabbi.

"We are one family, united, and the core idea is found in the center of the sanctuary, where the Torah is behind an ornamental covering, called a parochet in Hebrew," said the rabbi. There is no organ or piano music although chanting is part of the service. "We use our own voices as music; we do have lay cantors, all men, and they are excellent."

The law is strictly observed; part of the building has two kitchens, according to kosher tradition, one for meat and one for dairy dishes; separate utensils are used.

"Everything we do has a place and a purpose which we believe enriches our lives. We create a community together where we keep the traditions; where the children are taught to live in two worlds."

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Photo By Jeff Grant

Rabbi Allan J. Yuter leads the oldest chartered Orthodox synagogue in the state, Springfield's Congregation Israel.

Stop & Shop testimony postponed after witness takes ill

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

A revealing testimony was about to make a significant difference in the six-year struggle over the proposed Shop & Stop in Springfield at the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Tuesday, but was held off due to an illness on the part of the witness. As a result, the meeting

never took place. At the request of James Segreto, attorney for Royal Ahold, the meeting was adjourned until April 17. No other applications were to be heard that night.

According to Stuart Applbaum, chairman of the Zoning Board, the meeting never took place because the person on the objector's side was going to testify, but the sudden illness pre-

vented it. Applbaum said he believed that their case was going to stem from his testimony, and that was why the meeting could not be held.

Royal Ahold is the parent company of Super Stop & Shop, which owns the former Saks Fifth Avenue property at 90 Millburn Ave. In 1995, Royal Ahold and Stop & Shop bought the former

Saks store with plans to open a supermarket at the site, which sits at the Springfield/Millburn border.

The store was built on land that was zoned for commercial and residential use. Opposition to the supermarket has come from the Colonial Association, Village Supermarkets and Millburn Township.

More spots sought for jitney bus

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Seeking to ease the burden of finding more parking spaces for Springfield's jitney bus, the Township Committee passed an ordinance March 13 to amend off-street jitney parking in the hopes of pleasing both local merchants and people who ride the jitney each day.

"This has to do with a minor change so that more people will be able to use Duffy's parking lot after the jitney bus has used up the spots allotted to it," Township Committee member Gregory Clarke.

As Bill Cieri, jitney coordinator, explained, roughly 15 spots were added by changing the restricted time period. Instead of keeping the restricted parking spots open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., the spots are now open until 9:30 a.m., since the last bus going to the Short Hills train station runs at 9 a.m.

"We made these spots available to the local merchants, instead of keeping those spots tied up," said Cieri.

Although the grant for the jitney bus expires this month, officials are still in negotiations with NJ Transit in applying for a grant renewal that will allow the township to continue the jitney service.

"We will know very shortly," said Cieri. "I believe our program fits with what they want. We know we are meeting their numbers."

Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld expects the grant to be approved by NJ Transit and hopes a lease agreement would be included as well.

Adding the extra parking by changing the times allows for both local merchants and jitney riders to be satisfied, he said.

"It doesn't really affect the local merchants," said Hirschfeld. "You can still park on the side streets and a lot of people get dropped off. The jitney also encourages people to shop in the area."

Previously, several local merchants had complained about the jitney parking situation at a Chamber of Commerce meeting.

"We agreed to make sure that signs were put up stating that the spots could be taken after 9:30 a.m.," said Hirschfeld. "We did an observation, a traffic study from the Police Department, and we found quite a lot of spots open after 9:30 a.m."

Approximately 40 people use the jitney bus each day to commute to jobs in Newark or New York City, but Hirschfeld expressed his desire to expand the bus route and add different stops throughout Springfield. He also wants to bring revenue to the bus service by allowing businesses to advertise on the bus.

Despite talk of adding a second bus line to the jitney, Hirschfeld said the Township Committee would probably not think it would be a viable option.

If the grant does not get renewed, Hirschfeld said the cost for a new bus line and driver would be at least \$50,000, the original cost of the NJ Transit grant to start the service.

Although the Township Committee had previously looked at the Springfield pool as an alternative for additional jitney parking, Hirschfeld said the committee is no longer looking at that option, but may consider the Church Mall lot.

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Planetarium fun



The Newark Museum, the first in the U.S. to offer a portable planetarium, was at St. James The Apostle School in Springfield recently. With Newark Museum astronomer Kevin Conod are, from left, Nicole Kearney, Gennaro DiMuro, Michael Ziobro, Shaunte Smith and Melanie Rossomando.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Diabetes lecture

The Mountainside Senior Citizens Club will meet Friday for a lecture on diabetes.

The Mountainside Senior Citizens Club meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month at the Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane. The meetings begin at noon with light refreshments served.

Mountainside newcomers plan various events

The Mountainside Newcomers Club announces the following member activities for the near future:

- A new member coffee will be March 29 at 8 p.m. at Suzanne Streeter's home. This is a great, informal way of meeting other club members, and to learn more about the activities of the Club. For more information and to RSVP call Monica Boenning at (908) 928-0321.

- Mommy & Me is anticipating spring with its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Loop Playground, Watchung Reservation. The cost is \$5 per child. RSVP to Margaret DiPalma by April 1. Rain date will be April 14. They are also planning a picnic at the Loop Playground on May 4 at noon. If weather is questionable call Jean Marie Morgan at (908) 518-9409 to see if the picnic has been cancelled.

The club also will be asking its members to donate Easter baskets,

which will be distributed to St. Joseph's in Elizabeth. Last year, more than 100 baskets were donated, and brought joy and smiles to many children. All baskets must be dropped off at Karen Sforza's home by April 19. If you have any questions feel free to call her at (908) 233-1671.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club Inc. is a social organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to its new members, to help them meet others, and to make them feel welcome and a part of the community. Membership is open to new residents of Mountainside or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a baby, or a change in employment of marital status.

For membership information call Monica Boenning at (908) 928-0321.

Foothill Club luncheon

The Foothill Club will conduct a luncheon on April 5 at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield.

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

- The Westfield Regional Health Department sponsors a pneumonia vaccination program from noon to 1 p.m. at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield. Pre-registration is required. Medicare/Medicaid cards must be presented at the time of registration. The program is open exclusively to residents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield. No exceptions will be made.

- The Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross Chapter, 321 Elm St., Westfield, offers an Adult CPR class from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information, to register or to inquire about the spring course schedule call (908) 232-7090.

- Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield presents "West Side Story" at 7:30 p.m. in the Halsey Hall auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$4 for students and senior citizens. For advanced tickets call (973) 376-1025, Ext. 5781. Tickets will be available at the door.

- The Berkeley Heights Board of Education conducts a regular meeting and budget hearing in the Columbia multipurpose room at 8 p.m.

Friday

- The Mountainside Senior Citizens Club presents a program on diabetes at Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane at noon. Light refreshments served.

- Governor Livingston High School, 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, hosts the annual Teen Arts Festival featuring entries by teen-agers from Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and Mountainside. The festival runs today from 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is sponsored by the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, Berkeley Heights Education Foundation, Berkeley Heights Municipal Drug Alliance, New Providence Municipal Drug Alliance and Mountainside Education Foundation.

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Saturday

- Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, sponsors a fish and chips dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Takeout available. For tickets or more information call (973) 376-1695.

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Sunday

- The Mountainside Republican Club honors Dona Osieja and Mayor Robert Vigilanti at a cocktail party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at B.G. Fields on Springfield Avenue in Westfield. Anyone interested in attending may all the treasurer, Rosemarie Graziano, at (908) 233-7129.

Monday

- The Springfield Board of Education conducts a hearing at 7 p.m. on the 2001-02 school budget followed by its regular meeting.

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

Tuesday

- Jewish Family Service of MetroWest is accepting registration for its support group, "You and Your Aging Parent," for an eight-week session. The group, facilitated by licensed clinical social worker Anne Mollen, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the JFS Springfield office, 500 Morris Ave. Information about available community resources also will be provided. The cost for participating is \$80, payable in advance. For more information or to register, call Jewish Family Service of MetroWest at (973) 765-9050.

- The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop session 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 Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

Wednesday

- The PTAs and the League of Women Voters of Springfield co-sponsor a candidates night at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Florence M. Gaudineer School on South Springfield Avenue.

- The proposal to expand and improve Mountainside's public school facilities will be the subject of the Mountainside Democratic Club's open meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom of Borough Hall, 1085 Route 22 East. Board of Education President Patricia Taeschler and Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller will describe the plan and answer questions. At 7:30 p.m. the club will have a business meeting open to all residents.

Upcoming March 29

- The Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host a public forum at 7 p.m. Consultant Nolan Lushington of Lushington Associates of Hartford, Conn., will present his report and recommendations and the public is invited to offer viewpoints and make recommendations about how the library will address changing needs in the coming years. Senior citizens who require transportation for the evening meeting may call (973) 376-4930, Ext. 27 for assistance.

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Rates for municipal pool reduced

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Hoping to improve the public's perception of the Springfield Municipal Pool and increase memberships, the Township Committee introduced an ordinance March 13 to reduce park, pool and recreation fees.

"This is an ordinance for the purpose of amending our fees, taking into account many of the concerns our residents had concerning our pool facility," Committeewoman Clara Harelak said. "We think this will help us serve our residents best."

Recently, the committee has been looking at ways to attract more residents to the pool, keeping in mind the maintenance concerns that have plagued the pool in the past.

"We listen to and we read every letter that comes in regarding our fees and grounds," Committeeman Steven Goldstein said. "We are constantly doing what we can to make it more affordable, make it better," he said. "I think that it's a great thing for the town and I hope membership continues."

Despite the problems that the pool has had with maintenance issues in the past, town officials said steps will be taken to ensure that the pool remains a clean, healthy facility that people will be able to enjoy and feel safe in.

"The debris found in the pool and on the grounds was for a lack of things not being picked up," said Mike Tennaro, director of the Recreation Department. "It's just a matter of getting a good crew to help clean up."

Tennaro was referring to the 1999 season, a time when several members complained about an abundance of cigarette butts, wet tissues, napkins, and Band-Aids found in and around the pool. Residents also had complained about the conditions of the restrooms, claiming they were unclean.

Tennaro said he has not hired a pool manager or anyone

for the summer staff yet, but in past seasons he has had roughly five maintenance workers and 20 lifeguards, as well as a front desk staff.

"It's not a new building," said Tennaro. "We need to paint the walls and put in some new lockers."

Each year, the pool is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, opening only on weekends for the first month, and staying open full time after June 25.

Besides easing the burden on senior citizens by expanding the definition of what a senior citizen is, committee members have tried lowering fees for out-of-town residents in the hopes of adding more memberships to the pool.

Fees for residents are now at \$275 for family memberships, \$185 for individuals, \$80 for individual senior citizens, \$150 for senior citizen couples, and \$50 for nanny/caregivers.

Non-resident fees are now \$395 for family memberships, \$265 for individuals, \$115 for individual senior citizens, \$215 for senior citizen couples, and \$70 for nanny/caregivers.

Group swim lesson fees are \$30 per 12 sessions for the first child in the family, followed by \$25 for each additional child in the family. The age to enroll children in the day-camp program has also been changed from 5 years of age to 4.

Daycamp fees remain separate from pool fees and stay at \$375 for residents and \$425 for non-residents, the same as last year.

A senior citizen membership is now available to anyone age 62 or older, including married couples in which one spouse is age 62 or older.

Out-of-town family memberships also were changed to include a maximum of 250 out-of-town families.

Celebrating Thinking Day



Senior Troop 242 are all smiles after successfully organizing 'International Night' for 200 students and leaders at Deerfield School in Mountainside last month. The scouts enjoyed an evening of international games and desserts in honor of Thinking Day, when Girl Scouts worldwide promote international friendship. Members of Troop 242 include, from left, front row, Kristen Manzo, Lindsey Mills, Fiona Greeley and Jaclyn Church; middle row, Beth Starker, Kate Walsh, Kelly McGrath and Caitlin Freaney, and back row, Mary Greeley and Kathy Walsh.

Mountainside Borough Council adopts 2001 municipal budget

Tax increase on average home expected to be approximately \$14

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Mountainside Borough Council Tuesday night unanimously adopted the municipal budget for 2001 with no comment by its members or from residents.

The budget of \$7,550,271.69 calls for a tax levy, the amount to be raised by taxes, of \$4,025,399.75. The average homeowner in Mountainside, with property assessed at \$154,000, can expect an increase of approximately \$14 in the municipal portion of their tax bill.

The council Tuesday night approved an amendment to the

budget, initially introduced last month, after getting word from the state on payment Mountainside can expect to contribute to the state's Police and Fire Pension System. Due to recent state legislation, Mountainside will pay \$45,974 this year instead of \$137,318 — a difference of more than \$91,000.

The municipal tax rate is expected to rise from approximately \$0.84 per \$100 of assessed property value to approximately \$0.85 per \$100. The increase would result in the average homeowner paying about \$1,308 this year versus \$1,294 in 2000.

Significant increases on the appro-

priations side of the budget include \$113,000 in police salaries and wages; \$50,000 for snow removal; \$11,620 for recreation and \$5,000 for the public library. As far as decreases in appropriations, about \$20,000 less is expected to be spent on debt service and salaries for the Department of Public Works due to the consolidation of a position.

The municipality's budget is the first portion of the tax bill to be determined for 2001. Although the Mountainside Board of Education does not expect school taxes to rise as a result of its 2001-02 budget, voters must

approve the spending plan on April 17.

The county budget has been presented to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, which already has conducted

hearings on the plan. Mountainside's proposed county tax rate for 2001 is approximately \$0.93 per \$100 of assessed value, an increase from \$0.88 per \$100 in 2000. The rise would result in a county tax hike of \$77 for the average borough home,

should the freeholders adopt the budget as it stands.

The all-Democratic, nine-member board usually introduces the budget later in the spring with final approval coming by May.

Pneumonia vaccination program will be

The Westfield Regional Health Department will sponsor a pneumonia vaccination program today from noon to 1 p.m. at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield. Pre-registration is required.

The pneumonia vaccine will be available to those individuals that have not been vaccination for pneu-

monia within the past 10 years. The inoculations are specifically geared to the senior population, age 65 and over, and those individuals with chronic illnesses. Anyone interested in obtaining the pneumonia vaccine must pre-register in person, without exception, at the Health Department. Medicare/Medicaid cards must be

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EDITORIALS

A sad lesson in responsibility

Union County Superior Court Judge John Triarsi was correct when he called it a case no one could win.

On Friday, Triarsi sentenced Jian Lin of Elizabeth after he pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident. Lin will serve five years' probation and 100 hours of community service, in addition to losing his New Jersey driver's license for a year and paying \$2,600 in fines. He does not face jail time because leaving the scene of an accident is a third-degree crime and he was a first-time offender.

Lin admitted to fleeing after he struck Michelle Margaritonda, 22, last summer on a rainy night on Route 22 in Mountainside. Margaritonda was crossing the busy federal highway with her boyfriend just after 11 p.m. She was pronounced dead several hours later. The driver did not stop, but instead continued to his job in Elizabeth at a Chinese restaurant. The entire incident occurred while Lin's 13-year-old son was a passenger in his car.

Tragedies sometimes spur legislation of change. It was not until a 6-year-old boy from Elizabeth, while riding a scooter, was struck by a car and died from injuries. Although a helmet may not have saved him, elected officials quickly approved measures to require children younger than a certain age to wear helmets and other protective gear while riding scooters, similar to laws for kids riding bicycles.

In this case, Assemblyman Neil Cohen, D-Union, has introduced legislation that would make leaving the scene of an accident a second-degree crime.

Before more laws are put on the books to prohibit this or advocate that, people must take responsibility for themselves and their actions. Lin, a so-called adult, failed miserably to set an example for his son. Instead, he taught his offspring to flee from responsibility and the result of his actions. Hopefully, the lesson has been learned by both father and son through the court's action that one must face one's actions, even though Lin avoided jail time by pleading guilty.

Lin admitted to hitting Margaritonda as she crossed from the eastbound side to the westbound side of Route 22 East near Lawrence Avenue. It's not as if there was a question in his mind whether his vehicle had struck an individual. He knew he hit a pedestrian and yet he still continued because he "was scared."

Lin's failure to stop on that rainy night is reprehensible. He knowingly left the scene of an accident on a major highway. There is no excuse for leaving someone to die in the middle of the road.

Hopefully Cohen's legislation will tighten the loophole that currently treats someone leaving the scene of an accident too leniently.



PRESENTING MARSVILLE — The Mountainside Board of Education honored sixth-graders who presented Marsville at the New Jersey School Boards Convention, as well as their parents. Presented with resolutions were, from left, front row, Veronica Thomas, Lauren Arrigoni, Natalie Basile, Christine Bennett, Joseph D'Antuono; middle row, Toni DeCristoforo, Nora Kinney, Melissa Montagna, Anthony Cursi, Matt Zimmerman and Bei Wang; and back row, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, board President Patricia Taeschler, Elaine Fass, Joe D'Antuono, Robert DeCristoforo, Brian Kinney and Anne Bennett.

Springfield not alone in looking to fill top job

No other decision that Board of Education members make during their tenures will come close to the effect that choosing a new superintendent will have on the school district and community. Springfield is not the only district around that is experiencing turnover in its top administrative post as Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland will retire later this year.

The deadline for candidates to inquire for the position in Springfield was March 12. The district received 53 inquiries; about 32 are current or former superintendents, almost a dozen are assistant superintendents, and a number are supervisors or directors and three principals/other. All but five were from New Jersey: Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Georgia. Candidates have until Monday to get their applications in.

Springfield is in a similar position as the Hillside and Cranford school districts. Both of those districts were searching for new superintendents earlier this year. Hillside last month appointed Kean University professor Raymond Bandlow, a former superintendent in West Windsor among other

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By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

places, at an annual salary of \$139,000. Laurence Feinsod was the superintendent of the Madison public schools for many years before being hired by Cranford in December at an annual salary of \$155,000.

The average superintendent in New Jersey earned \$113,029 during the 1999-2000 school year, according to a New Jersey Education Association survey of 522 school districts. Where they are located is a factor considering the big difference in the cost of living between the various regions of the state. Only 65 superintendents in the state earned more than \$138,000.

In Union County, only superintendents in Winfield and Garwood, which are not full K-12 districts and send their kids elsewhere for high school, earned less than \$100,000, according to the study. The county average was \$121,720, but the aver-

age for superintendents of K-12 districts is closer to \$133,000, with highs of \$171,000 in Springfield, \$160,000 in Summit, and \$150,000 in Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

It may seem like a lot, but you get what you pay for in some cases. And superintendent of schools is not a job that people are falling all over each other to get.

According to Mike Yaple of the New Jersey School Boards Association, among the 600 school districts in New Jersey, 100 changed superintendents during the 1999-2000 school year, 79 the previous year, and 133 the year before that. "That's a huge amount of turnover."

Come the end of this school year, in Union County alone, one-third of superintendents will have been replaced within the past two to three years. In addition to Hillside, Cranford and Springfield this year, last year Roselle Park and Linden welcomed new school leaders, and in 1999, Garwood and Berkeley Heights saw new superintendents begin. In Middlesex County, there has been a 50-percent turnover during the same time period.

"There had been a number of long-time superintendents who just recently left districts" in Union County, Yaple said.

Superintendents attend countless meetings in the evenings with committees, school boards and PTAs. In addition, they have to direct the educational policy of an entire district, all the while usually with parents and residents on their backs about improving test scores or complaining about poor school rankings. There's also the annual exercise to get voter approval for school budgets, which generally call for more tax increases.

"The expectations are enormous and it's an extremely difficult job," Yaple said.

Also factoring into the dearth of superintendents is the fact that New Jersey teachers are the second-highest paid in the United States behind only Connecticut, with an average annual salary of more than \$50,000. Some superintendents from outside New Jersey drop their interest in coming here when they learn of the requirements. New Jersey has no reciprocity when it comes to other state's licenses so an out-of-state superintendent must endure a difficult process that includes testing and a year of mentoring.

Important dates

Residents of both Mountainside and Springfield should mark their schedules next week, as there are several evening events that are important to their community. Each event should interest them as the topics are integral to the well-being of each municipality.

On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Florence M. Gaudineer School, the PTAs and the Springfield League of Women Voters will sponsor a candidates night featuring six candidates for the Board of Education: incumbents Linda Duke and Ben Stravato, in addition to Harry Pappas, Patricia Venezia, Irwin Sablosky and Benjamin Ruff. The school election is April 17, when voters will select three candidates and also vote on the school budget. We urge residents to become informed before casting their ballots. It is our hope that residents continue the interest they showed in last month's athletic field referendum and take part in the school election process.

Also on Wednesday at 8 p.m., the Mountainside Democratic Club will host an informational meeting in Borough Hall with school officials to discuss the proposed \$6.8-million bond referendum for school renovations. The plan calls for expanding Deerfield School and reopening Beechwood School. As one can see, the referendum will have a long-lasting effect on the borough as a whole, not just the school population. School officials hope to present the referendum to voters on April 17.

Finally, on March 29 at 7 p.m., the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Public Library will present a public forum to discuss the future planning of the library. The library is one of the most integral parts of any community, in addition to being funded through your tax dollars.

We encourage residents to attend these important public meetings in the coming week as all will have a dramatic impact in the near future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Still paying taxes in Springfield

To the Editor:

I was greatly surprised to see my former neighbor, Donald F. Roden, make disparaging remarks about me in his March 15 letter to the editor. Unfortunately, I neither know Mr. Roden nor was aware that we were neighbors.

Perhaps if he had taken the time to introduce himself, I could have explained my belief that it is the responsibility of the entire community to provide for its children's educational needs, whether or not as individuals we have children in the school system. I am well aware that when my children were in the school system, the tax dollars used to educate them came from the entire community.

Now that my children have graduated, I am as committed as I was when they were in school to make sure that every child in Springfield is afforded a quality education and that our schools and school grounds are safe for them to play on. I have always felt that the town of Springfield was supportive of its school system and I have always been proud of that commitment.

That is why when I moved, I chose to stay in Springfield, something that my neighbor was obviously unaware of — and yes, I did support the referendum to improve the school grounds; and yes, I do support the school budget — even though I no longer have children in this town; and yes, I do still pay taxes. Only when an entire community is committed to the welfare of all of its citizens will people stay around for 30 years.

Ruth Brinen
Springfield

Oh the deprivation and degradation

To the Editor:

Someone really should speak up in defense of the other 1,514 "stupid" voters of Springfield. In my case, I fear, Mr. Frank's contention has merit.

I've paid taxes in town for 53 years while never educating a child in the school system. Mr. Webb, no doubt your annual tax bill is greater than mine, but you have a way to go to catch up. In further evidence of my stupidity, I have, to the extent of my resources, supported our fire and police departments and first aid squad, joined a couple of civic organizations, volunteered occasionally and tried to be a reasonably good and civil neighbor.

Stupidity, unfortunately, may run in the family. I stupidly chose parents stupid enough to struggle in the Depression years to feed and clothe me rather than provide me with tennis lessons, resulting in my inability ever to use our tennis courts. Oh, the deprivation! Oh, the degradation! Stupidly adhering to the lessons of thrift, I have enjoyed only two cups of Starbucks coffee. Why, I'm so stupid I actually drive a car that doesn't even contain a cup holder.

Now, in the most egregious example of stupidity, I will confess to a willingness to vote yes on a scaled down or incremental program to improve Meisel field and other facilities. But — and this is the ultimate stupidity — dare I hope that the yuppies among us will settle for less than "Everything now."

Caroline Russell
Springfield

Give me one of those tough jobs

To the Editor:

We are once again witnessing the height of governing royalty arrogance emanating from Washington, D.C., home of more legislator millionaires per square mile than any other nation on Earth. Bet you thought that royalty ended with the Clintons.

These jokers are debating whether we deserve to get some of our misspent tax dollars back if they see fit; and if those who pay it should get it back or maybe someone who did not pay it. This is an amazing debate for a nation built on freedom with a federal government that manages to waste or embezzle billions of dollars out of an annual budget approaching \$2 trillion, every year.

Keep in mind that this is from the folks who opted out of Social Security, who built lavish gyms and dining facilities for themselves, built multimillion-dollar suburbs so they don't have to cross the street and give themselves huge pensions even if they only serve one term in office.

Give me one of those tough jobs.

Frank Marchese
Mountainside

Let's not overdo it with apologies

To the Editor:

Let's not overdo our apologies to Japan on the recent sub "accidental" unintentional collision with a Japanese ship. Let's remember Dec. 7, 1941 for which no formal apology was issued.

Joseph C. Chieppa
Mountainside

School board election guidelines

In fairness to all Board of Education candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of Board of Education elections.

Under the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on basic positions taken by each, and it will write news stories on the issues raised during the campaign.

We also will list important political events such as candidates nights and fund-raisers in news stories.

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Charles Levendosky, editorial page editor,
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AT THE LIBRARY

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Volunteers, who will be providing the actual delivery service, will be encouraged to develop personal relationships with the recipient. "Sometimes a visit from a volunteer is more important than the delivery of the book," said Library Director Susan Permahos, citing friendships that developed at another library that pro-

vided homebound delivery service.

The recipient of the service must provide certification from a physician, visiting nurse or other health care professional and must possess a valid Springfield library card.

For more information on this free service call the Springfield Public Library at (973) 376-4930, Ext. 30.

Forum seeks input from public on library

After a year of self-analysis, the Springfield Free Public Library is turning to the community to help make plans for the future.

It was just over a year ago that the Board of Trustees of the Springfield library contracted with consultant Nolan Lushington of Lushington Associates of Hartford, Conn. to evaluate the 32-year-old building with an eye toward preparing for the next 20 years of service to the community. Working along with members of the Board of Trustees and staff, the consultant identified a number of prob-

lems and made recommendations for improvements.

Members of the public also were able to provide input through two surveys that were conducted last year, one in the library and one that was distributed to residents in their tax bills. More than 700 people responded to the surveys.

The Board of Trustees is now looking for additional input from members of the public before moving on to the next level of planning. For that reason a public meeting will be March 29 at 7 p.m. at the library, 66 Mountain Ave.

The 90-minute meeting will feature an introduction by Library Board President Gilbert Cohen, an overview of the report prepared by Lushington by Library Director Susan Permahos, and a 30-minute discussion period during which members of the public will be invited to offer suggestions and observations regarding the library building and possible improvements.

Today's library is becoming more and more dependent on technology to provide up-to-date information for

library patrons. When the library building opened in February 1969, computers, videos, compact discs, DVDs and books on tape didn't exist. Now commuters seek books on tape in ever-increasing numbers to reduce stress on long commutes.

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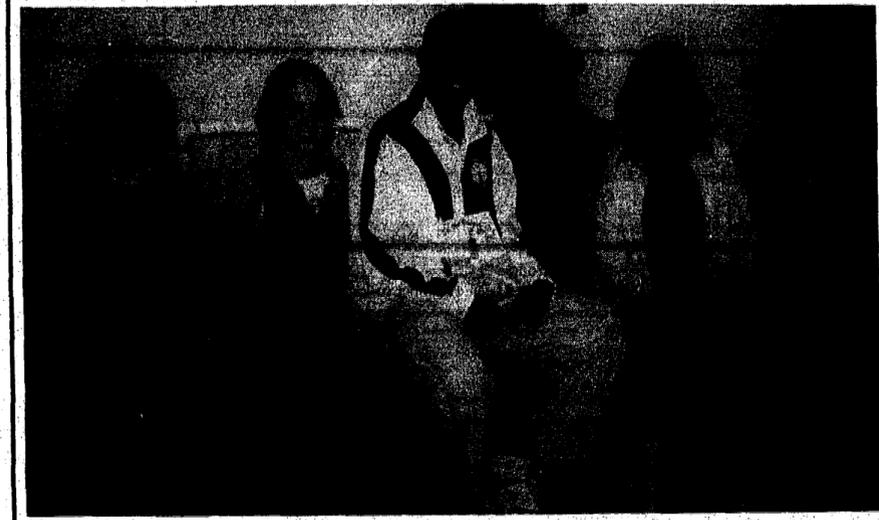
mation available in formats that weren't around 30 years ago. Library patrons look to the library to offer an environment similar to that of mega bookstores, including magazine reading areas and areas for quiet study and research.

Members of the public are invited

to attend the public meeting on March 29 to offer their viewpoints and make recommendations about how the library will address changing needs in the coming years. Senior citizens who require transportation for the evening meeting may call (973) 376-4930, Ext. 27 for assistance.



READING FUN — Left, firefighter Joe Popolo and Tara Gagliano, administrative assistant to the Fire Prevention Bureau, read to first-graders at Sandmeier School in Springfield for Read Across America earlier this month while, below, Tim Howard, a member of U.S. soccer team at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, read to students, from left, Jane Litvin, Stephanie Lawson, Kadeem Hill, Michelle Anderson and Mickey Tighe.



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The Board of Trustees of The Connection for Women and Families in Summit honored Josephine Cook of Summit, left, during a meet earlier this year. A resident of Summit for 40 years, Cook has taught English as a Second Language at The Connection for two decades.

The Connection honors Cook for years of service

The Board of Trustees of The Connection for Women and Families in Summit honored Josephine Cook of Summit at the Jan. 24 meeting.

Cook has faithfully taught English as a Second Language at The Connection for 20 years. A 40-year Summit resident, "Jo" has shared her English minor education from New York University through her ongoing volunteer commitment to teaching English to newcomers to the United States.

After teaching morning ESL classes at The Connection, she often conducted private tutoring in her home. "I gave all that I had, and I have received as well," said Cook remembering the many cards and letters from around the world from former students.

Cook plays the piano in her spare time — classical and jazz music are her favorites. In fact, a piano was the first piece of furniture she and her

husband purchased upon moving to Summit.

For more information about the English as a Second Language program at The Connection call 273-4242.

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Church plans annual garage sale

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The 24th annual sale is scheduled for Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Known for its large quantity and variety of goods, the Unitarian Church's annual garage sale also has a reputation for its organization and friendly service.

Departments include men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes and accessories, housewares, linens, furniture, appliances large and small, sporting goods, luggage, toys, games and books. A boutique area contains three rooms of collectibles, fine clothing and jewelry.

For more information call the Unitarian Church at (908) 273-3245 or e-mail to UUCS@eclipse.net.



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Lois Nelson

"I'm glad spring is coming. I can't wait to get outside and play tennis."

Police charge Jersey City man with identity theft

Springfield

Roy Couser, 50, of Jersey City was arrested on charges of theft by deception, forgery, forged instrument and wrongful impersonation at Staples on Route 22 East. Police said Couser attempted to use stolen checks to purchase merchandise at the office supplies store.

Couser was additionally charged with possessing a counterfeit New Jersey license, receiving stolen property and possessing identity theft information. He was taken to the county jail on \$3,000 bail.

Wilson Hassan, 24, of Newark was arrested on a warrant at 3:02 p.m. on March 15 on charges of hindering arrest and filing a fictitious report.

On March 1 at 4:16 p.m., three items were found missing from a tool box at Firestone along the 600 block of Morris Turnpike. The items included a drill valued at \$129, and

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two impact sockets valued at \$21 each.

On March 12 at 5:25 p.m., four pairs of Timberland boots worth \$329.96 were purchased with a stolen check at Bob's Stores on Route 22 West, police said.

On Sunday, at 1:14 p.m. two items were damaged at the township pool. The items included a metal door and locking mechanism with an unknown estimated value.

On Friday at 8 a.m., several items were reported stolen from a motor vehicle parked at along the 600 block of Mountain Avenue. Items included an Aiwa portable compact disc player valued at \$65, a Liz Claiborne purse worth \$100, \$45 in cash, and various documents and credit cards.

Mountainside

On March 12 at 5 p.m., Walter Lee Miller, 58, of Newark was arrested for contempt of a judicial order, an outstanding warrant for \$660 out of the Mountainside Municipal Court.

On March 15 at 11 a.m., Ronald Mosher, 27, of Somerville was stopped for a front view obstruction. It was later revealed he was driving without registration and driving with a suspended license, police said. He was arrested for the traffic violations and transported back to headquarters for further processing. Bail was set for \$250. A court date was set for March

29 in Mountainside Municipal Court.

On March 15 at 4:50 p.m., Diego Delgado, 21, of Elizabeth was arrested as an unlicensed driver. He had been stopped for driving with a flat tire, and it was then found that he was unlicensed, according to reports. Bail was set at \$225.

On Friday at 5:36 p.m., Jewel L. Berthe, 39, of Scotch Plains was arrested for driving with a suspended license and registration. It was found to be the driver's third offense for driving with a suspended license, authorities said. A warrant also was outstanding for \$500. Bail was set for \$1,000.

Jones completes basic training at Marine depot

Marine Corps Private Richard B. Jones, son of Sherry F. and Ronald F. Jones of Springfield, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Jones successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new marine recruits both physically and mentally.

NOTICE TO MILITARY SERVICE VOTERS AND TO THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

If you are in the military service or the spouse or dependent of a person in military service or are a patient in a veteran's hospital or a civilian attached to or serving with the Armed Forces of the United States without the State of New Jersey, or the spouse or dependent of and accompanying or residing with a civilian attached to or serving with the Armed Forces of the United States, and desire to vote, or if you are a relative or friend of any such person who, you believe, will desire to vote in the special election to be held on May 15, 2001, kindly write to the County Clerk at the address below at once making application for a military service ballot to be voted in said election to be forwarded to you, stating your name, age, serial number if you are in military service, home address and the address at which you are stationed or can be found, or if you desire the military service ballot for a relative or friend then make an application under oath for a military service ballot to be forwarded to him, stating in your application that he is over the age of 18 years and stating his name, serial number if he is in military service, home address and the address at which he is stationed or can be found.

Military service voters may also apply for a military service ballot by sending a federal postcard application form to the County Clerk.

On the application for a military service ballot, military service voters may request that a military service ballot be sent for all subsequent elections held during this calendar year.

NOTE: MILITARY SERVICE VOTER CLAIMING MILITARY STATION AS HOME ADDRESS FOR VOTING PURPOSES MAY NOT USE MILITARY ABSENTEE BALLOT UNLESS REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE SUCH STATION IS LOCATED.

Forms of application can be obtained from the County Clerk.

DATE: _____

Union County Clerk
Courthouse, Room 115
2 Broad Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07207
(908) 527-4787

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

If you are a qualified and registered voter of the State who expects to be absent outside the State on May 15, 2001, or a qualified and registered voter who will be within the State on May 15, 2001 but because of permanent and total disability, or because of illness or temporary physical disability, or because of the observance of a religious holiday pursuant to the tenets of your religion, or because of resident attendance at a school, college or university, or because of the nature and hours of employment, will be unable to cast your ballot at the polling place in your district on said date, and you desire to vote in the special election to be held on May 15, 2001, kindly complete the application form below and send to the County Clerk at the address below, or write or apply in person to the County Clerk at once requesting that a civilian absentee ballot be forwarded to you. Such request must state your home address, and the address to which said ballot should be sent, and must be signed with your signature, and state the reason why you will not be able to vote at your usual polling place. No civilian absentee ballot will be furnished or forwarded to any applicant unless request therefor is received not less than 7 days prior to the special election, and contains the foregoing information.

Voters who are permanently and totally disabled shall, after their initial request and without further action on their part, be forwarded an absentee ballot application by the County Clerk for all future elections in which they are eligible to vote. Application forms may be obtained by applying to the County Clerk either in writing or by telephone, or the application form provided below may be completed and forwarded to the County Clerk.

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Union County Clerk
Courthouse, Room 115
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I hereby apply for an absentee ballot for the (check one)

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- Give date of departure _____
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- I am permanently and totally disabled. State reason _____

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- Observance of a religious holiday on election day.
- Resident attendance at a school, college or university on election day.
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Sign your name as it appears in Registry Book

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You may apply in person to the County Clerk for a ballot during County Clerk's office hours to 3:00 p.m. on the day prior to the election.

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Gallery will reveal 'Identities' Sunday

The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., will be the site of an art exhibition entitled "Identities: Contemporary Portraiture" beginning Sunday through May 20. There will be an opening reception on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public.

The theme of this exhibition explores age-old questions: "Who am I?" and "How does the world see me?" As visual artists explore these questions and define the portrait of today, a myriad number of influences are reflected in this very active field of today's contemporary art. These range from ancient mosaics and Renaissance portraiture, as reflected in the work of artists such as Kathleen Gilje and Chuck Close, to cloning and medical imaging apparent in photography from Keith Cottingham and Gary Schneider.

Yasumasa Morimura and Ernesto Pujol photograph themselves in the guise of iconographic figures, portraying the self as "other." Interlaced hands — John Coplans — and the back of a head — Solomon Huerta — project a distinct identity without the delineation of a face. Recent work by David Höckney Kucien Freud and William Beckman chart these artists' ongoing exploration of the creation of a likeness.

Other artists included are Francesco Clemente, Odd Nerdrum, Sam Hauptman, Vili Vuksanovic, Steven Assael, Kent Bellows, William King, Akio Takamori, Maciej Toporowicz, Paul McCormack, Eric Blum, Ravinda Reddy, Kiki Smith, Davwoud Bey, Jonathan Santlofer, Julian Opie and Susan Caporale.

For more information on programs associated with the exhibition call Bonnie Maranz, public relations/gallery coordinator at NJCVA, at (908) 273-9121.

Arboretum in search of volunteers

Hundreds of children visit the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit on field trips each year. Volunteers teach ecology and plant information to small groups of them in a beautiful outdoor setting.

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To learn more about becoming a volunteer docent at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum call (908) 273-8787.

Save your newspaper for recycling.

Anna Vitale

Anna Vitale, 92, of Mountainside, formerly of Linden, died March 16 in the Cornell Hall Convalescent Home, Union.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Vitale lived in Linden before moving to Mountainside eight years ago.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Carl J.; two sisters, Josephine Traparo and Joan Truncale, and two grandchildren.

Nicholas Passomato

Nicholas Passomato Sr., 80, of Summit died March 10 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in New York, Mr. Passomato lived in Summit for the last 50 years. He was the superintendent of Parkway Avenue Apartments in Irvington for 45 years and retired in 1985. Earlier, Mr. Passomato owned a landscaping business in the Summit area for many years.

He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of Chapter 40 of the Disabled American Veterans in Union.

Surviving are two sons, Nicholas Jr. and Thomas; two sisters, Lucy Hauser and Lena Sofie, and two grandchildren.

Jane Cole

Jane Cole, 50, of Maplewood, formerly of Summit, died March 8 in the F.M. Kirby Hospice Room in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Van Wert, Ohio, Mrs. Cole lived in Kokomo, Ind., Madison and Summit before moving to Maplewood. She was the chairwoman of the English department in the Kent Place School in Summit since 1988.

Mrs. Cole joined the faculty in the

English department in 1982 and later was selected as the Tad Montgomery chair. While at the school, she was a finalist for the Princeton University New Jersey Teacher of the year Award in 1989.

From 1978 through 1982, Mrs. Cole taught at the College of St. Elizabeth, and earlier, at the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies at Drew University, Madison, where she combined literary study with travel abroad to sites associated with the works and authors studied.

Prior to that, Mrs. Cole taught composition, American literature and poetry part time at Drew, where she was chosen as one of the three favorite teachers by a poll conducted by staff members of the university's student newspaper.

She received a bachelor's degree in speech communications and drama from Manchester College in Indiana, where she won several awards for acting. Mrs. Cole received a master's degree in 1975 after completing a thesis on poet W.S. Merwin, which won the school's Michael Ellis Award, and a Ph.D. in English literature in 1982, both from Drew University. Her dissertation on the work of American poet John Berryman earned her a special commendation and election to the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

Surviving are her husband of 24 years, Kenneth D.; a daughter, Grace Jin-Mee; her parents, Don and Joan Coll, and a brother, Andrew Coll.

Vincent Gisoldi

Vincent Gisoldi of New Providence, formerly of Summit, died March 14 in King James Care Center of Chatham, Chatham Township. Born in Benevento, Italy, Mr.

Gisoldi lived in Summit before moving to New Providence in 1983. He worked for Lager & Hurrel, Summit, for 50 years and retired in 1969.

Surviving are a son, Vincent Jr.; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

William E. Austin

William Edward Austin, 83, of Maplewood, formerly of Summit, died March 15 in the Winchester Gardens, Maplewood.

Born in Richmond, Va., Mr. Austin lived in Summit before moving to Maplewood four years ago. He was employed by Ingersoll-Rand in Woodcliff Lake, where he worked for 43 years before retiring as vice president of sales in the air power division in 1982. Mr. Austin received a degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Tech in 1989.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; two sons, William Jr. and David W.; a daughter, Rebecca; a sister, Marylou Winston, and two grandchildren.

Melanie A. Donovan

Melanie A. Donovan, 19, of Summit died March 13 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident on Route 78 in Clinton Township.

Born in Somerville, Miss Donovan lived in High Bridge before moving to Summit two years ago. She was an attendant in the delicatessen at Kings Supermarket, Summit, for six months. Miss Donovan was a 1999 graduate of Voorhees High School.

Surviving are her mother, Joanne Nimas; her father, Eugene Donovan; her stepfather, John Nimas; a sister, Kelly, and her grandparents, Daniel and Kaye Donovan and Joanne and Vincent Blenx.

Louis F. Neuhauser

Louis F. Neuhauser, 55, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died March 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Neuhauser lived in Union and Millburn before moving to Springfield 18 years ago. He owned and operated Neuhauser Landscaping Co., Springfield, which served the Millburn, Short Hills and Springfield areas for the past 26 years.

Surviving are his wife, Linda; two sons, Louis J. and David I., and a sister, Mary Anna Donovan.

AARP meets Monday

The Summit Area Chapter of AARP will conduct its regular monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. Coffee and social begin at 9:45 a.m. The program will be led by Summit exercise leaders who will demonstrate and encourage simple exercises for seniors.

The chapter has planned many overnight and day trips this year. Reservations are still being accepted for the chapter's Caribbean Cruise scheduled for April 21-28, a Three Island Tour to Block Island Thimble Island and Long Island with a two-night stay at Foxwood Resorts on June 4-6, a Lancaster and Gettysburg, Pa., tour Aug. 3-5, and a Virginia/Washington, D.C., on tour on Sept. 25-30. Day trips include a West Point Academy tour and Hudson River cruise on May 17, a Woodlock Pines, Pa., show and lunch on Aug. 12, and a Radio City show in December. For reservations and information call Herman Piraneo at 273-1962 or Angie Coiro at 273-3146.

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OBITUARIES

Charles Phillips Jr.

Charles Phillips Jr., 91, of Lexington, Va., formerly of Springfield, died March 16 in his son, Glenn J. Phillips' home in Nicholasville, Ky.

Born in Nottingham, England, Mr. Phillips lived in Springfield and Anderson, S.C., before moving to Lexington. He was a retired accountant for New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.

Also surviving are a sister, Marion Smith; a brother, Frank Phillips; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Salvadore Verrusio

Salvadore Verrusio, 90, of Madison, formerly of Summit, died March 11 in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Italy, Mr. Verrusio lived in Summit before moving to Madison five years ago. He was a produce manager for Grand Union supermarket, Summit, where he worked for 39 years and retired 28 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Carl; a sister, Florence Szwadowski; three brothers, George, Carmen and Angelo, and six grandchildren.

Arlene W. Hill

Arlene W. Hill of Summit died March 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Jamaica, N.Y., Mrs. Hill lived in Summit for the past 34 years. She received a bachelor's degree in 1948 from William Smith College,

Geneva, N.Y. Mrs. Hill was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Arthur T.; two sons, Peter and Roger; a daughter, Wendy Mills; a sister, Justine Pepler; a brother, Mortimer Weis Jr., and five grandchildren.

Emma Kraft

Emma Kraft, 90, of Springfield died March 1 in the Howard County General Hospital, Columbia, Md.

Born in Oggersheim, Germany, Mrs. Kraft also lived in Elizabeth before moving to Springfield.

Surviving are a son, Walter H.; a daughter, Gretchen D. Kraft-Weil; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Peggy Smith DeBala

Peggy Smith DeBala of Warren, formerly of Springfield, an Irish dance teacher and parade deputy marshal in Newark, died March 16 in John F. Kennedy Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Montclair, Mrs. DeBala lived in Newark, Irvington, Union and Springfield before moving to Warren 20 years ago. She had held many positions with the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and was named deputy grand marshal in 1952.

Mrs. DeBala, at various times, was a secretary for Superior Court Judge Erwin Fulop in Essex County, a realtor with Weichert Real Estate Agency

and the Ann Sylvester Agency and was an employee of the New Jersey Brewsters Association.

She was a proficient Irish step-dancer and a well-known dance teacher for more than 40 years during which time she produced many successful competitors in New York and New Jersey events. Mrs. DeBala and her students performed on early television on "The United States Steel Hour" and were regulars on Seton Hall University's "Irish Heritage" television program, which Mrs. DeBala served as director and cultural adviser. She also had danced with her brothers and sisters as "The Smith Family" on the Loews and RKO circuits.

Mrs. DeBala was a member of the AnColmisiun Le Rince Gaelacha, a Dublin-based organization of dance teachers, and served as secretary to the first Dancing Teachers Association in the early 1950s. Students from her school performed at the first Irish Festival at the Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel, which she helped to plan.

For many years, Mrs. DeBala's step-dancers held the lead position in the line of march of the Newark St. Patrick's Day parade. Her election as deputy parade grand marshal set a Smith family precedent that continued with her mother, the late Mrs. Delia O'Reilly Smith, 1966 deputy grand marshal, and her brothers, Gene F. in 1975 and Peter J., also a step-dancer, in 1985, who both served as grand marshals.

Mrs. DeBala was treasurer and past financial secretary of the Peter J. Smith Association, Irvington, which was named for a brother, and the Joseph J. O'Hara Association, Newark. Mrs. DeBala also was a charter member and secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 14, secretary of the county board and Catholic Action chairwoman of the organization's state board.

She was a guest of honor at the Thomas Giblin Association Annual Cocktail Reception, Newark, and also had belonged to the Frank McGovern Association, both in Newark, the United Irish Institute of New Jersey, the Independent Irish Society, the Irish-American Cultural Institute, Morristown, the Women of Irish Heritage and the Joseph Nugent Senior Association. Other memberships include the James McNamara Association, the Morley and McGovern Association, the Ruane Association, the Patrick J. Scanlon Association and the Irish-American Society of the Oranges. Mrs. DeBala was a past president of the Suburbanites Woman's Club of Short Hills.

Also surviving are a son, Gary Ferrugia; a daughter, Peggy F. Tuma; a brother, James Vincent Smith; two sisters, Honora Carney and Lorraine O'Connor; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

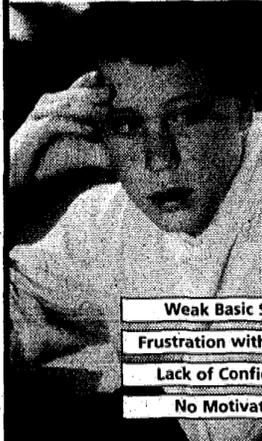
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Tuesdays

For fee and time information and to register for this Atlantic Mind Body program, call (973) 971-4575.

Conquering the Blues

The signs, symptoms, and risk factors for depression will be covered.

Wednesday, April 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Kanan S. Patrawalla, M.D.

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Monitor your blood pressure and glucose levels. Fasting and appointment not required.

Monday, April 16, 10 a.m. to Noon

Springfield Family Practice, 105 Morris Avenue, Springfield

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Women 40 years and older or those determined to be at high risk after completing a risk assessment form are encouraged to participate.

Tuesday, April 24, 10 a.m. to Noon

Community Center at Vauxhall, 3 Farrington Street, Vauxhall

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This year Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights is hosting the festival Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival has been sponsored by the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, Berkeley Heights Education Foundation, Berkeley Heights Municipal Drug Alliance, New Providence Municipal Drug Alliance and Mountainside Education Foundation.

GOP club fetes award winners on Sunday

The Mountainside Republican Club is planning to honor Dona Osieja and Mayor Robert Vigilanti at a cocktail party on Sunday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at B.G. Fields on Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

Osieja is the recipient of the 2000 Mountainside Republican of the Year Award and Vigilanti is the recipient of the Mountainside Republican Club Lifetime Achievement Award.

Anyone interested in attending may all the treasurer, Rosemarie Graziano, at (908) 233-7129.

BOE candidates forum

Six candidates for three seats on the Springfield Board of Education have been invited to take part in a candidates night on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Florence M. Gaudineer School on South Springfield Avenue. The PTAs and the League of Women Voters of Springfield are joint sponsors of the forum.

Two incumbents, Linda Duke and Benito Stravato, are running for reelection, in addition to four other candidates: Harry Pappas, Benjamin Rulf, Irwin Sablosky and Patricia

Venezia. All the candidates will address the audience in opening and closing statements and will answer questions from the floor.

Voting for school board members and the school budget is scheduled for April 17. The polls will be open from 2 to 9 p.m.

Democratic Club hosts referendum discussion

The proposal to expand and improve Mountainside's public school facilities will be the subject of the Mountainside Democratic Club's open meeting on Wednesday.

The club has invited all members of the community to meet Patricia Taeschler, president of the Board of Education, and Gerard Schaller, chief school administrator. The officials will describe the expansion plan and its purposes, development, and proposed financing. They also will answer questions from the audience.

Mountainsiders will be asked to vote soon on a proposed \$6.8-million bond issue to pay for enhancements to the Deerfield School and to reopen the Beechwood School as an additional facility.

The discussion by Taeschler and Schaller is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom of Mountainside Borough Hall, 1085 Route 22 East. At 7:30 p.m., the Democratic Club will have a business meeting open to all residents interested in good local government.

'West Side Story' at Dayton today, Saturday

The Sharks and the Jets are getting ready to rumble on the Jonathan Dayton High School stage in Springfield today through Saturday. Jerome Robbin's award-winning musical "West Side Story" comes to life with the hard work and talent of more than 30 cast members who have been rehearsing since January.

Performances are today, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Halsey Hall auditorium at the high school.

Hit-and-run driver cops plea; avoids jail time

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it means to lose a child? My life now is just trying to cope; this person stole my daughter's life away."

"How would he feel if it were his child? Please, please, your honor, reject this plea bargain and make it vehicular homicide with a jail sentence. He should never be able to use his vehicle."

She then broke down completely and was escorted back to her seat. Many in the courtroom were weeping, and the judge spoke softly. "The state has the burden of proof; that is the law, and these are the hardest cases I have. Where a young life is taken, that is devastating, to both sides, which is why everyone is crying."

"The Mountainside police looked for evidence to support a higher charge very thoroughly," Assistant Union County Prosecutor William Kolano said.

"I wish now and I wished then that we had more evidence; I sent a letter to the Mountainside police on Aug. 26 asking them to gather any information they had that could make it vehicular homicide. They could not create that evidence; we believe they did a great job on this case; Route 22 is well known to them. It is a treacherous highway. They made an arrest within three and one-half hours; that is great police work."

He said there was no indication of any alcohol or drugs and that no less than five police officers made the same determination. "We know he was going 43,

or maybe even 50 miles per hour and that he was not speeding. The light was green; he did not run it; witnesses driving behind him verify this. The state must be able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt."

He said that based on all the evidence, it was not vehicular homicide. "The law does not call for incarceration for a first-time offender. Perhaps the law will change; perhaps it will be upgraded. We even did three FBI checks in the states where the defendant had those licenses. The conclusion was that he has no prior convictions."

The judge said it was very clear that leaving the scene of an accident is a third-degree crime. "The man has no prior convictions; that is a fact. The small driving violations out of New York are not that significant. They are minimal but the New Jersey law I have in front of me shows a man who has no moving violations nor arrests nor prior convictions. This crime is on this level; however, I realize no one can feel what the family feels."

The courtroom was silent as the judge spoke. He paused, and said, as he was about to sentence, "I do know the family will never be the same; I have some degree of knowledge of what their pain is, but nothing can be done in the court to ease that pain."

Lin's family sat with bowed heads and were silent; the Margaritonas were devastated, and the women sat together, weeping, before they finally left the courtroom.

Congregation Israel teaches children tradition

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In Orthodox Judaism, the rabbi said they strongly urge families to send their children to Jewish religious day schools. Only a Jewish nursery is available at the synagogue, but the rabbi listed three day schools that serve the people in the synagogue: the Jewish Educational Center in Elizabeth, the Joseph Kushner Day School in Livingston and the Solomon Schechter Day School in West Orange.

"For the Orthodox Jew, learning is a sacred act; that is how we discover God."

Yuter is a scholar by any standards; he has two master's degrees and a doctorate in Hebrew literature. But there is something very interesting and unusual about this rabbi. As a graduate of Jewish Theological Seminary in Manhattan, he was ordained as a Conservative rabbi in 1976; however, he became reordained as an Orthodox rabbi out of Chicago and New York in 1987.

What brought about his conversion? "I came to discover that the Orthodox world, the Jewish tradition, to be practiced authentically must be believed and lived in its totality. My

move to Orthodoxy was grounded in ideology and in my own conscience," he added. Both his wife, Linda, and two children, Esther and Joshua, had always been fully observant in every way of the entire Jewish tradition, so the change for them was natural, as it was for the rabbi.

Summing up, he laughed and said, "I guess you could say I found myself living at the wrong theological address." He believes that one serves God through an honest and constant observance of the Jewish law. "It is

what God wants from us and should be lived with fullness and joy."

He hastens to add that he is also part of the modern Orthodox wing of the larger Orthodox world. He explained this as being religious but also interacting with the secular world and then changing it for the common good. "I am a literalist; my moderation is based on a literal reading of the Torah writings."

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Frank wins annual VFW essay contest

This year's theme "What Price Freedom" in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy essay drew 49 tapes from Jonathan Dayton High School. This year's winner is Sean Frank in Jim Lassi's class.

During the many years that the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary have been involved with Voice of Democracy, more than seven million high school students have participated. Interested students need only write and then record a three- to five-minute audio/essay while expressing their view of the patriotic theme "What Price Freedom." All state winners receive at least a \$1,000 National Scholarship, but could win the \$25,000 first place award. A total of \$139,500 in National Scholarships are awarded to student national finalists.

Acting VFW Commander Pete Kuzmuk announced that Sean Frank will receive a bond and a plaque at the post's installation dinner.

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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. Pre-school, 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.

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ESTATE OF: SALVINA ANDRIZZI, Deceased
Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 16th day of MARCH, A.D., 2001, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Borough of Mountainside, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Board of Education will meet in the Media Center of the Deerfield School, Central Avenue, Mountainside, on Tuesday, March 27, at 8:00 pm at which time the school budget for the 2001-2002 school year will be presented.

Notice is furthermore given that the Annual Election will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2001 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm and as much longer as may be necessary for the legal voters present to cast their ballots in the Deerfield School, Central Avenue, Mountainside, NJ, Municipal Building, Route 22, Mountainside, NJ and Presbyterian Community Church, Meeting House Lane and Deerpath, Mountainside, NJ.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Dayton athletes earn varsity letters

As many as 106 Dayton High School students received varsity letters at the school's annual Winter Sports Awards dinner held March 14.

Here's a look at the outstanding varsity letter-winning athletes in each winter season sport:

Boys' Basketball: James Carriello, Chad Freundlich, Scott Kessel, Chris Ravello, Dario Ruggiero, Carmine Santarella, Jeff Stapfer, Mo Abdelaziz, LaQuan Boone, Chase Freundlich, Matt Paz, Justin Woodruff, Mike Nittolo, Staci Max, Casey Santo.

Girls' Basketball: Sara Abraham, Linda Agostinelli, Tara Listowski, Dana Rutkowski, Christina Tomasi, Esther Aizenberg, Iyeha Gordon, Lyndsey Brahm, Lisa Listowski, Margaret Mysliwiec, Sara Steinman, Michelle Tomasi, Tahira Clarke.

Bowling: Tine Hopson, Allison Lau.

Wrestling: Altay Vigilante, Stefano Sarracino, Marc Yospin, Ryan Yospin, Martin Moyer, Camilo Rodriguez, Joseph Rodriguez, Ayla Vigilante, Allison Canton.

Ice Hockey: John Laurencelle, Adam Cohen, Dean Kakounis, Brett Berger, A.J. Garciano, Mike Rodrigues, Ross Kravetz, Matt Schachtel, Josh Wolkoff, Jeff Schultz, Jeremy Kovacks, Jared Preston, David Sklar, Eric Deeter, Andre Moczydlowski, Clay Boeninghaus, Craig Radizon, Justin Roman.

Indoor Track: Christina Florio, Maria Gonnella, Rachel Mandel, Olga Oksov, Lauren Belliveau, Marsha Handeli, Samantha Pettie, Ilona Ring, Agata Jackiewicz, Alexandria Kalb, Jenny Wang, Jonathan Zipkin, Sean Cordoni, Erich Buthmann, Adam Gilson, Robby Moiseev, Philip Sarracino, Andy Title, Ted Young, Arkadysz Maciac.

Swimming: Mitchell Hollander, Roman Bronshteyn, Drew DeCagna, Bryan Demberger, Garry Goldman, Wojciech Mysliwiec, Monica Taylor, Megan Tavis, John Cottage, Danielle Gritenas, Matthew Stigliano, Christina Chonko, Nicole Greten, Thomas Milano, Michael Guenther.

Cheerleaders: Michelle Barone, Jaime Falkin, Vangie Guilas, Jennifer Lewis, Melissa LoSchiavo, Heather Shanley, Laurie Sherman, Jessica Friedman, Kristin Griffin, Jamie Neville, Jennifer Rego, Elena Rothspan, Kristie Neumeister, Ashley Steiner.

Football 101 to be introduced

The Springfield Recreation Department is introducing Football 101. Sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and Minutemen coaching staff, Football 101 will take place April 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Chisholm Community Center on 100 S. Springfield Ave.

Open to all town residents, Football 101 is a class for those who have an interest in learning the fundamentals of the sport of football. There is no fee.

Registration forms may be obtained at Springfield schools and the deadline is March 31. More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 973-912-2227.

Register for swim team now

Registration for the Springfield swimming team that competes in the North Jersey Summer Swim League is taking place Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center on 30 Church Mall in Springfield. Special registration dates include May 12 from noon to 3 p.m., May 20 from noon to 3 p.m. and May 22 from 5-8 p.m.

Boys and girls ages 5-17 are eligible to participate. All participants should be comfortable in deep water, though need not be "Olympic" quality swimmers. Team practice will begin in June and the swim meets run from June to the last week in July. The fee is \$30 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child. Checks are to be made payable to: Township of Springfield.

More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 973-912-2227.

Berger resigns Dayton post

Guided Bulldog boys' basketball to first sectional title in 30 years

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

"I felt that after 20 years of coaching, I want to step back and enjoy this year off," is what Dayton High School boys' basketball coach Bill Berger said after he resigned last week.

Compiling an 87-48 six-year record at the Springfield school, Berger guided the Bulldogs to a 19-5 record this year that included a second-place finish in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference and the school's first sectional title since 1971.

Dayton defeated Kinnelon 63-45 at Millburn in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship game. "It was the biggest game in school history and we played our best game," Berger said of the triumph.

After winning the sectional crown, Dayton lost a heart-breaking 49-44 overtime decision to North 1 champion Creskill in the Group 1 semifinals at Union.

"For those two weeks during the playoffs, the town felt great and really came alive," Berger said.

Berger was selected the Union County Coach of the Year in the 1999-2000 season as he led the Bulldogs to an outstanding 17-5 mark and 13-3 second-place showing in the Valley Division.

The year before, Berger took a very young Dayton team to the sectional final before losing to eventual Group 1 state champion New Providence. The eighth-seeded Bulldogs beat Kinnelon at home, top-seeded Roselle Park on the road and Newark University on the road to advance to the championship game.

From that team, the Bulldogs had center Jeff Stapfer, point guard Carmine Santarella and two-guard Dario Ruggiero starting. All three were key contributors to this year's success.

"They were part of my second cycle here," Berger said.

The coach's first cycle of players consisted of point guard Eric Fishman, Chris Loeffler and Ralph Sarracino. "They were there my first year and became the starting point of the team's success," Berger said.

Then came the regime of Stapfer, Santarella and Ruggiero in the 1998-1999 season. Playing alongside the then sophomores was Ryan Freundlich. The All-Stater played two seasons with the trio and one with returning starting forward Matt Paz.

"The only thing I regret is that Ryan wasn't part of this year's team," Berger said. "Nobody worked as hard as he did."

With the third cycle about to approach, Berger felt the time was right to step away.

"It takes time to nurture and have a team grow," Berger said.

That's what the coach has done the past 20 seasons as he has had success in leading three different schools to conference championships.

Berger started out coaching in Irvington, where he manned the position for four years and won the Watchung Conference-American Division crown in 1982-1983 by going 25-3.

After a four-year stint at Brearley, he went to Union Catholic for six seasons and won a conference crown in 1992-93 as that year's Viking squad finished 17-8 overall.

Berger then took over at Dayton for the 1995-1996 season, his only season at the helm where the Bulldogs finished under .500.

"I have a lot of memories and many stand out," Berger said.

Among those included was Loeffler's four-point play to win the MVC-Valley Division crown in 1997-1998 and this season's triple overtime win over Cedar Grove and the sectional final win over Kinnelon.

But the game that stands out for Berger was the 43-40 victory over Roselle Park this season.

"We were playing without Stapfer and Paz and were trailing by 11," Berger said. "But we fought back and won it on a Ruggiero three-pointer at the buzzer. If we don't win that game, we don't get the No. 1 seed and probably don't have all this success."

Leaving on good terms, the coach knew he wouldn't have had the success and good fortune without the support of many people. That list starts with the coaching staff of assistants Ryan Huber and Justin Petino, both Dayton graduates and former Bulldog basketball players. Other important assistants include Ryan's brother Andy, the junior varsity coach, and volunteer coach Joe Mace.

"The backbone of every successful team is to have young, dedicated coaches," Berger said.

Athletic trainer Greg Kilmer and athletic director Kevin Murphy, along with principal Charles Serson, schools superintendent Dr. Gary Friedland and the board of education were also very supportive to the program and Berger appreciates their support.

A special thanks went out to Larry Levy, who's in the hospital, and to coach Whisky, the head of the Minutemen youth program.

"All of them have been very supportive of me," Berger said.

In taking the year off, the coach hasn't ruled out a possible comeback in the future.

"If my health is good and the right situation arises, I might come back to coaching," Berger said. "I love being around kids and teaching them."

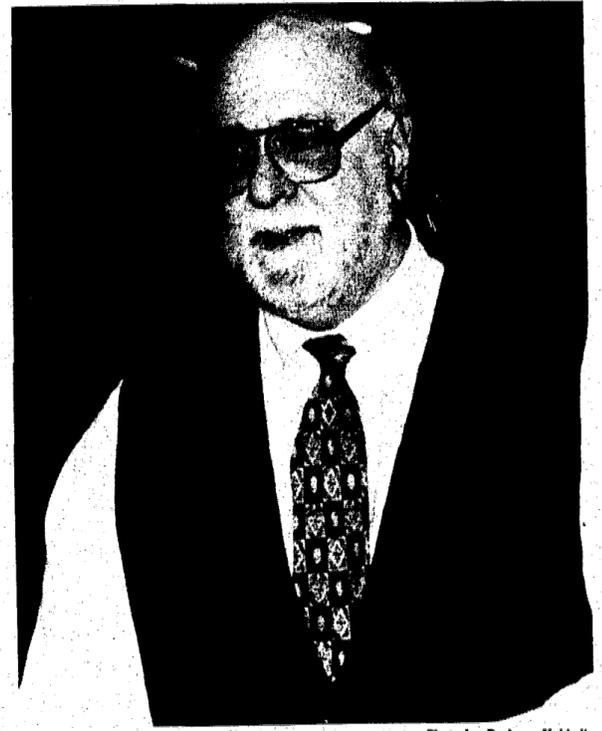


Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Dayton High School boys' basketball coach Bill Berger resigned his post last week, serving a highly-successful six-season tenure. Berger guided the Bulldogs to an impressive 87-48 record over that span and to one conference championship and the school's first sectional crown in 30 years.

Dayton boys' basketball excelled past 5 seasons

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor

The Dayton High School boys' basketball team had quite a run under the guidance of head coach Bill Berger.

After six seasons of coaching the Bulldogs, Berger has decided to step down. Berger guided Dayton to winning seasons the past five years and to one conference championship and the school's first sectional title in 30 years.

Here's a look at Berger's record as Dayton's boys' basketball coach the past six seasons:

2000-2001: (19-5), second MVC-Valley (13-3)
 1999-2000: (17-5), second MVC-Valley (13-3)
 1998-1999: (14-10), MVC-Valley (8-7)
 1997-1998: (16-7), first MVC-Valley (14-2)
 1996-1997: (16-6), second MVC-Valley (12-2)
 1995-1996: (5-15), MVC-Mountain (3-11)
 TOTAL: (87-48, .644)

NORTH 2, GROUP 1 PLAYOFFS

2000-2001: (3-0) — won at home against eighth-seeded Cedar Grove 69-67 in triple overtime in the quarterfinals.

Won at home against New Providence 51-44 in the 5-at-1 semifinal. Defeated second-seeded Kinnelon 63-45 in final at Millburn.

1999-2000: (1-1) — won at home against 10th-seeded New Providence 50-41 in quarterfinals.

Lost at home to Newark University 74-54 in 3-at-2 semifinal.

1998-1999: (3-1) — won at home against Kinnelon 46-35 in 9-at-8 first-round game.

Won at top-seeded Roselle Park 41-36 in quarterfinals.

Won at fifth-seeded Newark University 59-57 in semifinals.

Lost to third-seeded New Providence 56-39 in final at Millburn.

1997-1998: (0-1) — lost at Bloomfield Tech 54-35 in 5-at-4 quarterfinal.

1996-1997: (0-1) — lost at home to Hanover Park 59-58 in quarterfinals.

NOTEWORTHY

◆ Dayton captured its first sectional championship in boys' basketball this year since 1971.

◆ Berger guided Dayton to five consecutive winning seasons, capturing conference and sectional championships along the way.

◆ Berger guided Dayton to a 7-4 record in the North 2, Group 1 playoffs, including two appearances in the final and one championship.

◆ Dayton was one point away from reaching this year's Group 1 state title game as it was defeated by North 1 champion Creskill 49-44 in overtime in the Group 1 semifinal at Union.

Summit residents excel

Two former Summit High School lacrosse players faced off over the weekend for opposing teams in Division 3 men's lacrosse. Middlebury, the defending national champion and consensus No. 1 team, throttled Colby College 19-5 in its home-opener at Kohn Field in Middlebury, Vt., Saturday.

Senior midfielder Jamie Haire of Summit scored two goals and collected two assists for the Panthers, while fellow co-captain Holt Hopkins paced the team with five goals and one assist. Blake Grosch of Summit, a junior midfielder for Colby, scored two goals for the White Mules in their first game of the season.

College Men's Lacrosse

In the first two games of the season, Haire already has matched his numbers for the 2000 campaign over 16 games: 10 goals and four assists. His 10 goals tie him for second on the team, just one behind the leader. In last year's Division 3 championship game, Haire tallied two goals in a 16-12 win over Salisbury State.

The Panthers improved to 2-0, winning their first New England College Athletic Conference game of the season.

Middlebury has not lost since March 22 last year, a 10-6 setback at Gettysburg College that was their only blemish in a 15-1 season. Since then, the Panthers have reeled of 14 straight wins.

The Panthers next face Connecticut College in a conference game Saturday.

Schroeder sparks Georgetown

Fifth-ranked Georgetown continued its winning ways Saturday, defeating 10th-ranked UMBC 11-5 to earn its fifth win of the year in NCAA Division 1 competition. The Hoyas extended their home winning streak to 13 games, a span of two years, as Summit native Scott Schroeder made 12 saves in goal.

Georgetown improved to 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Schroeder, a lefthanded junior goalie, earned his fourth win of the season while increasing his save total on the year to 48.

The last time Georgetown lost on its home field was in March 1999, a 10-8 loss to Duke. The Hoyas will try to extend their streak and exact revenge when they host the Blue Devils Sunday at 1 p.m.

Springfield's Cooperman a 4-time national champ

Blair wrestler only 4th to achieve feat

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

Springfield resident Cory Cooperman has accomplished a great deal as a freshman when he working his way through a rough period. Still, he managed to win 45 matches his first year and only lost one match after that.

"After my freshman year, I learned a lot and realized what I needed to do," Cooperman said. That lesson was heeded, as Cooperman lost only once more in the past three years. Going 39-1 as a sophomore, he then went 39-0 as a junior and 48-0 as a senior.

Up next for the University of Minnesota-bound, grappler is two charity events.

This weekend, Cooperman will wrestle as a member of the Dream Team in Team USA against a select team from Iowa.

"Along with other top seniors from around the country, we'll take on the top seniors from Iowa," Cooperman said.

At the end of the month is the Dapper Dan Classic in Pittsburgh. The

best in Pennsylvania take on Team USA in the "Rose Bowl of Wrestling."

Then from April 6-8, Cooperman will participate in the High School National Tournament at the University of Delaware.

In choosing to attend a Big 10 school in the fall, Cooperman was impressed by the campus, the coaches and the team.

"They definitely have one of the best teams in the nation," Cooperman said.

Learning his craft as a youngster, Cooperman started out in local leagues and in wrestling clubs.

"My friend's brother would go to these places and we would go to watch," Cooperman said. "It wasn't long after that until we started wrestling."

Having excelled at the Blair Academy for the past four years, Cooperman will take away fond memories.

"I've gotten a great education and made some good friends here," Cooperman said.

His pin in 1:50 gave him the title and helped lead Blair Academy to its 21st consecutive championship in the 66th annual event.

"It was exciting for me, knowing it was done by only two other guys at the time," Cooperman said.

Teammate Steve Mocco became the fourth wrestler to achieve the feat when he won his fourth national championship at heavyweight. Mocco previously attended St. Benedict's Prep in Newark.

The first two wrestlers to win four national titles were Todd Beckerman, now a senior grappler at Nebraska, and Cooperman's best friend John Giachag, who is now wrestling at Northwestern. All but Beckerman achieved the feat while wrestling for Blair.

"When John was winning his fourth title, I just won my first," Cooperman said. "So it was like a domino effect."

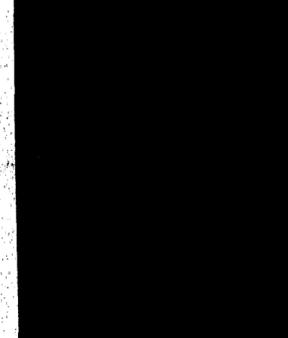
One of the reasons why Blair is one of the top programs in the country is the success of such wrestlers as Cooperman and Mocco.

"We're the top-ranked team in the country and we always face the best competition," Cooperman said. "Blair has a great wrestling program and tradition."

A phenomenal coaching staff, headed by Jeff Buxton, and a state of the art training facility also played a key role in Cooperman's success at the Warren County school.

"The coaching staff always made sure you were at the top of your game," Cooperman said. "You work you hard, but it's worth it."

Springfield's Cory Cooperman just completed an outstanding four-year wrestling career at Blair Academy, compiling an impressive 181-13 record and becoming only the fourth wrestler to capture four Prep National Wrestling Tournament championships. Undefeated as a junior (39-0) and senior (48-0), Cooperman — the top 125-pounder in the country this year — will continue in the Big 10 at the University of Minnesota.



Springfield Fire Department responds to mutual aid with pumper

Springfield
Firefighters responded to a Route 22 business for a medical service call Friday at 6:10 a.m. and a Fadem Road business at 9:36 a.m. At 6:49 a.m., firefighters responded with a pumper to Union Fire Headquarters on a request from Union County Mutual Aid. An activated fire alarm was handed at 9:22 a.m. at a Mountain Avenue apartment complex.

• On March 15 at 6:47 a.m., firefighters responded to a Lincoln Road residence and at 1:31 p.m. and 2:49 p.m. to Morris Avenue businesses for medical service calls. All units

FIRE BLOTTER
responded to a South Springfield Avenue business at 2:05 p.m. for an odor of something burning.

The department responded to Route 78 East milepost 49 for a motor vehicle accident on March 14 at 8:07 a.m. At 8:59 a.m., firefighters responded to a Kemp Drive residence and at 9:57 p.m. to a Morris Avenue business for medical service calls. A lockout was handled at 11:46 a.m. at Morris Avenue residence. An activated fire alarm came in at 3:17 p.m.

• On March 13 at 8:33 a.m., fire-

fighters arrived at Route 78 West milepost 50.3 for a motor vehicle accident with injuries before going to a Mountain Avenue apartment complex for a medical service call at 4:20 p.m.

• On March 12, firefighters received a call at 1:33 p.m. of a Morris Avenue apartment for an activated fire alarm before heading to a Mountain Avenue business for a medical service call at 2:27 p.m.

• The Fire Department responded March 11 at 7:02 p.m. to a Morris Avenue business for an activated fire alarm.

• The Fire Department responded to three calls on March 9, the first at 8:52 a.m. for a medical service call at a Route 22 East business. At 11:43 a.m., firefighters assisted police with a wire in the street on Morris Avenue before arriving at an Ashwood Road residence at 7:11 p.m. for an activated fire alarm.

Mountainside
The Volunteer Fire Department responded to a Grouse Lane residence on a report of an odor of smoke Monday at 1:51 p.m. The home was checked with a thermal-imaging cam-

era but firefighters were unable to locate the source. The homeowner was advised to contact an electrician.

• On Saturday at 9:14 p.m., firefighters responded to the Loop area in the Watchung Reservation on report of a garbage can on fire. The can was smoldering upon their arrival and it was extinguished.

• On March 14 at 5:45 p.m., the department responded to Our Lady of Lourdes church on an activated alarm. Cooking in kitchen set off the alarm but there was no fire. The kitchen was ventilated.

• The department responded to

Route 22 West on report of a possible truck fire on March 7 at 7:20 a.m. Investigation revealed locked up brakes caused smoke condition.

• On March 4 at 7:05 p.m., firefighters responded to the Watchung Stables on an activated central station alarm. Investigation revealed a water-flow alarm but no fire.

• The Fire Department turned out for an alarm at a Sheffield Street office on March 1 at 1:20 a.m. An elevator technician shut down the elevator with an occupant for service tests. No action was taken.

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH755745
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F1157500
PLAINTIFF: WORLD SAVINGS BANK, F.S.B.
DEFENDANT: HARRY CLUNIE
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: JANUARY 04, 2000
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2001
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

RE: World Savings Bank, FSB v. Harry Clunie, et al.

DOCKET NO. F-11575-00
MUNICIPALITY: Springfield Twp.
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.
STREET & STREET NO: 43 Fieldstone Drive

TAX BLOCK AND LOT:
BLOCK: 129 LOT: 15
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 150.24' x 75.13'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 504.31' from South Springfield Avenue
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: NINETY-NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND THIRTY-THREE CENTS (\$99,174.33)

ATTORNEY: WILLIAM M E POWERS JR., CHARTERED 737 STOKES ROAD PO BOX 1088 MEDFORD, NJ 08055-9962

SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ONE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY-SIX CENTS (\$103,855.46)

March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2001 U4103 ECL (\$92.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Prior lien(s): Subject to unpaid taxes and municipal liens. Amount due will be announced at the Sheriff's Sale or is available upon written request to plaintiff's attorneys.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND FIVE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-ONE CENTS (\$102,005.61)

ATTORNEY: STERN LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG, NORGAARD & KAPNICK, LL SUITE 300 263 EISENHOWER PARKWAY LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039-1711

SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ONE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS AND NINETEEN CENTS (\$108,912.19)

March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2001 U4104 ECL (\$99.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE
hold a public hearing to consider the application of VOICESTREAM WIRELESS for preliminary and final site plan approval to install wireless antennas and related equipment cabinets and accessories with respect to the existing monopole telecommunications tower, located at 118-120 Victory Road, Springfield, New Jersey. The antennas and related equipment will have an elevation of approximately 95' in height. The applicant will seek such variances, waivers or other relief that the Board may deem appropriate on the property located at 118-120 Victory Road, Springfield, New Jersey, also known as Block 303, Lot 2 on the Springfield Tax Map, including for height.

All interested persons may be present and heard.

All documents relating to this application are on file in the Annex Building located at 20 North Trilvett Street, Springfield, New Jersey, and may be inspected by the public between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 15, 2001

John P. Belardo, Esq.
Belaman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzmann, Davis & Letnar, P.C.
15 Mountain Boulevard
Warren, New Jersey 07059
Attorneys for Applicant,
Voicestream Wireless
(Tel.) (908) 757-7818 Ext. #196
(Fax) (908) 757-8039
Email: jbelardo@newjerseylaw.net
U4317 ECL March 22, 2001 (\$17.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRANCH OFFICE
This is to inform the public that under 12 CFR - 545.92 of the regulations of the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) Pulaski Savings Bank, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 has filed a notice with the OTS for permission to establish a branch office to be located at 173 Highway 34, Township of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Anyone who writes in favor of or protest against the notice within 25 days after the notice is filed with the OTS in accordance with 12 CFR Part 516 (Subpart C). Your comment should recite relevant facts, including any demographic, economic, or financial data, supporting your position. If your comment opposes the notice, the comment should also include:

Address at least one of the reasons a relevant regulation lists as to why OTS may deny a notice;

Recite any relevant facts and supporting data addressing these reasons; and

Address how the approval of the notice could harm you or your community.

If you wish to request an informal meeting under 12 CFR - 516.170, you must file a request with your comment. You should describe the nature of the issues or facts to be discussed and the reasons why written submission are insufficient to adequately address the facts or issues. A copy of a request for an informal meeting must simultaneously be sent to the Association listed above.

Any comment must be filed at the OTS-Northeast Regional Office, 10 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302. You may look at the notice and all comments filed at the OTS-Northeast Regional Office unless any such materials are exempt by law from disclosure. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, contact the OTS-Northeast Regional Office at (201) 413-7360.

U4327 ECL March 22, 2001 (\$20.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
is in need of contracting for the services of a Township Engineer to perform services for the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Robert C. Kirkpatrick, P.E., as Township Engineer for the Township of Springfield, at a monthly fee of \$1,000.00 and for additional work, at an hourly fee of \$105.00 or as specified by contract, not to exceed \$25,000.00. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 (a) (i) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

Take notice that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, at a Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2001.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI
Township Clerk
U4340 ECL March 22, 2001 (\$17.75)

PUBLIC NOTICE
\$8,750.00 pursuant to Project Proposal #0101-11-087B dated February 1, 2001. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 (i) (a) (1) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, at a regular meeting held on March 13, 2001.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI
Township Clerk
U4341 ECL March 22, 2001 (\$19.50)

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH755759
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F394099
PLAINTIFF: HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK
DEFENDANT: BRIAN T. LENHART AND HEIDI R. OLSEN NKA HEIDI R. LENHART, HW

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: JANUARY 10, 2001
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 14TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2001

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

"The property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being Tax Lot 14 in Block 2001 on the official Tax Map of the Township of Springfield, and also commonly known as 4 Milltown Road, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. The dimensions of the premises are approximately 50.08 feet by 145.00 feet by 50.08 feet by 145.00 feet. The property is situated approximately 480.00 feet from the intersection of Milltown Road and the southeasterly side of Meisel Avenue. This description does not constitute a full legal description of the premises and a full legal description of the premises can be found in the Office of the Sheriff of the County of Union."

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY-THREE CENTS (\$132,027.63)

ATTORNEY: DIETRICH WITT & BIRCHBY - COUNSELLORS AT LAW WEST 80 CENTURY ROAD PO BOX 9 PARLISS, NJ 07853-0009

SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS (\$150,319.10)

March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2001 U4154 ECL (\$101.00)

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH755759
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F394099
PLAINTIFF: HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK
DEFENDANT: BRIAN T. LENHART AND HEIDI R. OLSEN NKA HEIDI R. LENHART, HW

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March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2001 U4154 ECL (\$101.00)

NOTICE OF APPROVAL PLANNING BOARD
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield has granted to Ellen Rothbaum and Ivan Goldstein preliminary and final minor site plan approval together with a conditional use approval for a home professional office for an accountant's use for property designated as Lot 22, Block 2006, Springfield Township Tax Atlas, and commonly known as 79 Evergreen Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, all as more specifically set forth and recited in a formal Resolution of the Springfield Planning Board which memorialized on March 7, 2001 the approvals granted to the Applicant at the Planning Board meeting on February 7, 2001. Said Resolution has been filed in the Office of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield and is available for inspection.

Richard C. Sherman, Esq.
SHERMAN & SHERMAN, ESQS.
Attorneys for Ellen Rothbaum and Ivan Goldstein
26 Linden Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081
U4323 ECL March 22, 2001 (\$11.25)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF: JOSEPH C. RISCH, Deceased
Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 16th day of MARCH, A.D., 2001, upon the application of the undersigned, as Administrator of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

Mariene Risch
Administrator
Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook Attorneys
53 Cardinal Dr.
Westfield, NJ 07091
U4320 ECL March 22, 2001 (\$9.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO EDWARDS AND KELCOY BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for engineering, architecture and related services for renovation of the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, for the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, in connection with the renovation of the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Edwards and Kelcoy for the following architecture and engineering services: field investigations, preliminary designs, construction documents, assistance in the bidding process, review of shop drawings, field observations (three visits) and project closeout, at a set fee of

U4338 ECL March 22, 2001 (\$5.00)

NOTICE OF BID
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountainside for:

"PAVING IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD TOTE ROAD AND SUNNY SLOPE DRIVE CONTRACT 2001-7"

Plans and Specifications will be available on March 27, 2001, at the Borough Office. Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N.J., on April 9, 2001 at 11:00 A.M., prevailing time.

Bids shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the Borough Engineer. Proposal blanks, specifications and instructions to bidders may be obtained at the office of the Borough Clerk at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, 1st Floor, Mountainside, N.J.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Plans and Specifications by the Engineer, upon proper notice and payment of a check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) payable to the Borough of Mountainside, said cost being the reproduction price of the documents and is not returnable.

Bids must be made on the Borough's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N.J., and hand delivered or sent via certified mail at the place and hour named. Bids shall be endorsed on the outside of the envelope with the name and address of the bidder and: "Bid Proposal for Paving Improvements on Old Tote Road and Sunny Slope Drive Contract 2001-7"

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or a bid bond equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00, and made payable to the Borough of Mountainside as a Proposal Guaranty.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127 (NJAC 17:27).

The Borough of Mountainside hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal, in the Borough's judgment, best serves its interest.

Judith E. Ostry, Borough Clerk
U4345 ECL March 22, 2001 (\$22.25)

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH755746
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F778900
PLAINTIFF: CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
DEFENDANT: LORENZO F. PECANA
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2000
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2001

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
V.S. LORENZO PECANA, ET UX, ET AL
DOCKET NO. F-7789-00

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

It is commonly known as 40 Meckes Street, Springfield, New Jersey.

It is known and designated as Block 2904 (N/A 124), Lot 29 (N/A 28). The dimensions are 39.0 feet wide 101.0 feet long.

Nearest cross street: Situate on the northeastern line of Meckes Street, 485.88 feet from the northwesterly line of Springfield Avenue (N/A South Springfield Avenue).

PLANNING BOARD
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
NOTICE is hereby given that on April 4, 2001, at 8:00 p.m. in the Township of Springfield, Municipal Building, located at 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, the Springfield Planning Board will

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
PUBLIC NOTICE
SEALED PROPOSALS
Public Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals for the following will be opened by Mountainside Board of Education located at 1467 Wood Acres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, on Monday, April 9, 2001, at 2:00 p.m.:

Surveyor
Geotechnical Engineer

Bidding documents may be inspected Monday through Friday during the hours of 8 AM until 3 PM at the office of the architect, The Musial Group, P.A., 191 Mill Lane, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, (908) 232-2880. Copies may be obtained in person or by mail upon payment by check to the architect of a nonrefundable fee of \$10. Per set with the requested specification, noted on the check.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Chapter 127, P.L. 1975 (N.J.A.C. 17:27), and with any and all other Federal and New Jersey Statutes.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

Flora Shukis
Board Secretary
U4339 ECL March 22, 2001 (\$12.50)

RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO EDWARDS AND KELCOY BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE RENT LEVELING BOARD SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29, 2001 HAS BEEN CANCELLED FROM MURRAY FROMER SECRETARY RENT LEVELING BOARD
U4356 ECL March 22, 2001 (\$4.50)

Have You Thought About Enrolling Your Child in a Religious School Program and Just Haven't Found the Right One?

TEMPLE BETH AHM OF SPRINGFIELD
cordially invites you to attend our
FIRST ANNUAL
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRE HEBREW II GRADUATION
on
SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2001
From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

There will be a musical program and a graduation ceremony followed by a
MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAY EVENT

There is no charge for this event.
All we ask is that you RSVP to the Religious School Office, 973-376-0539, ext.19 by Monday, April 16th.
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Money Market Accounts!

For You...

Premium Money Market Account*

APY* On Balances of
4.00% \$25,000+
Minimum to open is \$1,500.

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APY* On Balances of
2.75% \$25,000+
Minimum to open is \$1,000.

For Your Business...

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APY* On Balances of
4.00% \$25,000+
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