

News From the Stacks

Olsen art exhibited
The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library will be exhibiting folk carvings, decoys and paintings by Ken Olsen, Janice Finamore and Gary Gibson now through the month of February. The show brings together three well-known New Jersey folk artists in a unique presentation of whimsical and functional art. The exhibit runs through Feb. 24.
Museum hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.
For further information, call the library at (201) 376-4930.

Large print collection expands
Mountainside Public Library has received its latest shipment of approximately 200 large print books. A new selection of titles is received every quarter through the Large-Print Book Circuit, a cooperative program which the library joined last year.
The program has been very popular, almost doubling the number of large-print titles available to library patrons. Large-print books are now available in editions of popular works printed in larger than normal type size suitable for vision-impaired readers or for anyone who finds that reading small print causes eye strain. Large print books may be checked out for four weeks.
Children's programs
The Mountainside Public Library is sponsoring the following children's programs:
Toddler Time
Participants must be 2 years old, and accompanied by an adult at the following sessions: Session I: Wednesdays, Feb. 3-24, at 10:30 a.m.; Session II: Fridays, March 5-26, 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time featured by Mrs. Susan and fingerplay fun for 2-year-olds and adult friends. Each session last 20 to 30 minutes. Register for one session only.
Storytime Theater
This program for kindergartners runs on Tuesdays, March 2 to March 23, Session I: 2 to 2:45 p.m.; Session II: 3 to 3:45 p.m.
Storytime Theater features Jan Elby, chair of the Westfield Summer Workshop Drama Department and director of Studio One, who will lead youngsters in programs combining stories with acting, movement, props, costumes and lots of imagination.
Registration is required. Due to limited space, enrollment will be permitted for one session only. Call the library at 233-0115 to sign up.

Notary service available
Notary Public service is again available at the Mountainside Public Library. The service is free of charge to all residents of Mountainside. Hours of availability are generally Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but special arrangements may be made by contacting the Reference Department at 233-0115.

Council adopts Colonial Road ordinance

By Tom Cunanan
Editor
The Borough Council unanimously adopted five ordinances last week, including an ordinance that changes the traffic pattern in the Westfield Avenue-Colonial Road-Bender Avenue area.
With no discussion among council members or feedback from the public, the measures were approved 5-0. Councilman at Large Alex Mirabella was absent.
The ordinance amending the traffic pattern includes making the entire length of Colonial Road a one-way street eastbound. Adoption of the measure also prepares the borough for the anticipated removal of the wooden barrier on Colonial Road.
The ordinance sets a time limit of three hours of parking at meters on Chestnut Street between Charles Street and E. Grant Avenue between Monday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. It also sets a time limit of six hours of parking on the south side of W. Webster Avenue approximately 550 feet to 800 feet west of Locust Street between those same hours.

senior news

Approximately 155 seniors attended the monthly membership meeting Feb. 3 at the Kenilworth Center. The total sign-ins for seniors using the center in January was 1,247.
There will not be any nutrition lunch Feb. 12 and 13 because of the Presidents Day holidays. Lunches are held at the center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All seniors are welcome, but must sign up at least one day before the lunch.
R.S.V.P.: The SHARE program registered 107 hours volunteered by seniors. These seniors took part in the "Assisting Children in Special Arts" at Union College.
Cranford Extended Care Center registered 102 hours volunteered for January. Prizes were donated by Betty Baitilo, Helena Branski, Florence Burns, Nancy Claso, Mary Diambro, Hertha Fischer, Elsie Harke, Jeanne Hrynkiowicz, Mary Jarusz, Ann LaCosta, Alberta McAlvey, Annette O'Malley, Lillian Pilat, Stella Rasinski, Peggy Sobier, Marie Stoll, Louise Westock and May Yeharans. The craft committee also made Valentine baskets for the nursing home and knitted hats for Overlook Hospital.
The Kenilworth Seniors scheduled the following activities:
• Feb. 16 at 1 p.m.: Monthly birth-

day party. The theme will be Valentine's Day.
• Feb. 23 at 9:30 a.m.: director's meeting.
• March 18: dinner show at Vernon Valley.

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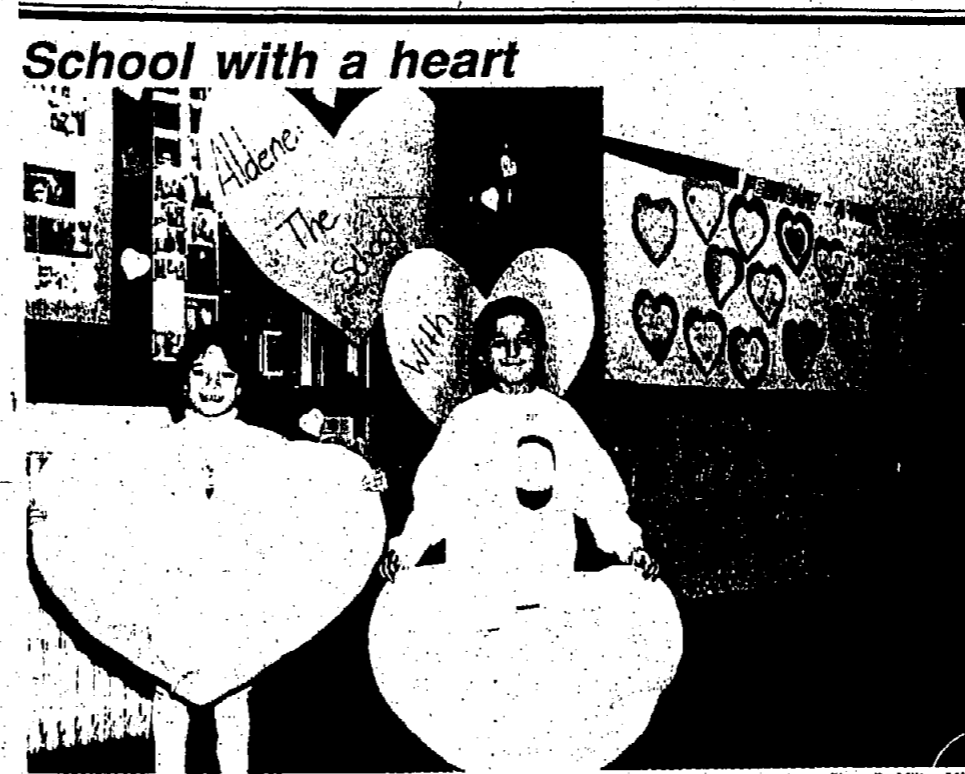
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education



Aldene School students created a Valentine's theme for the month of February and came up with the slogan: Aldene, The School with a Heart. Standing in front of the poster are second-graders Benjamin Cicutones and Alexis Stewart.

Cardoso earns master's
J. Christopher Cardoso of Kenilworth recently received a master of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech. He also received a bachelor of science degree from Virginia Tech. He will work for the Hughes Aircraft Company as a member of the technical staff in Reston, Va. He is the son of Mario and Margaret Cardoso.
Young joins sorority
The Sigma Alpha Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi at West Virginia University has announced that Samantha Young is a new initiate. She is a 1992 Jonathan Dayton graduate.
St. James association to sponsor fund-raiser
The St. James Home School Association is sponsoring a fund-raiser on Feb. 26, in the school auditorium at 41 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5, which includes one door prize ticket and 10 tickets. Some of the prizes are Davile Hockey tickets.

Taking the lead



Deerfield students in Barbara Meyer's fifth grade class gather to review their High Five Newspaper and High Five Homework Hotline. In back, from left, are Nicole Rosenski, Hank Hansen, Tico Gunther and Jon Hamill. In center-row, from left, are Stephanie Ferrinell, Kelly Cammarata, Liz Chesler, Mary Burbach, Jessica DeAngelis, Gina DeCastro, Chris Fresco and Craig MacGregor. In front, from left, are Kevin Watt, Evan Chiswick and Brandon McDonald.

National PTA month to be celebrated

The National PTA has designated February as PTA Month. In keeping with the theme, "Parents who care, have children who care," the Mountainside PTA will be sponsoring a special Safe Kids evening. The program will be held Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School cafeteria. In cooperation with the Mountainside Police Department, fingerprinting will be offered for the children. All Mountainside residents are welcome and encouraged to bring preschool children as well.
A special appearance will be made by McGruff, the famous safety dog. Children will be able to meet him and pose for pictures. Feel free to bring cameras. Refreshments will be served.
A special presentation for the children will be made by Lt. Olock and Cpl. Worack. This presentation will

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Expenses spark rate hike by Cablevision

By Tom Canavan
Editor

Increases in payroll, overall expenses and health care at Suburban Cablevision have forced the cable-TV company to pass a rate increase to its subscribers, including those in Roselle Park.

Two representatives from Suburban Cablevision appeared before the Borough Council Feb. 2 to justify the rate increase and explain to the governing body that the hike was necessary if it wants to continue and expand the kind of programming it now offers.

Suburban Cablevision representatives Frank Deloy, the general manager, and Greg Vandervoort, vice president of administration, were guests of Mayor Helge Ryan, who said the increase is disturbing members of the council and the public. She said she felt a council meeting was the proper venue for them to explain why increases were necessary.

Suburban Cablevision employs 400 employees, Deloy explained, and has the same bills as other businesses, including health care costs, a substantial payroll and increasing expenses. Another contributing factor to the increase in costs was updating the telephone and computer systems for better customer service. "These are the costs that we have to bear and pass through to our subscribers, our sources of income," he said. Deloy noted that advertising is another source of revenue, but called it "a small portion."

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Vandervoort said the company is "born. On the one hand, we hear consumers say that they don't want costs to go up, but on the other hand, they want more programming."

He said the channels Suburban Cablevision offers today have "no comparison" to between five and seven years ago. The company has moved from offering one channel—the Madison Square Garden network—to a variety of cable channels.

The total basic cable package offers 46 channels, Deloy added, which he noted is the equivalent of 10 cents per day for 24 hours. "That is a good value in today's economy. It's still one of the best values you'll find in the country today," he said.

To try to keep costs stable in the future, Vandervoort said the cable operator will be looking into optimal programming, or allowing a subscriber to choose the kind of programming he or she wants. He said the company has been in negotiations with the program providers for the last six months to strike a deal.

"If you look at the rates for basic cable in 1979, we're \$2.65 over the rate of inflation since that time," he said.

Councilman Gregory Kinloch said he would like to see a council meeting scheduled for March 21. Committee members, 3rd, in back row, from left, Mary Vespey of Union, Bella Nugent Laughlin of Elizabeth, and Roselle Park residents Ann White and Mary Morley. Seated, from left, are Deputy Grand Marshal Nancy Tully, Grand Marshal Jim Mooney and Parade General Chairperson Grace Cunningham.

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St. Patty's Day nears



Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade officials are preparing for the 58th annual parade scheduled for March 21. Committee members, 3rd, in back row, from left, Mary Vespey of Union, Bella Nugent Laughlin of Elizabeth, and Roselle Park residents Ann White and Mary Morley. Seated, from left, are Deputy Grand Marshal Nancy Tully, Grand Marshal Jim Mooney and Parade General Chairperson Grace Cunningham.

Local cop to hit the airwaves

WNBC, Channel 4, continues to salute police officers in the tri-state area who have made a special effort to be "Good Cops of New York," with a 30-second vignette airing each weeknight, beginning Feb. 15. A total of 20 "Good Cops of New York" will be featured during "Cops," which air weeknights from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Channel 4.

During the week of Feb. 15-19, cops to be actually featured are Arthur Christen, Jimmy McCoy, Allan Ayres, Patty Flynn, and an Air-Sea Rescue Team.

Feb. 15 — Top chopper pilots and diving divers make up the Air-Sea Rescue Team working out of Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, N.Y. The ability to precisely hover an aircraft allowed skilled divers to save an 8-year-old boy, who was trapped under a capsized fishing boat.

Feb. 16 — Capt. Arthur S. Christen, of the Roselle Park, N.J.-PD, linked a suicidal man down from a railroad signal tower as trains sped dangerously by.

For his exceptional valor, Christen was awarded the prestigious "200 Club" Award.

Feb. 17 — Investigator Jimmy McCoy, of the Middletown N.Y. State Police Department, is noted for his exceptional polygraph and interview skills. He is credited with uncovering serial killer Nathaniel White, and solving the death of Karen Zinner — who was killed by a thrown boiler on the highway. Recently, McCoy was named state police investigator of the year.

In addition, WNBC President and General Manager Bill Bolster says Channel 4 will again donate \$500 each night to the charity selected by each police officer or group of officers saluted.

Ryan said she had been checking various cable companies throughout the state and learned, in her opinion, that Union County has the finest cable programming in the state.

She also noted that two weeks ago, the borough received a check in the amount of \$172,000 from Suburban Cablevision, a rebate of 2 percent of the gross revenues from all recurring charges from subscription fees in Roselle Park. The rebate is a condition of the contract.

When the contract was signed, the economy basic package cost \$12. Cable Plus cost an additional \$7.95, and the optional movie services cost an additional \$12.

Daphne Ryan's understanding of the hike, the council was expected to pass a resolution during its meeting.

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Donations of organs addressed

Responding to an appeal for assistance in educating the public about the benefits of organ donation, over 400 physicians and pharmacists are participating in a public awareness program initiated by the New Jersey Organ & Tissue Sharing Network — The Sharing Network.

These physicians and pharmacists are displaying information and creating the opportunity for dialogue with their patients about organ donation. The Sharing Network, a non-profit, federally designated, and state-certified organization responsible for the procurement of organs and tissues in New Jersey, has also implemented a similar program with business and corporations throughout the state.

"We are encouraged by the great response and support from the health care community in helping us achieve our goal, which is to heighten public awareness about organ donation," said Denise Payne, executive director of The Sharing Network.

According to The Sharing Network, over 800 New Jerseyans — 28,000 nationwide — are currently awaiting transplant operations that could improve, and in many cases, save their lives. In 1992, The Network reported 92 organ donors, which is a 31 percent increase from the previous year, but still not enough to help all those waiting for transplants.

Payne believes lack of awareness and the continuing messages and myths among the public and issue donation greatly contribute to the critical shortage of available donor organs.

For more information about organ donation, contact The Sharing Network at 1-800-SHARE-NJ.

Red Cross slates first 'winter ball'

The first Winter Ball, presented by the Young Friends of the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, will be held Feb. 26 at 8:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights.

According to Winter Ball chairman Catherine M. DeMarco, an attorney with Morrison's Dillon, Bitar & Lusher, "Young Friends are a group of young professionals who volunteer their time, as well as their financial support, to local Red Cross chapters. The Young Friends are motivated by the desire to become involved and to give to the community by volunteering their time, skills and financial support to a worthy cause."

This is the first event sponsored by the newly formed local Young Friends chapter. Funds raised by the committee of Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Springfield and Long Hill Township, communities served by the Summit Area Chapter.

At the Winter Ball, Robert G. Cox, president and chief executive officer of The Summit Trust Co., will be presented with the Young Friends 1993 corporate Humanitarian Award. "Mr. Cox and The Summit Trust Co. have strongly supported the Red Cross's many humanitarian endeavors over the years in a most selfless manner," said DeMarco.

In addition to support for the Red Cross, Mr. Cox and Summit Trust employees are very active in many other business and community service organizations.

Honorary chairman of the Winter Ball is Thomas J. Bitar, managing partner of Dillon, Bitar & Lusher. Also on the committee are Michael T. Hoylich, an attorney with Morrison's Pinsky, Hardin, Kipp & Sauch; Janine Hoylich, an attorney in Cliffside; and Virginia H. Rich- Steven F. Ritzard, Charles V. Quinn and Mark A. Wenzel, attorneys with Dillon, Bitar & Lusher.

John M. Brown, chairman of the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, praised the Young Friends, saying, "I can't think of a better way for these young professionals to show their humanitarian concern and support for their communities than by helping the Red Cross fulfill its mission to improve the quality of life of those we serve. I give them great credit for the time and effort they have put into this wonderful social event."

The price for the Winter Ball is \$45 per person, which includes a buffet and an open bar. Music will be provided by "Faze 4." For reservations and information, call Tom Strauch, the American Red Cross, at (908) 273-2076.

Foundation to assist Project Graduation

Michael Rogers, president of the Union County Regional Education Foundation Inc., recently presented four donation checks worth \$150 each to representatives of Project Graduation in the Union County regional high schools.

The presentation was made during a recent public meeting of the Regional Board of Education.

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Deadline for regional board election nears

The Board of Education of the Union County Regional High School District reminds residents that the deadline for filing a nominating petition to run for a seat on the Regional Board of Education is Feb. 25.

Four seats on the nine-member Regional Board, one each from the communities of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Kenilworth and Springfield, will be contested on April 20. Candidates from Berkeley Heights, Clark and Kenilworth elected on that date will be chosen for a full three-year term, while the Springfield candidate elected will serve the final one year of an unexpired three-year term. Those four seats on the regional board are held by Jonathan Miller of Berkeley Heights, Robert Della Sala of Clark, Richard Sosa of Kenilworth and Theresa Licauti of Springfield.

To be eligible to run for the Regional Board of Education, interested individuals must obtain a nominating petition from the office of the board secretary at Jonathan Dayton Region- at High School, Mountain Avenue, Springfield, on any school day between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The completed nominating petition must be returned to the board secretary's office by 4 p.m. Feb. 25.

For more information, call (201) 376-6300, Ext. 268 or 328.

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OPINION PAGE
Credibility is major issue in governor's race
Screening New Jersey

He should have known better. That's what a lot of voters say about Cary Edwards' hiring of an illegal alien. While Edwards' GOP primary opponent, Christie Whitman, clearly has her own problems on the alien issue, the former attorney general's dilemma is especially difficult.
This problem is mostly about perception. It's about embarrassing deadlines and scathing editorial cartoons. It's about the conversations people have in diners, boneyard parties and their living rooms.

New monitoring code is restrictive in nature

On Nov. 4, 1992, the state Board of Education adopted the new Monitoring Code 6.8. Thorough and Efficient System of Free Public Schools. This code replaces the monitoring process that existed for state certified teachers in 1992. The new code has eight elements and the proscribed indicators or standards of acceptable performance required will be state certified for a period of seven years. Districts may also be certified with conditions, providing that they can correct the identified deficiencies without additional diagnostic monitoring or technical assistance within one year.

From the Schools

contain statistical data specified by the state Board of Education. Within this profile report will be a two-year plan that will include pupil performance objectives, a review of progress by teaching and administrative staff and the involvement of parents. Additionally, each school will develop two or more objectives based on pupil performance or behavior standards that must be linked with state goals. If pupil performance is at or above minimum state standards, schools must create challenge objectives. These objectives must be submitted to the county superintendent of schools for review and approval. Finally, a yearly report on the achievement or progress toward these objectives must be made public prior to Sept. 30.

letters to the editor

Eye witnesses to accident needed
To the Editor:
Would any person or persons who witnessed the motor vehicle accident between a dark green Acura and a white Oldsmobile Regency 98 with a black vinyl roof on Morris Avenue and Maple in Springfield on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at approximately 10:40 a.m. please contact this newspaper. In particular the young man who got out of his car to see if I was all right and who said he saw what happened.

Through the Grace of God I walked away from this accident, but maybe the next person won't be as lucky as I, if the proper steps are not taken to make the road as safe as possible. Please come forward and let the truth be known.
Violent Currier
Morristown

Board trying to save face
To the Editor:
The Regional Board of Education's recent move to "reconsider" the closing date of Brantley High School should send a clear message to all communities involved in this issue.

The Money Pit
Pick almost any government program and the people who run it will tell you it can be improved with more money. Take education, for example.

Half of the money spent on public education today never makes it to the classroom in the form of teacher salaries, equipment or building space.

The other half drops into the bureaucracy pit, never to be seen again - except in the form of reports calling for more.

Play' deserves boos
To the Editor:
Well, the Union County Regional Board of Education has done it again. The stage has been set, the actors have rehearsed and now they expect the audience to applaud their performance. The regional meeting on Feb. 2 was truly a farce.

Legislative contacts
Springfield Township Committee
Mayor Phillip Kirnos, Republican: 36 Norwood Drive, Municipal Office: 912-2200; Residence: 376-8110.

OP ED PAGE
New Jersey is cracking down

For too long, people who play by the rules have gotten the short end of the stick. My administration has been working hard to change that. Over the past three years, we've done a lot here in Trenton to address the rights of crime victims - things like allowing victims or their families to testify during parole hearings. We fought for a constitutional amendment on Victims' Rights which mandates that crime victims and their families be treated with fairness and compassion.

From the Governor's Desk
By James Florio

Under this new Clemency Disclosure law, the governor will submit an annual report to the Legislature concerning the granting of pardons and commutations, details of the convicted's offenses, the original sentence and the reasons for granting the clemency.

The Constitution of New Jersey gives me, as governor, the authority to grant clemency or pardon to someone convicted of a crime in our state. But our constitution also says that victims have the right to be treated with fairness, compassion and respect.

We've also taken steps to bolster our efforts in cracking down on criminals as well. When I came into office, I pledged to make our criminal justice system work for the people, not the criminals.

I recently signed a bill substantially increasing the cost of doing business for drug kingpins in the state. The new law expands the death penalty law to drug traffickers who order others to commit murder as part of their trafficking network.

We now have the ultimate weapon in the criminal justice arsenal to use against the most destructive and ruthless criminals in our society - drug traffickers. When drug traffickers or their henchmen use murder to further the drug trade conspiracy, they will pay the price.

To protect innocent people, we must have laws that work, laws that most today's criminals fear. That's what this bill does. Drug kingpins don't sign formal contracts and write checks for murder. Drugs are big business and murder is an ongoing part of doing business. Murder gives drug kingpins the power to terrorize whole communities. This law recognizes the violent reality of the drug business. Now prosecutors can bring that violent reality into the courtroom and let the jury decide.

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Regional board of education is running game show of chance

Be Our Guest
By Patti Mascaro

Choosing the lowest bidder, contracting with this bidder and implementing the ADA requirements. In short, none of the schools, except David Brantley, could be programmatically functional for wheelchair-bound students by September 1993.

Consider the budget, the for approval by the end of March. Is Mr. Barge preparing a three-school budget or a four-school budget? On Feb. 2, 1993, Dr. Morachnick stated they were preparing a three-school budget. This seems somewhat presumptuous since the Bureau of Facilities Planning has not yet given their nod to the closing of a school.

How and where will teachers be assigned? Our District is losing some top-notch people because they feel their jobs are uncertain.

A serious error was made by the Regional Board in interpreting the ADA. Even though Kenilworth resident Tony Peters, whose occupation is Fire Safety Inspector, presented proof that the district would come under Title II of the Act, the Regional Board chose to believe they came under Title III. This matter has now been cleared up because the board attorneys were paid to read and interpret the law and now agree that the district falls under Title II.

This error would cost the taxpayers at least \$1.5 million.

Certainly, the board did not expect the reaction of the Kenilworth taxpayers. In their own words, the kids will adjust and "the people (regarding litigation) will run out of money in a week or two." I've seen no "adjustment" by the students, and suffice it to say the people are committed to seeing this litigation through to the end regardless of cost, as evidenced by the many successful fund-raisers they have held and continue to sponsor.

So, in recapitulating: The board has made a heavy decision, an unpopular one they have tried to shove down the

throats of the taxpayers. Although they've claimed to have "done their homework," no passing grades have been issued.

Now they have painted themselves into a corner and look to Kenilworth residents to bail them out. If the Regional Board is unable to efficiently close David Brantley in the time frame they themselves have imposed, they should have the guts to say they need more time. Their attempt to coerce respected Kenilworth and Carwood citizens into letting the board off the hook (a hook they themselves own) is shameful!

Much could be accomplished in a year's time should the board delay the closing of David Brantley. Desegregation and/or dissolution will move forward over this period. The current juniors who face the horror of attending a new school for their senior year will be spared. The current 8th-graders also will get a reprieve. However, in a year's time, the current sophomores and current 7th-graders will face the same dilemma.

In a year's time the board could on several things happening: A well-thought-out plan for student and teacher assignments will be devised; answers (whether factual or fictional) will be presented for all the holes which have been punched into their current "plan"; Arthur L. Johnson will be made programmatically accessible for the physically challenged; at a cost we all as taxpayers will share but, most importantly, the Regional Board is counting on people getting tired of this nonsense and start not attending board meetings. It's much easier to make unpopular decisions in front of five or six people than it is to make them in front of 500 or 600 people. Don't let this happen. Your presence and input are needed to hold this board accountable for its actions!

If I must play "Let's Make a Deal" with the Regional Board of Education, I'll take what's on the table rather than the "prize," which may or may not be located behind curtain No. 2.

Patti Mascaro is a resident of Kenilworth.

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obituaries

Katherine Marko
Katherine Marko, 93, of Springfield died Jan. 30 in Union Hospital. Her husband, Mrs. Marko died in Newark before mov-

Milton Hammer, 78, cartoonist, author

Milton Hammer, 78, of Hillside, a nationally-recognized cartoonist, author and syndicated columnist, who previously had written a record review column, "Disc 'n' Data," for this newspaper, died Feb. 1 in Union Hospital.
Born in Irvington, Mr. Hammer lived in Newark before moving to Hillside 50 years ago. He suffered from infantile paralysis from the age of 2, but still did not prevent him from graduating from the Newark School of Arts and Industrial Arts. He began his career as a cartoonist at the age of 14. He started with his cartoon character, "Sloopy the Dog" for Worrall Community Newspapers' Irvington Herald. The comic strip was picked up and nationally syndicated.
Mr. Hammer also wrote a column, "Station Breaks," which ran in the Irvington Herald and Suburban Publishing Co. for many years, and more recently, "Disc 'n' Data," in County Leader Newspapers. Mr. Hammer is listed in "Anthology of American Humor," a book of anecdotes, and his cartoons also have been published in China. Throughout his career, he wrote comic books and cartoon drawing books for publishing companies as a freelance artist. Among the comic books were "Target," "Blunderb," "Frisby Fables," "4-Mosi," "Criminals on the Run," and "Young King Cole."
Mr. Hammer also wrote two separate features, "Krisco and Jasper" and "Shipwrecked Sailors." In the late 1940s, he worked as a freelance doing children's strip called "Spot, Spot and Spot." His cartoons also appeared in the Catholic comic book called "Treasure Chest." He also specialized in quizzes and puzzles which were published in newspapers nationwide. "Sevenson" magazine and in children's Catholic comic books. He also did puzzles for the Sunday supplement of the New York Herald-Tribune. He did puzzle columns and Bingo quizzes for radio programs and television. Mr. Hammer taught cartoon artistry at the Irvington and Newark YMCA's for children and adults. He wrote numerous columns for many publications, and prior to his death, was still providing material for such publications as the National Inquirer.
In a 1987 article that appeared in the Focus-section of County Leader Newspapers, Mr. Hammer discussed his life-long battle with polio: "This handicap has never stopped me from doing anything I wanted to do. After all, it doesn't affect your mind. Anybody with a handicap can do something. You still have a brain. You've got to keep active. Work—often limited work is great therapy—you can do it if you put your mind to it."
Surviving is a brother, Milan.

ing to Springfield 28 years ago. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Pfc. Joseph J. Horvath Post 8624, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Union. Surviving are a daughter, Ann M. Tenko; a son, John M., four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Wilbur Meierdierck
Wilbur Meierdierck, 68, of Springfield died Feb. 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Plainfield, Mr. Meierdierck lived in Newark before moving to Springfield 34 years ago. He had been the chief electrician with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 52 in Maplewood, where he worked for 40 years before his retirement six years ago. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; a son, the Rev. Gregory D'Emma, Chaplain, U.S. Army, a daughter, Roberta; a sister, Elda Giannini; and a grandchild.

Roberto Cacla
Roberto Cacla, 80, of Roselle Park died Sunday in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabeth.
Born in Reading, Pa., Mr. Cacla lived in Andali, Italy, before moving to Roselle Park many years ago. He was a mason for the Michael Cacla Mason Contracting Co., Roselle Park, before retiring in 1962.

Surviving are his wife, Marlon A.; two sons, John E. and Peter M.; a daughter, Nancy Hayes; two brothers, John Henry and George; and five grandchildren.

John Petrenko Jr.
John Petrenko Jr., 81, of Springfield died Feb. 2 in his home.
Born in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Petrenko lived in Hillside before moving to Springfield 37 years ago. He was a self-employed sawing machine repairman in Springfield. Before that, he worked for 30 years with the Singer Co., New York City. During World War II, he served in the Coast Guard. Mr. Petrenko was a 40-year Masonic member of the Atlas Lodge 188 & A.M., Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Rosa, and two sisters, Dorothy Petrenko and Irene Mihaly.

Albini D'Emma
Albini D'Emma, 82, of Roselle Park died Friday in Elizabeth Central Medical Center, Westfield.
Born in Jersey City, Mr. D'Emma moved to Roselle Park 12 years ago. He was a custodian for the Jersey City Board of Education for 20 years before retiring in 1976. Prior to that, Mr. D'Emma owned the Clarendon Barber Shop, Jersey City, for many years.

James T. Brown
James T. Brown, 65, of Roselle Park died Jan. 25 in his home.
Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Brown moved to Roselle Park 26 years ago. He managed the customer relations department of the Boom-Boom Division of Elexite Products, an office supply company in Garden City, Long Island, for 35 years before retiring last year. Mr. Brown was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the Elks Lodge 1583, Union.

Surviving are his wife, Alexandra; a son, James; three daughters, Theresa Arnold, Janet Wells and Kathleen Penelope; a sister, Anne Courtney; and four grandchildren.

death notices

BALSAMO - Jason Poles of Chantilly, VA, formerly of Kearny, on February 4, 1993, beloved husband of Josephine A. (Pezzone) Balsamo, and father of Josephine B. Wood and John B. Yurich, brother of Catherine B. Lucas, Ann B. Cassio, Dr. Pat A. and Anthony Balsamo. Funeral was held from The SAC SACRACON FUNERAL HOME, 1500 Morris Avenue, Union, N.J. on February 10, 1993. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, 47 N. Swarth St., Newark, N.J. 07102.

MANINO - Rosa M. (nee Stanziale), on February 10, 1993, beloved wife of the late Vincent Manino, devoted mother of Mrs. Anna Manino, Michael V. Manino, and Vincent Manino, devoted mother of Mrs. Anna Manino, Michael V. Manino, and Vincent Manino. Funeral services will be held from The SAC SACRACON FUNERAL HOME, 1500 Morris Avenue, Union, N.J. on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Burial in Holy Cross Cemetery, 47 N. Swarth St., Newark, N.J. 07102.

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happy birthday



Jane L. Telesco
Jane L. Telesco, daughter of Margie Palmieri and Tom Telesco of Roselle Park, celebrated her second birthday on Dec. 11. Joining in the celebration were her brother, Shawn, and her sister, Nicole, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Christopher Tucci
Christopher E. Tucci, son of Raymond and Marlene Tucci of Roselle Park, celebrated his birthday on Jan. 12. Joining in the celebration were his brother, Raymond Jr., and his grandparents, Vincent and Catherine Shannon of Union and Philip Tucci of West Orange.

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Corey Lee Kauner
A son, Corey Lee, was born Jan. 4 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, to Mr. and Mrs. David Kauner of Springfield.
Mrs. Kauner, the former Mindi Nelkin, is the daughter of Elaine and Merwin Nelkin of Springfield. Her husband is the son of Beverly and William Kauner of Sharon, Mass. Corey Lee was named in memory of his maternal grandfather, Leo Borstein and paternal great-grandmother, Lillian Gouli.

Addison Souza Hicks
A son, Addison Souza Hicks, was born Jan. 12 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Cynthia Souza Hicks and Brian D. Hicks of Chatham Township. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Souza of Springfield. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hicks of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Amanda Marie Santiago
A daughter, Amanda Marie, was born Jan. 19 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. Jose Santiago Jr. of Union.
Mrs. Santiago, the former Barbara Willis, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Willis of Springfield. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Santiago Sr. of Union.

Nicholas James Simkalo
A son, Nicholas James, was born Dec. 23 in California to James and Karen Betzner-Simkalo of Mill Valley, Calif. He is the couple's first child.
Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Betzner of Union. Maternal great-grandparents are Mrs. William Betzner of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. Vincent Librizzi of Mountaineer.

Lauren Ann Melusky
A 6-pound, 7-ounce daughter, Lauren Ann, was born Jan. 9 in Rahway Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Melusky of Kenilworth.

Mollisanti-Flynn engaged



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony S. Mollisanti of Holmdel have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine Elizabeth, to Dennis Patrick Flynn of Cranford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Flynn of Mountaineer. The bride-elect, who was graduated from Holmdel High School and Rutgers College, New Brunswick, is pursuing a master's degree at Rutgers Graduate School of Communication and Information Studies, New Brunswick. She is editor in the public affairs

department for the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies, Raritan. Her fiancé, who was graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, and Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., is employed as a controller for Securities Data Co., Newark.

A September wedding is planned in St. Catherine's Church, Holmdel, and a reception will be held at the Garden State Arts Center Reception Center, Holmdel.

Kompany-Rutman troth

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Kompany of Roselle Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rosanne, to Todd Michael Rutman, son of Mrs. Elaine Rutman of Staten Island, N.Y., and the late Mr. Irwin Rutman.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania, where she received a bachelor of science degree in medical technology, is certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

A December wedding is planned in Garden Manor, Aberdeen.

clubs in the news

The B'nai B'rith Women of Springfield will meet Wednesday at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, at 12:15 p.m.
"Tales of New Jersey," a film program on the folklore of historical New Jersey, will be presented by Gil Mc Kinlay, Sr., a member of the New Jersey Bell Speakers Society. The film will depict New Jersey's leading role from the early days of the Lenape Indians through the historical battle for Trenton and Monmouth as well as De Vortezano's role of the New Jersey coast in 1524. The film also reflects on much of Jersey's early industries and inventiveness along with ballads composed and performed by balladeer singer Oscar Brand.

A brief question and answer session will follow the program. Ruth Grossman, president, has invited members and guests for a mini lunch. Leo Harolik is program vice president.

A monthly business meeting and luncheon of the Mountaineer Women's Club Inc., member of the N.J. State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will be held Wednesday, at noon at L'Affaire Restaurant, Rt. 22 East, Mountaineer.

Lunch will be served by Horrietta and Nina Lusig and her committee, Rosa Schwartz, Jean Dalin, Fran Golden, Mildred Schwartz, Shirley Haberman, and Miriam Gerstwin.

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will meet Feb. 25 at noon. The meeting will be conducted by Evelyn Ginzoff, president.

The program will be presented by Bernice Winarsky, Jewish National Fund chairman, with a film on the JNF's 90th anniversary.

Lunch will be served by Horrietta and Nina Lusig and her committee, Rosa Schwartz, Jean Dalin, Fran Golden, Mildred Schwartz, Shirley Haberman, and Miriam Gerstwin.

The Springfield Woman's Club will hold a bus trip to the Clairidge Casino, Atlantic City, March 12. The bus will leave from the Sarah Barby Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield, at 8:30 a.m. and leave from Atlantic City at 4:45 p.m.

Proceeds from the fund raising event will go toward the scholarship fund that will be given to a graduate from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, in June.

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