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TWO SECTIONS

## THIS WEEK

### NEWS

#### Altered deadlines

This is the season for a change in deadlines for the holidays.

Readers should be aware that this newspaper will be published Wednesday, Dec. 23, because of the Christmas holidays. The office of the newspaper will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and we will reopen Monday, Dec. 28.

This will be just in time for our final publication of the year, our regular Thursday edition, Dec. 31.

Our office will be closed on Dec. 31 and will reopen Jan. 4. Look for our annual Year in Review, in our Dec. 31 edition. We wish all our readers and advertisers the happiest holiday season and look forward to continuing being your best source for community information in 1999.

### THE ARTS

#### Singers celebrate

Wonders of the holidays will be presented this weekend by the Celebration Singers.

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#### Holiday tradition

The Nutcracker will be presented by the New Jersey Ballet tomorrow through Dec. 27 at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

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### NEW MEDIA

#### News updates

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### WEATHER

Friday: Showers expected.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy.

Sunday: Partly sunny.

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Chris Booker defends his goal during an afterschool hockey game at Sandmeier School.

## Kids explore artistic, athletic sides at Sandmeier afterschool program

By Craig Garretson  
Staff Writer

The students in Francine Gerber's art class don't make what you'd call refrigerator door art.

Geniepieces, wall decorations, perfume bottles and seasonal scenes are the typical products of this afterschool program at Sandmeier School, with students bringing home a completed project just about every week. Most of the projects are geared toward that season's holidays, giving the students a gift to bring home for a favorite relative. "We try to do a broad scope of different projects to appeal to every child, boys and girls," Gerber said.

The afterschool programs at Sandmeier School, organized by the Parent Teacher Association, run from 3 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and are supervised by parents and teachers. Parents who wish to sponsor their children up for the programs pay a fee based on the type of activity.

Students can sign up for a range of programs, including crafts classes, cooking, sports, cheerleading and dance. Each program runs for seven weeks, with classes offered in fall and spring.

On Friday afternoons, most of the boys elect to play floor hockey with Keith Schoch's Hockey Club, and a

See ART Page 3.

## Police arrest man in car theft plot

By Pamela Isaacson  
Staff Writer

Two Newark residents were arrested Saturday night after an investigation by the Springfield Police Department into the attempted fraudulent purchase of a 1999 BMW, valued at approximately \$49,000.

Larry Reddick, 27, was arrested and charged with conspiracy, attempted theft by deception, receiving stolen property, forgery, filing false financial records and tampering with records. He was turned over to the East Hanover Police Department, where he was wanted for similar charges.

William Upchurch, also 27, was charged with receiving stolen property and two counts of theft by deception. He was released pending a Superior Court hearing. Upchurch had been arrested by Springfield police about a year ago for similar illegal acts.

The investigation, conducted by Detective Paul Peterson of the Springfield Police Department, first started when the information was received for the purchase of the BMW by a "dealer." The police were contacted and responded when the individual, Reddick, arrived at the dealership Saturday to pick up his purchase.

Also recovered was a large amount of cash and a 1999 GMC Yukon, valued at \$48,000. According to Springfield Captain James Hietala, the Yukon is believed to have been fraudulently obtained from another dealership.

## Borough to seek RVSA membership

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Borough Council made official its intent to join the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority as a full-fledged member Tuesday night.

The council, during their regular meeting, adopted a resolution asking the RVSA to consider a seat on their Board of Commissioners. In a separate resolution, they authorized a \$50,000 down payment for membership dues and another \$250,000 in bond debt for the balance. Both measures passed 5-0 with Councilman Ronald Romak absent.

Should the RVSA agree, Mountainside would join 10 other Union and Middlesex municipalities in sharing treatment facilities. The change would also sever their four-year-old agreement with Cranford, who has a commissioner on the board.

"There are three reasons I can think of for approving the resolutions," Mayor Robert Vigilanti said. "The first is that we would become a part-owner of the authority and the second is that we would have a say about our sewer system. The third reason is that we'd have extra input about flow rates."

"This is something that's been a long time coming," Councilman and resolution proponent Werner Schon said. "Up to now, we have to get approval from Cranford for the smallest changes. We would have gone through two years ago but we had to wait until we conducted a survey of what our sewerage flow is."

Vigilanti and Schon compared their discussions to those of Scotch Plains. That township had an agreement to have their sewerage handled by Westfield until joining the RVSA

in 1996. Scotch Plains has partial ownership and a say on their system is managed.

The RVSA processes sanitary sewage for the 10 Central New Jersey towns at its Belvidere treatment plant since the 1950s. The authority bills its membership on an allotment of metered sewage flow. The two-year test helped determine Mountainside's own flow estimate to be within three million gallons per day.

The resolutions will transfer most of the sewer connections from Cranford to the RVSA. One area, bordered by Sky Top Drive, Tanager Way, Deer Path and the Scotch Plains border will remain with another system. Scotch Plains also does not have its entire system serviced by the RVSA.

"I have to thank the residents of the borough for their cooperation with the test period," Schon said. "We asked them not to attach their sump pumps to the system and they refrained. They also put up with our checks for interconnections with the storm sewer system."

Storm sewer and sump pump interconnections to sanitary sewers are illegal by state law and tend to give false readings on sewerage meters. Those objections have been the bane of at least Springfield and Scotch Plains' residents. They have been wanted by the RVSA with potential overflow penalties.

The \$250,000 bond expenditure makes Mountainside's municipal debt \$5.5 million. The bonds are to be paid off over a 20 year period and in keeping with the state local bond law.

"I happen to agree with Werner," Mountainside Democratic Committee member Scott Schmeddel said. "This move is long overdue."

## Hearing to request ruling reversal

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Springfield Township Attorney Bruce Bergen is hoping that recent court decisions over the proposed Edwards Super Food Store may help the township in its dispute with J.D. Mack/Consumers Value Products Pharmacy.

Bergen has scheduled a hearing with Superior Court Judge John T. Pisanski in Elizabeth for tomorrow morning. He intends to ask Pisanski for a reversal of the judge's ruling last March on the CVS site plan application. "I'm asking the judge to reverse his own ruling in light of the State Appellate Court ruling on Edwards," Bergen said Tuesday. "This is an absurd situation. The appellate court has never decided on a similar use of split-zone properties before and they are now trying to rule on two such cases from Springfield."

Pisanski, in his March 13 ruling, said that J.D. Mack and CVS did not need to file a parking use variance before the Springfield Planning Board. The judge, in his Union County Court House chambers, further ruled that the J.D. Mack application for the township's pre-existing zoning and construction codes.

J.D. Mack intended to convert 225 Mountainside into a 10,300-foot CVS Pharmacy. The address, parking lot, according to the township's zoning map, crosses from the retail commercial area to the residential area. The Planning Board permitted building the then-United Counties Savings Bank in 1976 with a use variance for the lot.

"When J.D. Mack unveiled its CVS plan, some Five Corners' neighbors' and Township Committee members

objected. One of their arguments was that the parking lot use variance does not automatically go to the new owner. J.D. Mack brought Springfield before Pisanski, arguing that the township was unnecessarily prolonging the plan approval process.

The question of grandfathering use variances of split-zoned properties became the heart of the State Appellate Court ruling against Royal Ahold/Edwards Springfield LLC on Oct. 23. Edwards had wanted to demolish his old Saks Fifth Avenue store on 90 Millburn Ave. and replace it with a smaller Edwards Supermarket. Saks was built and expanded with Springfield approval into a parking lot which also entered a residential zone.

Royal Ahold, showing how the Rev. Edwards would fit well within the commercial zone boundaries, did not seek use variance applications. They cited a 1997 ruling by Pisanski that the variances went with the property when Ahold bought it from Stop & Shop Supermarkets three years earlier.

"In granting these variances, the board considered only the specific enterprise proposed by Saks," Judge Daniel Buttermess in their 3-0 ruling from Trenton. "It didn't create an open invitation to Saks and its successors." The decision stopped Royal Ahold midway through its site plan hearing before Board of Adjustment. A resubmission for Tuesday night was postponed to Jan. 19 at Ahold's request.

"I'm not involved with the Edwards-Board of Adjustment matter," Bergen said. "It appears that the application is trying to decide whether to apply for two use variances."

## Springfield bookstore hosts local authors

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Holiday shoppers at the Springfield Barnes & Noble were met by an unusual book giving event Thursday night. Instead of meeting one author to autograph a book, there were 19 to choose from — almost all of them local.

"We usually have one author come in to sign his or her book but this is the first time we gathered so many," store community relations manager Stephanie Zanardi said. "The idea actually came from a manager of another store who had success with it. What we want to do is to show our support for local writers and illustrators and give the public an opportunity to meet them."

Zanardi surveyed the authors and their books assembled before her in one of the store's larger aisles. They surrounded five tables, greeting customers or signing books.

Linnak Frank, who cowrote "This Far by Faith" with Andrea Hill of Scotch Plains, is from Los Angeles. While Frank crisscrossed the continent, four other authors crossed neighborhood town lines for the signing. "The store carries two items books," Peter Kallitris, of Mountainside, said. "Pick Up Your Chain and Walk" comes from his experiences as a psychology professor at Seton Hall University and as a therapist. "One More Spring" is based on how he and his brother dealt with the Nazi occupation of our island in Greece during World War II.

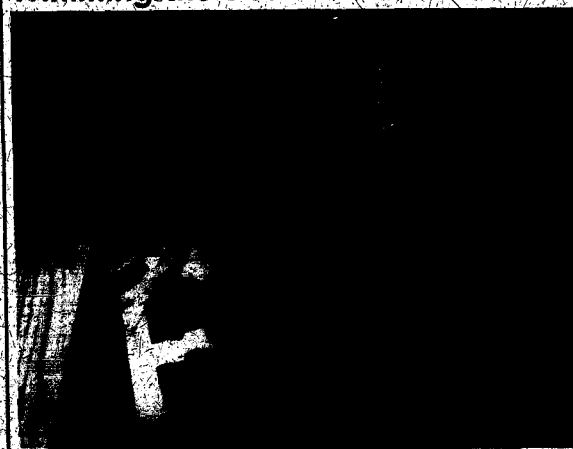
"The World Was If Quiet Book" is my sixth title," former Mountainside councilman Timothy Benford said. "It followed a similar quiz book I wrote on the space program. I found out about this signing when I walked the store two weeks ago."

"Although I live in Summit," said Mark Di Iorio, "I was born in Springfield Lake, where my parents had a house near the shore. That interest led me to write 'New Jersey's Coastal Heritage.' People, including many New Jerseyans, don't realize how varied our state's coastline really is."

"When I began writing 'Germany's Spook and Saboteurs,' I kept cooking

See AREA, Page 3.

## Trimming the tree



Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti addresses the crowd of residents who turned out for the annual tree-lighting ceremony last Saturday outside Borough Hall.

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## Gladstone to speak at Hadassah luncheon

Have you ever had a tooth pulled by a dentist? Gladstone is also a dentist. Dr. Noel Gladstone, a Springfield dentist, will speak at a Hadassah luncheon meeting at Temple Beth Ahim, according to Eleanor D. Kaprielian, chapter president.

Dorolinda Novak, who arranged the program, said that Dr. Gladstone started out as a comedian in the Catskills. He will be entertaining with such celebrities as Danny Kaye before becoming a dentist. He will be talking about his life in the Catskills and how he applies his humorous past to his present career.

Hadassah is the largest women's volunteer organization in the United States with membership of 500,000. It is the largest Jewish organization in the country and the largest Zionist organization in the world.

Hadassah supports projects in Israel which include a college of technology, job training, resettlement for thousands of persons who emigrate to that country, and two major research hospitals.

The organization also sponsors camps at the United States as well as the Young Judaea youth movement, and enters scholarships for American children to study in Israel. In addition, Hadassah takes a strong stand on women's health and reproductive rights.



### Biking mania

Cycle Freebok, the latest aerobic conditioning craze, is demonstrated at the Springfield YMCA by Fitness Coordinator Alice Stein.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give our community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3108, Union, NJ 07083.

- The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will conduct a Great Books Discussion Group at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room. James' "Beats of the Jungle" will be discussed and new members are welcome. For more information, call (973) 876-4930.
- The Prattville Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintop, will present its annual holiday planetarium show at 2 p.m. "Festival of Lights" will feature a celestial event that likely led to many holiday ceremonies. The show is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors.
- The Springfield Recreation Department has announced that blood pressure screening will be taken at the Sarah Bailes Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, on the second Wednesday of every month at 4 p.m. The screening is open to all residents of Springfield and are done by visiting nurses. For more information, call (973) 982-2227.
- The Knights of Columbus, Springfield Council #560, is conducting a program to collect glasses for "Eyes for the Needy." Glasses will be sent as far as Kenya, Zaire, Puerto Rico, Guatemala and as well as the United States. Glasses are picked up on a bi-weekly basis and may be dropped off at any post office in the Springfield and Summit area. Large quantities may be picked up by calling (973) 273-7477.
- The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library would like donations of magazines within a year's date. The library is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m., and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The library is also open Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

## NEWS CLIPS

### Rabbis to meet for discussion

On Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m., Temple Beth Ahim of Springfield will host a meeting of a Conservative, Orthodox and Reform rabbis who will meet to talk. The rabbis are Rabbi Perry Raphael Bank of Temple Beth Ahim, Rabbi Alan J. Yuter of Congregation Israel and Rabbi Joshua Goldstein of Sha Aray Shalom.

The subject will be "Israel & America: Jews in the 21st Century." These Springfield Rabbis look into the future.

This is the second time that the Springfield rabbis have defied the grievances that divide the denominations to meet for discussion, study, and questions and answers. The program is offered to the public at no charge.

All are welcome. Temple Beth Ahim is located at 60 Temple Drive. For further information, contact the Temple office at (973) 376-0539.

### YMCA Sports include classes for preschool-age children

YMCA Sports include classes for preschool-age children, including Tumble, Trax, dance, basketball, flow, hockey, soccer, and sports games. Saturday morning children and girls' classes include "Arts, Doodle and Arts Skitdays" for ages 4 and 5. Saturday morning parent/child arts classes include "Arts, Doodle and Arts Skitdays" for ages 1 to 4. For older children, "Karate" and "Flin Hop" dance for kids in grades 1 through 5 will meet weekly at 8 a.m.

In addition, YMCA Child Care offers two after-school programs including "Kids Club" for kindergarten to grade 4 and "Club Y" for grades 5 through 8. Both programs provide something fun for kids to do after school including sports and games, arts, homework time and a whole lot more. Transportation from Springfield elementary schools is available for kids' Club. Call for program plans and fees.

### Children's program set for Sunday

The pre-K through fifth grade children of the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. in Westfield, will create

### YMCA to offer winter registration

Preschool and youth classes will soon be available at the new Springfield, YMCA, located in Christloma Community Center at 100 South Springfield Ave. Registration begins

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## Local heroes emerge

Several events during the past few weeks have caused two local heroes to emerge. These men, both police officers, have acted admirably, demonstrating outstanding citizenship and a willingness to help their fellow man.

Mountainside's Corporal Andrew Sullivan risked his own life in going after a dangerous criminal suspect—Michael Terrance Howard, who had openly shot at several police officers and allegedly killed a youth in Baltimore. After a lengthy chase initiated by Sullivan in Kalamo, he was shot at by Howard. He returned fire along with three other officers.

During a routine morning trip to a local coffee shop, Springfield resident and off-duty South Orange Police Officer Mike Pannullo successfully revived a heart attack victim by swiftly administering CPR. Because of Pannullo's efforts, the afflicted man was able to regain consciousness even before emergency services arrived.

We commend these men for their efforts in making the borough and township a safer, more neighborly area.



TIME WELL-SPENT — From left, Kyle Christmas and Brad Kaston spend "Browse Time" reading books in Gaudineer Schools' media center.

## Support local commerce this year

With the holiday shopping season now in full swing and the local malls crammed with long lines, overworked store clerks and gaudy decorations, we encourage residents to take advantage of the calmer and infinitely more picturesque shopping experience offered in both Springfield and Mountainside.

While large indoor malls attract many shoppers through the convenience of having a variety of stores in one place, their garish and harned atmosphere makes choosing gifts for loved ones a miserable experience and detracts from the reflective, cheerful spirit of the season. Fortunately, local residents have an alternative.

Whether browsing along Springfield or Morris avenues in the many quaint shops carefully decorated for the season or taking advantage of the quick-and-easy strip malls on Route 22, residents will find an abundance of local shops offering clothing, specialty foods, toys, wines — everything anyone could possibly need to complete their gift list in every price range.

For residents concerned about their property taxes, doing holiday shopping locally should be a main priority. When more merchandise is being sold by area businesses, the local economy is stimulated, improving the fiscal health of the community and potentially attracting more businesses to the township and borough. Increases and decreases in residential taxes are directly related to whether local commerce thrives.

Residents should shop close to home and make completing gift lists a pleasure, not a chore.

## Don't make decisions for us

In the slowly evolving case of the Bojczuk Stone housing development, Springfield has once again been placed in the position of having to answer to authorities who have no stake in the township. We applaud the efforts of the Township Committee to tailor the stipulations imposed on the housing project by the state's Council on Affordable Housing and Union County Superior Court.

The Bojczuk Stone development should be limited to a density of 16 units per acre. This maximum will provide residents with better quality of life by reducing the impact of traffic on nearby roadways and simply allowing a little more breathing room.

Unfortunately, Union County Superior Court indicated that it would reject any plans from the township to build the development at a density lower than 17 units per acre.

Forced by Judge John Pisansky to accept this density or possibly face an even higher number, the Township Committee submitted the affordable housing plan at 17 units per acre for the sole purpose of preserving Springfield's right to an appeal.

In the words of Mayor Sy Mullman, the higher density is being "shoved down our throats."

We hope this imposition will be rectified when the township makes its appeal. Springfield residents should not be forced into unwanted decisions about their own township.

*"The only side that journalists should take is the side of truth."*

**Razia Bhatti**  
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## Decade of progress revitalizes town schools

My previous columns have focused on identifying the measures of quality of our local schools and in particular Jonathan Dayton High School. Today's column is general toward understanding the progress Springfield has made in improving its schools over the past decade.

Springfield has always shared in the good fortune of having "good schools." But there has been strong controversy over school closings and reorganization of the district schools over the past 15 years that has frustrated the waters of the actual progress that has been made.

Approximately two decades ago, the town and its schools were threatened in a fight over the potential closing of James Caldwell Elementary School and Edward W. Walton Elementary School because of declining enrollment and the town's ability to financially afford the operation of such small elementary schools. Over \$1 million was expended for legal fees, feasibility studies and the "buy out" of an administrator.

This was a difficult time which eventually led to the direct operation of day-to-day management of the schools by the Board of Education and the near decertification of the schools by the Department of Education. Virtually every board of Education meeting became the weekly entertainment for individuals threatened on the future of the leadership to make hold of a vision for the school system that unites opposing positions in the best interests of the community and the children the schools were contracted to serve. The status of the educational program in Springfield had declined during that time to its lowest ebb.

I can well remember the eve of my appointment in March 1986 and the treacherous state that was depicted into the township offices to dispatch the fire department and disrupt the proceeding of the Board of Education meeting. That was quite an evening and my first introduction into the tough people will go in their eyes to make their decisions. I can well recall my thoughts and the plans I had for the courage of the Board of

### Superintendent's Report

By Gary Friedland

Education and those interested citizens that were ready to tackle the problems of changing the situation that had evolved over the past 15 or 20 years.

For me, it was a "crisis" ground an opportunity to put to use the skills I had learned in my first superintendent job and my experience as principal in a high profile school district with an outstanding reputation.

This was almost 13 years ago and I guess have learned almost 30 years of experience in education. I have begun to reflect on some of the great people I have worked with and some of the most interesting projects.

It has been a wonderful opportunity to work with a community to reverse the tide of mediocrity and implement a set of plans and visions that have changed the course of history for the Springfield Public Schools. In just over a decade there has been tremendous change — things indicating positive steps and progress toward improving our already good school system. These milestones include:

- Certification of our schools by the Department of Education for the first time in 1997-2000, and the accreditation of the middle school and high school by the Mid-Atlantic Association of Schools and Colleges. Springfield has one of the few accredited public middle schools.
- Opening of the Barry Childbirth Center at Edna W. Walton School which provides a comprehensive program of services including public prenatal, full day kindergarten, five graded special education programs for 3-year-olds, a wrap around day care and extended child care. 10% of the fee, public school centers in the state that offers a "pregnancy check-up" and early childhood education in a public school setting.
- The middle school to offer a program geared to 10- to 14-year-olds that balances the investigation of

exploratory subjects, the arts and the basics. Inclusion of a parent's group, fifth and sixth grades, that transfers their agreement from the elementary schools to assure rigorous academic program of the seventh through 12th grade curriculum and departmentalized teaching of the secondary schools.

• Revitalizing the elementary schools' music and arts program to include a third grade string program, third grade instrumental music programs and the introduction of creative musical and theatrical art courses in the middle- and high schools. This has impacted the degree of participation in the middle school band and chorus program — growth from 1986 to 1998 has increased from 13 students in the middle school band to over 150 participants. The district also sponsors several musical productions by students each year.

• Establishment of an interschool sports program for the middle school in addition to the traditional after-school gym program. The program, fall, winter and spring sports for both girls and boys.

• Development of a tutorial program for student academic assistance in all schools and the implementation of a computer-assisted instructional program conducted in our middle school that events over a week on a foundation of high-tech.

• Increase in the length of the school day for instruction of grades five through 12, with 47% increase of the school schedule and the addition of another period for instruction and course delivery.

• Introduction of an elementary guidance program that focuses on a developmental guidance, the impact of divorce and changing families and support programs for parenting improvements at the high school level.

• In-house computer-assisted guidance services for college selection and providing individualized guidance services to assist in the planning of post-secondary education.

• A revision of the high school and adjustment in program to accommodate local expectations for a com-

prehensive small high school that offers private education in a public high school.

• Development and implementation of five-year plans for updating curriculum materials, textbook and facilities.

Progress in improving our school systems measured in many ways and the significant gains made over the past decade assist in laying a firm foundation to continue to build upon. Much has been accomplished by the cooperative work of the Board of Education members, parents, community, staff and the school district's administrative staff.

The school system has been revitalized over time due to changes in program, curriculum and staff. Almost 75 percent of the staff has changed over the past decade with our average staff member being approximately 47 years of age with 15 years of experience. These changes coupled with the inclusion of the high school, will bring new and creative instructional and teaching techniques, facilities, improvements and new leadership ideas.

An Agumentation of "schools" I have had the opportunity during the past decade to see many changes and work closely with your Board of Education, the PTA's and interested citizens and staff in creating a vision for our schools. Most of the objectives in the previous plan have been accomplished, and last year a group of students, parents, staff and citizens met to create an action plan for the next decade. This plan is in its final draft and is about to be released to the public. I hope to hold many ideas that will move our schools ahead as we begin the next millennium and also will assure some degree to which the district can best use its resources.

As it has been accomplished in the past decade and much work has to be done. As you begin to reflect on the success of our schools, hopefully you will realize how far we have come in our quest to be the best we can be.

Gary Friedland is superintendent of Springfield's public schools.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Club's commitment is to youth

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County is proud to be a vital part of the fabric and richness of our community. Every day, we provide programs and services that significantly enhance children's lives and enable youth to develop skills to become employable, to build knowledge, to engage in positive behavior, to focus on life health practices, and to become responsible citizens. Our members focus on providing programs and services to the youth of Union County. We meet the needs of the youth by providing programs, which can demonstrate significant positive and lasting outcomes. We are committed to the long-term development of every child who comes through our doors by providing the support and care every child will experience a series of rich relationships with adults and peers. We provide programs that are meaningful and delivered at "world-class" standards.

This is a time of year to reflect on our children. Boys and girls need our support, love and guidance. They are the future, and we must ensure that future for them: Happy holidays!

Russell Triolo, Chief Executive Officer  
Edward Newton, Board President  
The Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County

### Dr. Kevorkian is an executioner

To the Editor:

Dr. Kevorkian is a self-serving, arrogant, unlicensed pathologist who executed an obviously incurable man suffering from a terminal illness.

There was no evidence of comfort or caring and definitely no compassion for the old man who was pronounced a chair-tied for millions of television viewers to see. Individual moments, dictated by his executioner — disbeliever in every sense of the word — a life was snuffed out while the spotlight shone on the self-righteous executioner.

How terrifying this must have been for all viewers and their family members who witnessed an old and dispossessed 69-Minutes' would feed into the ego of this doctor keeping deathbeds sick men.

I have witnessed — as has any hospice caregiver — hundreds of deaths but I never witnessed a scene such as the one on October 30, 1998. This week ago, The hospice committee was outraged that it was instituted that people should end their lives in such a bizarre manner. This outrageous segment defies all that is happening as we address end of life care today.

Margaret J. Colby  
Center for Hope, Monticello, Linden

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We're asking

What's your favorite movie this time of year?



David Maas



Jim Stanford



Pam Brodsky



Carrie Verducci

"The Spirit, I suppose, is an old classic. There's a special place where the girls love the hell from a fire."

"I always said, 'It's Wonderful Life.' Like Jimmy Stewart and it's a good film for the season."

"It would definitely be 'Miracle on 34th Street.' It's a beautiful, sweet story."

"A Christmas Story. It's so funny and just a lot of fun."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for fundraiser support

To the Editor: This is an open letter of appreciation to readers of the Echo Leader who attended and supported the recent Holiday Treasures benefit for Children's Specialized Hospital...

On behalf of the thousands of children who are helped at Children's Specialized Hospital and will be further helped by the proceeds of 'Holiday Treasures,' simply and sincerely, thank you.

Maggie Cimet, Holiday Treasures Publicity Chairman

Lobby against Mt. Laurel decision

The way to combat the problem, Springfield and other municipalities facing with the forced affordable housing is to lobby the legislature to rescind the Mt. Laurel decision.

Joseph C. Chiappa, Mount Laurel

Del Guidice named fellow

Robert E. Del Guidice of Springfield, president of operations at St. James Hospital in the Industrial Section of Newark, has been named a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives...

Devils spread holiday cheer at CSH

The New Jersey Devils became angels on Monday when they traveled south to meet and greet patients at Mount Sinai's Children's Specialized Hospital...



New Jersey Devils player Patrick Elias entertains a patient at Children's Specialized Hospital during a visit Monday.

Fourteen-year-old Greg Mathews has been a Devils fan ever since his father took him to see them play eight years ago. That night, the Devils crushed the Canadiens as Mathews remembers...

Deerfield School announces semester honor rolls

- Grade 6 Honor Roll: Marking Period 1: High Honor Roll: Katrina Bisci, John Biednicki, Daniel Drake, Jude Paella, Brian Gardner, Suzanne Hopkiss, Karella Lopez, Kristen Manth, Michael Margolis, Susan Mady, Jyffia Njehi, Deirdre Norris, Constance Soudey, Nicole Tawehler, Lindsay Vlachakis, Stacy Vlachakis...

- Honor Roll: Michael Analle, David Apigo, Nicole Basseil, Michael Biel, Jenna Blas, Frank Bleibley, Jamie Boyer, Eric Caszar, Anthony DeAngelis, Christopher DiVito, Eric Feller, Jessica Garris, Annie Gussi, Morgan Hill, Arad Holt, Jonathan Landis, Irene Lentis, Stephanie Lombardum, Kaitlyn Moore, Danielle Pace, Helena Schell, Macey Stickle, Gregory Thomas, Christopher Vandermeer, Brian Wolford, Kevin Woyvat, Jamie Zawistka...

Mattison graduates branch training

Army Second Lt. Ralph S. Mattison II, 34, graduated from an eight-week basic course at Fort Knox, Ky. The course consists of branch training, which is a two to three-month course with special emphasis on the duties of a platoon and company leaders. Their training includes instruction in the basic principles of maneuver, communication, weapons and tactics.

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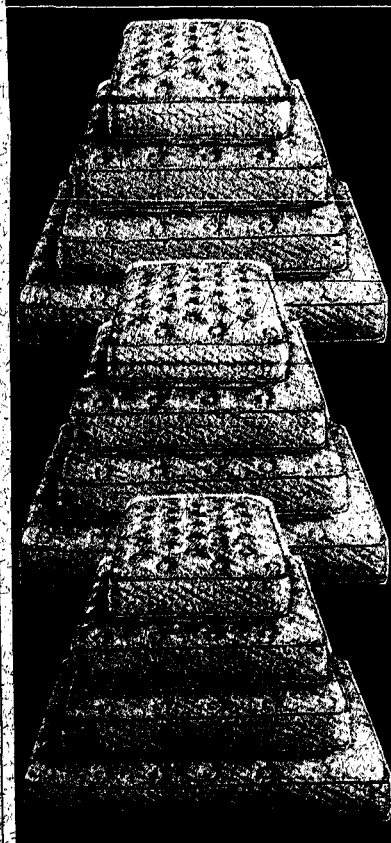
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## NEWS CLIPS

### Life-guarding course offered for holidays

The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled a life-guarding instruction course for accommodate college students being here Christmas vacation. The course will start on Monday afternoon 7:30 p.m. and will continue Tuesday and Wednesday and Dec. 26, 28, 29 and 30 with pool sessions at Berkeley Swim School and with several classroom sessions during evenings at the Chapter House in Summit.

There is a maximum age of 17 to be admitted into the course, for a total fee of \$150.00. Materials and the instructor travel are charges in the course.

Registration is at the Summit Area Chapter, 695 Springfield Ave., lives may be picked up at the chapter, mailed to anyone interested in being a candidate.

Jean R. Thomas, water safety officer may be reached at: 908-275-0647.

### Discussion group to meet

Two therapists will speak at discussion groups on "Joseph: the therapist and author of 'Sacred Manhood/Sacred Earth' will be

at the Xavier Conference Center on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The title of the lecture will be "Toughness: Moving On and Letting Go." The Conference Center is located on the campus of St. Elizabeth's office. The registration fee is \$25.

### Faith Lutheran hosts live Nativity

Faith Lutheran Church has invited the public to a re-enactment of the Christmas story Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. The evening will begin indoors with a traditional nativity and a Faith Lutheran presentation on the birth of Christ. The children will have to 3:30 p.m. and will be followed by the Faith Drama Troop dressed in period costume, will begin their telling of the Nativity of Our Lord promptly at 5:30 p.m. on the church lawn.

The stable used in the re-enactment has already been built with materials donated by Berkeley. Handcarved by Berkeley Heights and Tanager Lumber in Summit. It can be seen when passing by the church on South Street. Refreshments will also be available after the nativity performance. Faith Lutheran Church is located at 524 South St. in New Providence. For more information call the church office at 908-464-5177.

### Sponsors sought for summer camps

The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council has many girls throughout Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties who will need financial aid to attend either the resident camp, Camp Les Fleurs, Halloway or one of the free local day camps this year. WRGSC is requesting that individuals, local businesses and others contribute during this holiday season the "gift of camp" the girl that lacks a lifetime.

For more information on the resident and day camps or to make a donation, call Debra Lampert Rudman at 908-252-3236, ext. 209 or send your donation to WRGSC, Camp Donations, 201 Grove St. East, Westfield, NJ 07090, or Debra Lampert Rudman, fund development/public relations director.

### Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news, Church, club and social: Thursday, Entertainment: Friday noon. Letters: Monday, noon. Spots to the Editor: Monday 9 a.m. General: Monday 5 p.m.



From left, Karen Fainblatt, executive director of Our House Foundation; and Kathy James, president of the board of trustees of Our House Foundation, present Tim Rissack, director of SAGE's Spend-a-Day facility, with a check for \$3,000 to subsidize a special needs client.

### Foundation makes donation to SAGE

SAGE, the not-for-profit eldercare agency that serves the elderly and its families, has received a \$3,000 scholarship to subsidize the resident care program, located at 550 Springfield Ave.

Your House Foundation is pleased to announce the grant of a special scholarship for the SAGE Spend-a-Day program, said Karen Fainblatt, executive director of the organization. "The scholarship will give people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to share meaningful, lasting activities with members of the community. We have witnessed first-hand the stimulating benefits SAGE Spend-a-Day provides."

Children at Spend-a-Day participate in a variety of activities to help them enjoy the holidays. The program will include a special Christmas dinner, a program of singing and playing musical instruments, a special gift exchange, and a special party. "It will provide another option for clients and people in the community who have special needs."

SAGE, located at 50 DeFord Ave., provides adult day services, Alzheimer's day services, home health aides, companion services, Meals-on-Wheels, a food shopping service, a Job Assurance program and other activities. For more information, call 908-275-5500.



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### Christmas Events:

- Friday December 18 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata - Merry Christmas to You!
- Thursday December 24 - 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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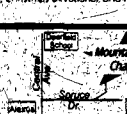
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- Dec. 20 - Sunday Worship Celebration - 11:00 am
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- Dec. 22 - St. John's Christmas Eve - 7:00-9:00 pm
- Fun nights for grades 4, 7, 8 featuring classic Christmas video, games, refreshments, moving Christmas story and more games.
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:00-8:00 pm
- Featuring: Children's interactive Christmas lesson, Christmas carol singing, dramatic presentation, Christmas devotional, and more in our candlelit auditorium.


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- New Year's Eve 7:30 PM Candlelight Communion

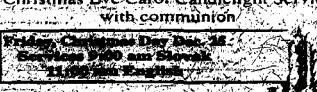
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A Savior As Given The Lord Christ  
in King of Love's Republic"*

## Come Home for Christmas

Join Holy Cross Church for a Christmas Eve Celebration!

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Jonathan Dayton High School  
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Springfield

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# OBITUARIES

## Eleanor L. Jones

Eleanor L. Jones, 63, of Summit died Nov. 28 in the Hagedorn Hospital, Glen Gardner.  
Born in Barbours, West Indies, Mrs. Jones moved to Summit many years ago. She was a nurse's aide at Overlook Hospital, Summit, for 25 years before retiring. At the same time, Mrs. Jones worked as a nurse's aide for Sage Home Health Care, Summit. She was a stewardess for the AME Zion Church's Wallace Chapel. Surviving are a daughter, Deborah Jegerman; two brothers, Lionel and Whitfield Clarke; and two grandchildren.

## John S. Tennant III

John S. Tennant III, 67, of Castle Rock, Cal., formerly of Summit, died Nov. 25 at home.  
Born in Ann Arbor, Mich., Mr. Tennant lived in Paris, France, and moved to Summit in 1945, where he resided from 1970 to 1976, before moving to Castle Rock. He was a graduate of Tufts, Pawling, Pawling, N.Y. Mr. Tennant attended the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and was a member of Beta Theta Phi Fraternity. He was a midshipman at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Buzzards Bay, Mass., before entering the Navy on active duty in 1953.  
After the Navy, Mr. Tennant was

employed by Colgate-Palmolive Co., New York City, in sales and marketing systems division. He was an export regional sales manager for Emeric Electronics, Irvine, Pa. In 1960, Mr. Tennant was employed by W. F. Satterwhite, Manufacturer's Representatives. In 1962, he became sales manager for Quindar Electronics, Springfield. Then he served as vice president of marketing for Hathaway Instruments, Denver. Mr. Tennant became a broker with Realty World in Castle Rock and Associated Property Brokers, Parker, Colo.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn, his daughter, Mary Kent Miller Tennant, a daughter, Sally Tennant, two sons, John S. IV, Scott C., William F. and Jeffrey B., and nine grandchildren.

## Harry Rice

Harry Rice of Springfield died Dec. 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Rice moved to Springfield 31 years ago. He was an office manager for Men's Matters of Elizabeth for more than 10 years and retired in 1984. Earlier, Mr. Rice worked for Economy Auto Supply, Newark, for 25 years. He was a former vice president of Temple Beth Ahim Men's Club, Springfield, and was honored as the organization's "Man of the Year" in 1970. Mr. Rice also was the financial secretary of the Beth A. B. Temple, 2093 Springfield, and a volunteer at Overlook Hospital.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.  
Surviving are his wife, Eleanor, and a son, Alan.

## Kevin Murphy

Kevin Murphy, 43, of Mountaineer, formerly of Roselle Park, a Fair Authority police officer, died Dec. 11 at home.  
Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Murphy lived in Roselle Park before moving to Mountaineer six years ago. He was a sergeant with the Port Authority, Newark Airport, for 18 years. Mr. Murphy was a graduate of Kean College, now Kean University, where he received a degree in criminal justice and had been working on a master's degree in public administration at Rutgers University. He was a member of the Vergants Benevolent Association.

Surviving are his wife of 20 years, Carol, a son, Ryan, a daughter, Shannon, his parents, Francis and Audrey Murphy, two brothers, Kenneth and Terrence, and two sisters, Marlene Kachnowski and Kethann Williams.

## Toiyaa M. Bowers

Toiyaa M. Bowers, 27, of Summit, died Dec. 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Bowers moved to Summit in 1980. She was a clerk for Chubb Corp., Berkeley,

## Helen for four years

Surviving are her parents, Ross and Gertrude Bowers Sr., two brothers, George Bowers Jr. and Paul Leonard, a sister, Holly G. Bowers, and her fiancé, Shafiq, Mitchell.

## Helen Anna Wey

Helen Anna Wey, 89, of Summit, died Dec. 8 at the King James Nursing Home, Chatham.  
Born in Summit, Mrs. Wey lived in Little Falls before moving to Summit 40 years ago. From 1940 to 1947, she taught with the Glen Ridge school system. She taught with the Little Falls school system from 1947 to 1975, when she retired. Mrs. Wey was a 1928 summa cum laude graduate of Monclair State College and received a master's degree in history from the college in 1932. She was a member of the Passaic Valley, the New Jersey, and National Educators Associations, the Passaic County Teachers Association, and the Women's Club of Little Falls.

Surviving are a son, Glenn, a sister, Elizabeth Dethlefs, and a grandchild.

## Paul La Rosa

Paul La Rosa, 77, of Tom's River, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 9 at home.  
Born in Newark, Mr. La Rosa lived in Springfield for 20 years and moved

to Tom's River nine years ago. He was a tool and die maker with Heyman Manufacturing Co., Kenilworth, for 45 years and retired in 1977.  
Surviving are his wife, Rose, a son, Joseph, two daughters, Mary Williams and Joanne Leedy, a brother, Joseph, a sister, Mary Frances, 12 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

## Ann Tischman

Ann Tischman, 85, of Springfield, died Dec. 8 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

## Actors needed for winter musical

The Kean Place School Theatre Department is seeking two high school actors/actresses for the lead male roles of Claudio and Berger in the upcoming winter musical "Hair."

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Lori Kadish and Donald Wirth

Hockstein weds Panzano

Judith Hockstein, daughter of Donald and Natalie Hockstein of Springfield, was married to Craig Panzano, son of Vincent and Audrey Panzano of Marlton, Pa., on Aug. 20. The maid of honor was Allyn Hockstein. Her bridesmaids were Laura Bylson, Linda Hockstein and Regina Hockstein. The bestmen were Scott and Trevor Panzano. His fathers were Vincent Panzano Jr., Vincent Panzano III and Brian Panzano. The ringbearers were Daniel and Joshua Bolton. The bride is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School and the University of Florida. She is employed by Veterans Administration in Lyons as a recreational therapist. The groom is a graduate of Slippery Rock University and Columbia University. He is employed by the YMCA in Somerset Hills as an associate director. The couple spent their honeymoon in Aruba for two weeks. They will reside in Bedminster.



Daniel Edward Francis and Judith Amy Klein

Klein engaged to Francis

Arthur Klein of Philadelphia has announced the engagement of his daughter, Judith Amy Klein, also of Philadelphia, to Daniel Edward Francis of Philadelphia, son of Dennis Francis of Springfield and Sue Meyer of Lake Walesha. Ms. Klein also is the daughter of the late Mrs. Marjorie Klein. Ms. Klein, who graduated from Friends' Central School and Temple University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in American studies, is executive director of the Charlotte Cushman Club in Philadelphia. She also is vice president of the Rittenhouse Foundation, and serves on the boards of directors for The Philadelphia Art Alliance, Francis of the Gorus Institute of Music and Piano & Players. Her fiance, who graduated from Temple University where he received a degree in psychology, is vice president of Alpha Communications International services company in King of Prussia, Penn. An October 1999 wedding is planned.

Kadish to wed Wirth

Gerald and Marlene Kadish of Springfield announced the engagement of their daughter Lori Kadish to Donald Wirth, son of Enoch and Marlene Wirth of Scotch Plains. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Fla., with a master of science degree in clinical psychology. She is currently employed in Ft. Lee as a clinical psychologist. The future groom is a graduate of Kean College with a bachelor of science and a master's degree in earth science. He is employed by the State of New Jersey as a regulatory compliance group leader for the DEP. A May 1999 wedding is planned.

Supporting literacy



Karen Paardcamp, executive director of the Union County Chapter of Literacy Volunteers of America, New Jersey Affiliate, accepts a \$1,500 donation from Joseph J. Fischer, center, area vice president of Comcast, and Buck Dopp of Mountain side, at right, vice president and general manager of Comcast. The cable operator donated a total of \$9,000 to six New Jersey chapters of Literacy Volunteers.

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The photo

The Dayton High School girls' basketball team is ready to show how it has improved from a year ago. We've got good team chemistry, second-year head coach Dave Rennie said. Last year we were still in the process of getting to know each other. After tomorrow night's season-opener at Manville at 7, the Bulldogs come home to host New Providence Tuesday night at 7. Dayton will then be participating in the Roselle Park Panther Pride Tournament Dec. 28 and 30. The tourney also includes Roselle and Westfield.

Transition this season has been smoother for Dayton Bulldogs anxious to show improvement

By J.R. Parachini, Sports Editor

Several first-year players and a first-year coach mean this season was going to be a learning experience to the highest degree for the Dayton High School girls' Bulldogs basketball team.

Not taking a step off from last season, the Bulldogs came through the experience OK and are now ready to show marked improvement as a new season is about to commence.
'These are going to be our second-year head coach Dave Rennie said as his team is preparing for its season-opener at Mountain Valley Conference at Manville, Dec. 28.

'We've got good team chemistry,' Rennie continued. 'Last year we were still in the process of getting to know each other.'

'The transition this year has been much smoother,' Rennie said.

'We've shown improvement and now we have to win and see how well we'll do once the season starts,' Rennie said.

'This year's squad is young like last year, but most of the players saw a great deal of varsity time last year. The only senior on the squad is 5-guard Maria Ferrara, who is also an excellent leader.'

The only junior is 5-9 forward Rennie Ellis. Sravanti and Trivedi played last year and are the two captains. Sravanti will see time at the point guard and 2-guard positions.

'Another returning starter who has seen action is the 3-11 sophomore Linda Agostini. She was the leading scorer with 108 points during the season. She missed Dayton's scoring during the last 11 of two games last year, missing eight points and 10-11 shots.

'There has a lot of depth,' Rennie said. 'Sally is a real good shooter and is an excellent defensive player. She has guard any type of player extremely well.'

Agostini and Latuski are two of seven sophomores on the varsity roster. The others include forward Sara Abraham (5-9), guard Dana Rukowski (5-5), guard Christina Tomasiello (5-6), guard Maria Gottella (5-4) and forward Danielle Guida (5-7).

These freshmen include guard Esther Atzenberg (5-6), guard Stacy Franklin (5-4) and guard Dawn and Maria Zdanovskiy (5-6).

Agostini scored 12 points in Dayton's first win last year, a 45-30 Valley Division victory at home over St. Mary's of Elizabeth.

Agostini scored 14 and Sravanti 11 when Dayton defeated St. Mary's 39-38 after 10 minutes in Elizabeth.

Rukowski scored a team-high four points in a 40-10 win at home in Roselle Park. Agostini scored a season-high 27 points in a 44-14 win at home in Bound Brook and then scored 21 points in a 33-24 overtime win at home in Manville.

Rennie said the team is looking for more offense. 'After some time on offense, we should be able to play with more aggression on offense,' Rennie said. 'We're looking for 20-25 points to be a good average score per game. Some teams in the league are scoring 40-50.'

After tomorrow night's season-opener at Manville at 7, the Bulldogs travel home to host New Providence Tuesday night at 7.

Dayton will also be participating in the Roselle Park Panther Pride Tournament Dec. 28 and 30.

The Bulldogs also will compete at Roselle Park and Roselle Park vs. Roselle. The game will be at Roselle Park vs. Roselle.

'We're going to be ready to go and looking for our opportunities to shine,' Rennie said.

Minutemen football players honored at annual dinner

More than 175 people gathered at the Holiday Inn in Springfield Dec. 7 to recognize the accomplishments of the Springfield Minutemen football team.

The A-Team, comprised of 22 youngsters from 7th and 8th grades, finished the season with an impressive 6-2 record that included a conference championship.

The C-Team, comprised of youngsters from 4th, 5th and 6th grades, managed to win two games, beating Millburn twice.

The dinner began with opening remarks by Paul Silverman, Mr. Minutemen himself. The evening's master of ceremonies was Jim Birch.

The Minutemen's invited guests were Kenneth Hernandez, Caldwell School principal; Mike Herkko, Minutemen president; Dennis McCarthy, Gaudinour School principal; and Elizabeth Young, Sandmeier School principal. Ben nabu spoke on behalf of the invited guests.

The Springfield Police Remembrance Association has organized this annual gathering in recognition of the players' trophies.

Cheerleader coordinator Mary Ann Farley presented certificates to two cheerleading squads, composed of 25 cheerleaders.

Local businesses generously donated gift certificates to the program. These donations were prizes that were eventually won by team members who answered football trivia questions posed by master of ceremonies Birch.

The coaches for the A-Team, Brian Ferrine, Doug Steffler and Clayton Trivet, presented trophies to their players and recognized the following standouts: Craches Award Adam Benimoun, Most Improved Jake Mojana, Hustle Award Leo Ferrine, Best Offensive Player Yuh Porng, Best Defensive Player Joseph Kahwaner, Most Valuable Player Andre Callender.

A high point of the evening was when Herkko presented championship trophies to the A-Team members.

Team members then presented gifts to each of their coaches.

The dinner was a success and the Minutemen are already making plans for the 1999 season.

Dayton Swimming

- Dec. 10 at Gov. Livingston, 4:00
Dec. 14 at Elizabeth, 4:00
Jan. 12 at Piscataway, 4:00
Jan. 15, Linden, 3:00
Jan. 27 at Rahway, 3:00
Jan. 29 MVC, Meet
Feb. 1 at Union, 3:30
Feb. 7 New Providence, 3:00
Feb. 14 UCT, Meet
Feb. 9 at Cranford, 3:00
Feb. 12, Old Bridge, 8:30

Dayton Ice Hockey

- Dec. 10 East Side at Iron, 4:00
Dec. 12 Hackensack, 8:15
Dec. 13 West Milford at SUK, 6:00
Jan. 2 Wayne Hills, 8:15
Jan. 3 Hackensack at Joe House, 7:30
Jan. 5 Wayne Hills at Montclair State, 4:00
Jan. 11 Newark Academy at South Mountain Arena, 4:15
Jan. 13 East Side, 8:30
Jan. 16 Nutley, 8:30
Jan. 19 Wayne Valley at Mont, 4:00
Jan. 20 at Bernards, 9:30
Jan. 24 Teaneck at Englewood, TBA
Jan. 27 Tonawanda, 8:30
Feb. 7 West Milford, 8:30

Springfield 8th graders win their season-opener

Springfield Minutemen basketball teams began their seasons at home last Saturday, the 8th grade team looking good in defeating New Providence 65-42. The 7th grade team played well, but fell to New Providence 41-39.

Youth Basketball

Andre Callender had a spectacular game for the Minutemen in his win over New Providence, scoring in a game-high 32 points. Callender also pulled down 16 rebounds.

Nick Peretti scored nine points and grabbed 15 rebounds while Mike Sinito picked a fairly unimpressive game, coming up with six points and seven steals. Yuh Porng had four points and three assists. New Yorkers Steven Cohen and Andre Bates also played well. Cohen scoring five points and Bates coming up with five rebounds.

Springfield, which looks to improve on its free-throw shooting, making only 9 of 22 shots. New Providence was scheduled to face South Orange last night.

The 7th grade team received a 10-point performance from Leo Ferrine. He scored eight from the floor and two from the free throw line.

Heidi Abbotzay scored six points and Frankie Miceli had five points, three of his coming on a three-point basket. Daniel Scott contributed four points. Jordan Gerner grabbed a bunch of rebounds and scored two points. Mike Tux scored two points and rookie Stephen Suarez and Kenneth Suarez made one free throw each.

Springfield faced South Orange last night in its second game.
Spartan: Dec. 19 Roselle, 6:30; Dec. 20 Ridgewood, 8:00; Dec. 28-30 Lurden Tournament (see grade team).

Mountainside soccer stars

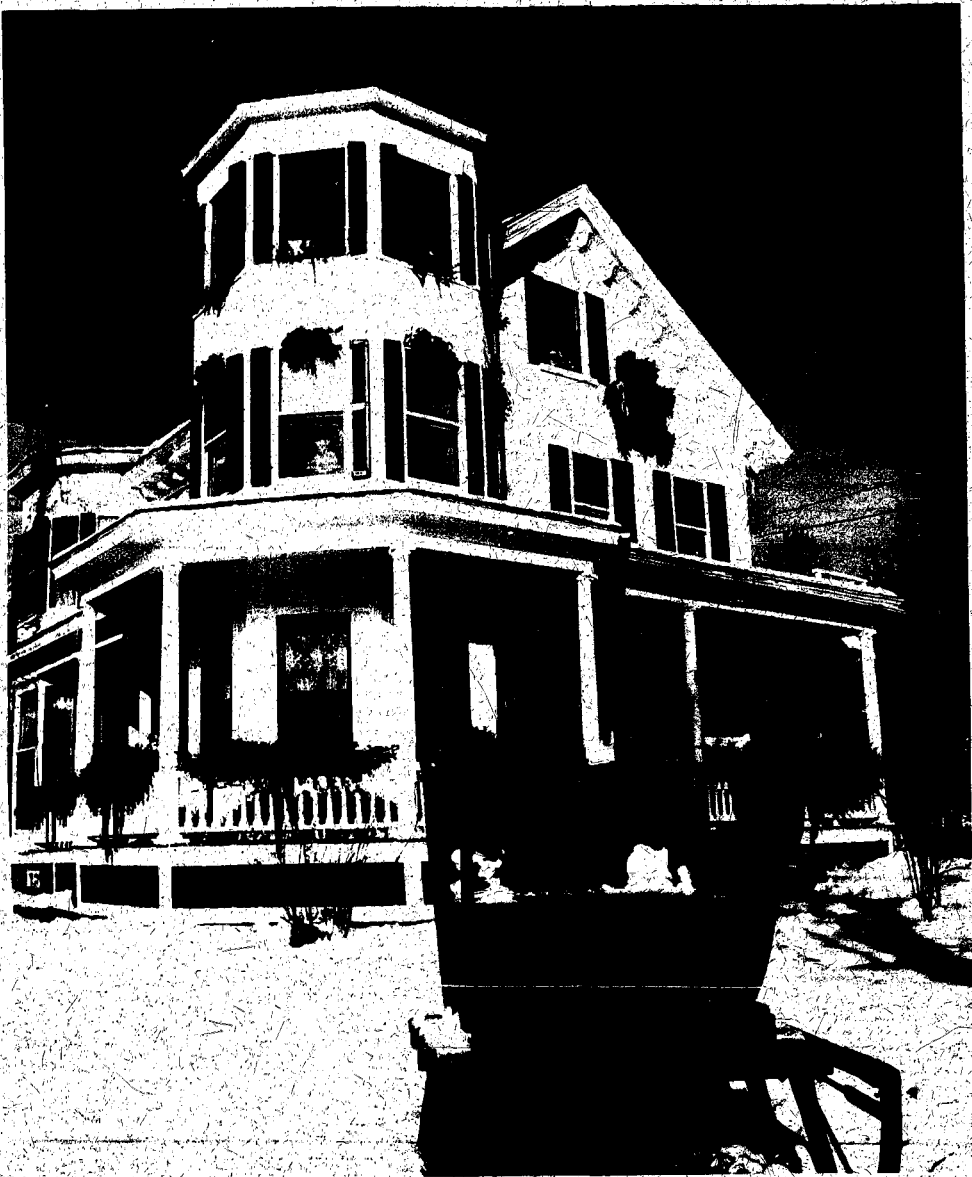


The Mountainside Magic 14 and under girls' soccer team had an outstanding season, winning its division in the Intex County League and posting a 9-1 record. Kneeling, from left, are Kristin Wedge, Jamie Boyce, Jenna Spadolin, Kabe Moore, Jennifer Hautes, Jamie Zawislak, Marissa DeAnna, Erin Sanders and Kanna Blas. Standing, from left, are coach Janet Blas, Elizabeth Bily, Kabe Sullivan, Breille Luciano, Jenna Blas, Arda Hottz, Cecilia Watson, Danielle Page and coach Ted Zawislak.

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