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TWO SECTIONS

THIS WEEK

NEWS

More aid

The State Senate gave unanimous approval last week to a bill that would increase annual state aid to municipalities for at least the rate of inflation. The bill now moves to the Assembly, where it is expected to be released by the Appropriations Committee and approved next month.

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Another study

An outside engineering firm will be hired by the county for \$735,000 to conduct preliminary work on a nature trail in Ash Brook Reservation. Behind the John Stambor Police Academy in Scotch Plains. Following the work, the county will know how much the entire project will cost.

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THE ARTS

Singing for supper

Opera couple has many tales to tell about performing with each other.

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Dixieland
The Wooster Street Trolley Dixieland Jazz Band will perform Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church on Summit.

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WEATHER

Friday: Heavy showers and windy 81
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Sunday: Mostly cloudy 55

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Photo by Barbara Kalkins

Phillip and Maribel Torres of Mountainside hold their newborn twin girls, Kate, Alexandra and Grace Elizabeth. The pair were the first babies born in the borough since the new year.

Torres twins become borough's first babies born in the new year

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Within seven minutes, Mountainside's population increased by two. Twin girls Kate Alexandra and Grace Elizabeth Torres became the borough's first babies born in 1999.

Born to Phillip and Maribel Torres, Mountainside residents for nearly five years, the twins arrived in Overlook Hospital at 6:21 p.m. and 6:28 p.m. signalled the end of a long wait for the future family.

"It's amazing how quickly you fall in love with them," said Phillip as he held a sleeping Kate. "It's a very happy man. It's a miracle to us to be holding these two little girls."

Married for 14 years, the Torres have been trying to have children for the past decade. Utilizing in vitro fertilization, Maribel conceived triplet, but one failed to survive.

"It's amazing how quickly you fall in love with them," said Phillip as he held a sleeping Kate. "It's a very happy man. It's a miracle to us to be holding these two little girls."

Although the new babies are not the first grandchild-

ren for maternal grandparents Nicolas and Maria Barrios or paternal grandparents Felipe and Maria Torres, Kate and Grace are the first set of twins.

Looking back on the nine months of pregnancy, the couple laughs as Maribel confesses her cravings. "I couldn't get enough beans," she recalled. "And all the very beginning I wanted red meat, but then it became just disgusting."

Careful planning throughout the pregnancy made the transition easier once the girls came home. "The nursery was ready early on," Maribel explained. "We even labeled the cribs for the birth announcements before they were born. There is no way they would have guessed it if we hadn't."

Maribel, a manager at Allstate Insurance, left work in December but plans to return in May. Phillip works for Access Transportation and the girl can work from home. The couple plans to teach their children Spanish as a first language, just as they learned growing up in Allentown.

More than five years the couple travels to Spain, where Maribel's family in the northwest region. "We want the children to experience this culture and have a connection to their roots," Maribel said.

"They grew up to be very independent women, self-sufficient," the new mother added. "They will be able to do anything they want to do."

CVS withdraws for site in township

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee announced Tuesday night that the large store will not be joining the township while one resident reported that another may be leaving Monday night.

The business removed from the township's future is the CVS Pharmacy, previously planned for 225 Mountain Ave. Mayor Greg Clarke and Township Attorney Bruce Bergen announced during the Township Committee meeting that developer HD Mack had withdrawn its challenge that day.

"It therefore means we can say we won the struggle against CVS," Clarke said. "There are times where one has to decide when to engage in a battle. We made that decision, despite going up against a large corporation, after talking with the local residents."

"We were going to approach Superior Court Judge John Pisatsky in a public hearing Friday," Bergen said. "In light of the State Appellate Court decision on the Edwards supermarket case last year, we were able to ask Pisatsky to reverse his ruling on CVS. I'm not sure if the developer has a time-lapse agreement with CVS but he's no longer the property owner."

Jeffrey Reilly of North Plainfield has been the owner of 225 Mountain Ave. since November and has attracted the Livingston-based NorCrown Bank as a tenant.

NorCrown successfully received a permit for change of tenancy for its branch from the Springfield Planning Board Feb. 3. Jeffery workers of site contractors have since worked to improve the five stores. NorCrown expects to move into the former CitiSaves Bank branch before April 4.

"When we mayor last year, and the Township Committee made no secret of our opposition to CVS," Deputy Mayor Steve Mulvaney said. "While we had no objections to CVS in Springfield, they were putting in the wrong place. What we did desire that we still have a say in what happens on our town."

The congratulations were dampened when Summit Springfield-area resident Hazel Hardgrove announced that the Echo Plaza ACME Supermarket is allegedly closing on March 27. Hardgrove, in a two-minute statement, described the potential hardships should a supermarket leave that part of Springfield.

"That store has been there for more than 30 years with affordable goods and an efficient staff," Hardgrove said. "I have heard that the supermarket is leaving either because of a rent dispute, or because ACME's new owner has decided to close five stores in New Jersey. I haven't been able to confirm the stories."

Hardgrove appealed to the Township Committee to intervene on behalf of the senior citizens and other residents in the area who depend on the store for their groceries.

"I understand where you're coming from since I shop there too," Committee member Carl Harelik said. "I understand how much the hardship would be for those who are elderly or are unable to drive. Maybe we can change the senior citizens bus route so it can take them to the Foodtown or the Stop-Rite."

The Springfield ACME store manager would not confirm that the business would be leaving the township and ACME's corporate offices could not be reached for comment.

Board approves mission statement for schools

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education adopted a strategic plan and official mission statement for the district at Tuesday night's meeting. Whiteboard members may help implement all their suggestions in the action plan.

The mission of the Mountainside School District is to develop self-confident, independent, responsible citizens by providing the highest quality education to all students through a school, family, and community partnership. The statement reads:

Divided into five subcommittees, the strategic planning committee was composed of teachers, students, parents, administrators and Board of Education members who devised five action plans. Each suggestion was then given a high, medium or low priority classification.

The first plan, presented by Executive Coordinator Elaine Fazio, aimed to "have the most highly qualified teaching team that is effective and accountable to the partnership." She suggested providing teachers with adequate time to reach grade level to confer, encourage and fund continual self-development and hiring only the highest quality teachers and trained or accredited teaching assistants.

Suzanne Links presented the second action plan that was "to ensure that all students consistently and continually demonstrate mastery of grade level objectives as determined by the district's high standards of excellence." Pages of the plan still need revision as the committee identified to establish criteria at each grade level to assess student performance. Links informed Board members of the committee's decision to require a curriculum audit in order to get to where "everybody wants us to be."

Open communication and effective partnership between students, parents, school and community was the subject of the third action plan, presented by Maryanne Schomburg. "When the plan sets several technology initiatives," Links included in the 1997-2002 model.

"A lot of these are so broad and difficult," Schomburg explained. "I think the need for improved public relations and additional opportunities for students to participate in community activities."

The fourth plan, presented by Catherine, was devoted to "develop self-confident, responsible and independent thinkers." Many suggestions emphasize the importance of community service, interactive learning, and the use of multimedia tools for presentation.

Township administrator brings hands-on management to job

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Sitting beneath his plaid of powers facing the challenges of the township's new business administrator, Rick Sheola believes he has "come home." Sheola, who was hired after the retirement of veteran administrator, Helen Keyworth, celebrated his one-month anniversary in Springfield Feb. 4. The Clark Township native's arrival came after a short stint as the City of Neptune's administrator, where he said the commute from his home in Long Valley quickly made him rethink what he originally felt would be a long-term situation.

"With a full-time position in Springfield, Sheola views his profession as the chief executive officer of a \$17 million company."

"It's different because we don't produce a product, but we are a service industry," he added. "You don't always get to see the fruit of your labor immediately, but it will blossom later, down the road."

The position of administrator requires not only running the day-to-day operations of the township, but also demands long-term planning. "It is taking a look at where the organization is going and planning out the services," he said.

"The reason people stay in Springfield is because the services are very good. That's where it takes a little intuition and a little creativity. I don't consider myself a visionary, but being in this business so long, I know you need to get your finger on the pulse of the community."

Sheola, who described himself as a workaholic, said he uses conversation as a hands-on management while making a conscious effort to give latitude to the heads of various departments within the township.

"You have to know a little bit about everything that goes on in the organization," he said, citing his experience in Clinton, Monmouth and Neptune that familiarized him with various branches within a community. "Once you understand what someone else is going through it puts you in a better place to solve their problems," he said.

While in Clinton Township, Sheola served as both the town administrator and public safety administrator until a change in government led to politicians fighting among themselves. They then decided that anyone affiliated with the previous governing body would be dismissed.

"Sheola entered Springfield and had to adjust quickly as he arrived in the middle of entering the history books and planning the budget for 1999. "It is an organization like this you can't blow," he said. "You have to catch up to the following year."

Sheola said he became interested in the position of city manager while growing up in Clark. "I was always interested in government, but not in the political side. One attraction of that you don't know what the day is going to bring. There are ups and downs. You just have to make sure there are more ups at the end of the day."

The politicians in Sheola's office provide inspiration. A poster to a photograph of the Lincoln Memorial puts a framed photo with an autograph from former U.S. President Harry Truman. "Over the years I have come to admire him more and more," Sheola said. "He was an individual very much understated."



Photo by Barbara Kalkins

Springfield Township Administrator Rick Sheola displays an autographed photo of Harry S. Truman, who he says is a source of inspiration in his new position.

As a politician, he was a very honest and ethical man who responded to the question he had and the cost he took. That was really what he was all about. When Sheola was a teenager, he grew to a variety of politicians and others who appeared on the cover of Time magazine including Arnold Palmer, Truman and the first who stood on over the years. He always has a place of honor in his office with a Tom Brack at it if it is not in.

Danny, Sheola's 11-year-old, hockey-playing son, has an autograph collection of his own. Sheola says his wife Kathy, who she says she plays hockey, and their daughter, Kristen, 14, perform in dance recitals.

For one week out of the year the family travels to Cape May where Sheola says it gives them all a chance to "recharge the batteries."

Sheola received his bachelor's degree from Gloucester State College, now Rutgers University in New Jersey. He also received a master's degree from Rutgers University in Newark. Sheola is a certified financial planner and has a CPA license.

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NEWS CLIPS

JDHS seeks candidates for Hall of Fame

The Jonathan Dayton Hall of Fame Committee held its first meeting of the year Wednesday. The purpose of the Jonathan Dayton Hall of Fame is to honor former students of our school who have made significant contributions to the school and community. Improved quality of life of the school has achieved outstanding recognition in his or her career or education.

The public is encouraged to nominate those individuals who have attended Dayton and whom they feel are worthy of consideration. Criteria for Hall of Fame is not a criterion. The nominator must have lived in NJ for 25 years. The committee will review the nominations and select the candidates who will be named to the Hall of Fame at a ceremony in June.

- Nominate about the candidate.
- Present address of candidate.
- Photo attached JHHS.
- Name of nominator.
- Address of nominator.
- Home number of nominator.
- Relationship to candidate.
- Reason the candidate should be recognized.

The information should be mailed to: Charles Nutter, Principal of JHHS, The School Tax Authority, 1291 Summit Avenue, Mountain View, NJ 07093. The nomination deadline is March 5.

Nominations who are not selected will remain eligible for five years.

Blais, Warren, Wachung, Westfield and Winfield

For more information, call Baggett's legislative office at (908) 252-3673.

Recreation department offers summer positions

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

Interviews for all positions will be held after applications are turned in to the recreation department. Pick up and return applications to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Hill. Pool employees must be able to apply for jobs. Employees must be mature, hard-working individuals only and must be a certified lifeguard, CPR certified and first aid trained. Experience with lifeguarding is a plus and applicants must be personable and willing to work 10 hours per week, including holidays and weekends.

Male individuals are also needed to staff the front desk at the pool. Applicants must be personable and willing to work days, weekends and holidays. Applicants for the recreation staff should enjoy working with children and be creative. Individuals also must be willing to work days, weekends and holidays.

Applicants for the maintenance staff at the pool must be willing to work outdoors, maintaining, pool grounds, and buildings. Individuals must be willing to work days, weekends and holidays.

Rabbi to give lecture for local organizations

A well-known rabbi and authority on the missionary movement will speak at Temple Beth Ahim in Springfield at a dinner presentation sponsored by the Temple's Adult Education Committee, Men's Club, Women's League and Springfield Branch.

Rabbi Yoda Singer, director of Outreach Judaism, a national organization dedicated to converting the efforts of Christian groups and clubs who target Jews for conversion, will present an extraordinary lecture called "The Battle for the Jewish Soul: Are the missionaries winning?" on March 14, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahim, 201 Temple Drive, Springfield. A dinner will precede the lecture starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner reservations cost \$12 per person and may be made by calling the temple office at (973) 376-0839.

Local assembly office open late on Thursdays

The legislative office of Assemblyman Richard H. Daggett, located at 205 Park St., Westfield, is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays.

In addition, the Assemblyman's office is providing regular business hours on weekdays and one Saturday per month.

The 22nd Legislative District includes Clark, Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, Chatham Township, Cranford, Dunellen, Flanders, Garwood, Green Brook, New Providence, North Plainfield, Long Hill, Scotch

Filing deadline for school board election March 1

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the Board of Education is 4 p.m. March 1. The election is scheduled for April 20.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the local school district office. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures and the role of the school board member.

Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in school election process and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.

Announcement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to The Editor. Announcements should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification if questions arise.

Information requested for engagements are: grooms names, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and position he is held, job title and life date of marriage.

When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is requested. For more information call (908) 686-7700.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community a voice, be as public as letters. Mail your schedule to: P.O. Box 110, Union, 07093.

Sunday

The Translaid Nature and Science Center will conduct a Sunday planetarium shows called "Onion's Winter Battle" at 2 p.m. The show will explore the evening winter sky and Orion's battle with Taurus and his assistants, the dogs Auriga and Gemini. The program has an admission price of \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors, and is for ages 8 and up. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

The Translaid Nature and Science Center will conduct two Valentine's Day programs beginning with a craft program at 2 p.m. This family program will give area residents to make their cat or dog a Valentine's gift for \$2 per craft. At 3:30 p.m. Laser U2 will be shown in the planetarium, featuring the music of U2. The show will be for ages 10 and up and will have an admission price of \$3.75 per person, \$2.75 for seniors.

Coming Events

The Translaid Nature and Science Center will conduct a program on maple sugaring at 2 p.m. The program will feature a film and the history of maple sugar production. The cost is \$2 per person. The planetarium will also host a show called "The Sky Inside" at 3:30 p.m. The show is intended for ages four through six and the cost is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

The Springfield Free Public Library, 86 Mountain

Ave., will present the lunchtime video series with a celebration of Sidney Poitier and the movie "Life Inside" at noon. Attendees should bring their lunch, and coffee and dessert will be provided. For more information, call (973) 376-4930.

March 4

The annual Invention Convention at Deerfield School in Mountainside will be held in the Deerfield School gymnasium. Students will display their projects during the school day and the public is invited to attend from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Mountainside Public Library will present the opening reception of an art exhibit called "Bridges of New Jersey" at 7 p.m. The exhibit will highlight photographs documenting required bridges throughout the state.

Ongoing

The Springfield Senior Citizen Nutrition Program is now located at the Sarah Bailey Recreation Center. A nutritional hot lunch is available for seniors for \$2. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at noon. Menus are available at the center, library and post office. Call (973) 912-0039 for reservations one day in advance. For more information about the program call Maureen Macrone at (973) 912-2200.

The Oncology Department at Overlook Hospital has established a free cancer support group for adults living with any type of cancer. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the hospital, 92 Baldwin Ave., Summit. The group is led by Debra Haupt, Saltzman. For more information, call 322-5355.

JDHS National Honor Society inducts members

The Jonathan Dayton National Honor Society inducted 23 new members at its annual induction service. Scott Sambar, JDHS National Honor Society president, welcomed the parents and friends of the inductees.

Speakers included Jared Weiss, Maria Stravagn, Deborah Gill and Jennifer Saracino, each discussing the important qualities of the society, which are scholarship, character, leadership and service.

Field Waters and Brian Young, Karen enthrallated at the piano before the ceremony and members of the Dayton chorus sang the national anthem.

Linda Dilke, a former teacher at JDHS and now a Board of Education member, was the keynote speaker. Certificates of membership and pins were awarded by Clarice Serson, principal, and Regina Rice, faculty advisor.

The inductees are Sherry Brington, Maria Belgoson, Nathaniel Klusow, Chelsea Papp, Russell Warner, Karen Bibbo, Victoria Bronsly, Kelly Michelle Ciandella, Alan Chiba.

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'Baby Think It Over' teaches stresses of parenting

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield school student Ashley Gaudineer found herself sitting on the sidelines instead of playing for her basketball team Wednesday afternoon. The backcourt time had to do with Goldberg's obligations to baby Sara.

"I talked with my child and child development teacher Carolyn Roberts about it," Goldberg said. "There's this wristband with a key on it which I have to use every time Sara cries and it has to stay on me. They decided the key would interfere with the game."

Goldberg recalled her last 24 hours with Roberts and five classmates. Among them were Theresa Bace and Danielle Roland, who brought along babies Kristie and Ryan.

Goldberg, Bace and Roland are eighth graders at Gaudineer Middle School. They are among the first to take part in the "Baby Think It Over" pilot program.

"I was looking around for some simulators for early parenting," Roberts said. "Having students walk around with dolls of their eggs wasn't realistic enough — they went 1 day in the middle of the night."

Roberts came across simulators from "Baby Think It Over," which provided realistic infants with programmable electronic boxes. The boxes cause the babies to cry for attention at random intervals over a 24-hour period and can only be pacified by the caregiver's key.

"This is a voluntary part of the Child Development course," Roberts said. "The students have already to take the class after taking the required classes in conception and childbirth in the seventh grade. Every 10 weeks, I get a new group of students who learn about early parenting from birth to five months old."

Roberts and Gaudineer Principal Dennis McCarthy said "Baby Think It Over" is designed to realistically portray the demands newborns make on their parents. Its main goal is to discourage teenage pregnancy.

"We have learned that teaching about sex and parenting in high school is too late for our students," Roberts said. "You may have seen a recent state study that teen pregnancy is starting to decline. If one looks closer at the study, you see the decline is being compared to the rate in 1957, and that more girls aren't carrying the children to term."

"Baby Think It Over" is supposed to show how hard the parenting is for agents to be parents," McCarthy said. "I think it should be required for every student."

When asked if eighth-grade boys are participating, Roberts said they had recently. While no boys were in the current group, she stressed the voluntary nature of the program. Students are free to pair up as a simulated couple or as a single parent. Only the assigned parent can care for the infant, which is why Goldberg and other "moms" wear their keys on their hands.

Gaudineer students launch food drive

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

As many kids spend time on holiday gift lists, the student council at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield launched a holiday food drive for the Community Food Bank.

"The drive was organized in conjunction with selected classes studying gifts on famine, world hunger and the effects of natural disasters on food production and delivery."

"The organizers, which include proper themselves," said social studies teacher Frank Sanchez, explaining that some students used their allowances to purchase canned goods.

While the student council organized the community-wide project, classes and assemblies focused on famine, international efforts to alleviate starvation, persistent hunger and student-generated plans to deal with this worldwide dilemma. The distribution of turkeys which provided students with recent information about hunger food needs of those suffering from similar disasters.

The drive resulted in greater community awareness of hunger as both a domestic and a foreign problem, and the fact it could be solved (or at least partly) in their own neighborhoods. Sanchez said the student council plans on making the food drive an annual event.

Additional elements of the program was the "adopt-a-child" initiative. The "adoption" of a dog in the suburban Shaded Side Park serves as the kickoff for a year-long collection in every home, even at grades five through eight.

The money goes to the United Way through the Springfield Food Bank. Sanchez said the drive is a great way to help those in need.



Photo by Barbara Kinkaid

Above, childhood development teacher Carolyn Roberts hands baby Kristie to Gaudineer School student Theresa Bace during the school's 'Baby Think It Over' program. Below, Bace takes the simulated baby home for an early experience in parenting.



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RVSA assesses changes

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The 10 towns that make up the Ramapo Valley Sewerage Authority are weighing their share of the authority's latest budget assessment. Eight of the towns, including Clark, Cornwall, Rock Hill Park and Springfield, are looking for a significant share of the \$547 million increase.

RVSA Secretary Treasurer Robert Madonia said assessing letters to its member towns on Jan. 28. Madonia said the letters' assessment is largely based on a 60% share of the overall RVSA increase. The RVSA's total increase is 4 percent, but that is not what the towns are looking for.

Madonia and Upton said the \$310,000 is part of a \$547 million overall increase in the RVSA budget for 1999. The increase is based on a 60% share of the \$547 million increase.

The increase is to cover the expansion of a new laboratory building at the plant. When construction begins, the RVSA will need to build a new laboratory building at the plant. When construction begins, the RVSA will need to build a new laboratory building at the plant.

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"I'm a native of Pennsylvania, so there it's an old tradition and taken rather seriously. A few years ago the weather was such where it made a difference and gave people hope about getting out of it."

Washington's letter displayed at Cannon Ball House

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

While the Springfield Historical Society prepares for its annual Washington's Birthday Open House, Feb. 21, members are anticipating a little debate as well.

The society of every recent year

will display at the Cannon Ball House letter George Washington wrote while he was headquartered there in 1797. Visitors can't learn about the letter's role in the Revolutionary War as well as view Washington's letter.

Washington's birthday will not be marked Feb. 22 but on Monday by federal government statute. The related Presidents' Day is to honor both Washington and Abraham Lincoln, a tradition since the mid-1960s.

President, Day, in the eyes of several historical society members, fails to honor "our president." They believe Washington and Lincoln were being served with separate holidays and not at each other's house.

Washington's letter was a "document of convenience," Michael Yesenko said. "Presidents' Day diminishes the importance of what Washington and Lincoln have done for this country. There wouldn't have been a United States of America without George Washington."

Yesenko is writing a book on Washington as leader of the Continental Army during the Revolution. Washington, according to Yesenko, was fighting the British army and navy — then the best military force in the world — with a volunteer army of militia and congressional funding.

JDHS students earn honors

The following students at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield have been named to the honor roll for the first marking period.

- Grade 9
- Joshua Adrien, Esther Aronberg, Grace Marie Atkins, Lauron Belmont, Pamela Brubaker, Roman Brumbyer, Nicole Burke, Lapsley Butler, Tahiraun Clarke, Shany David, Tasha Fishkin, Christy Friedlind, Jessica Galtus, Alexander K. Garret, Jessica Golebel, Glady Goldman, Evangelina Gulas, Yafid Hamir, Eden, Marisa Handel, Christopher Haidart, Scott Heilander, Yvonne Lee, Jennifer Lewis, Jonathan Lewis, Melissa Lischinski, Juliet Mays, Benjamin Mclough, Christian Montero, Greg Myzowski, Wojciech Mysiwicki, Joseph Petracca, Ryan Rosen, Monique Schwartz, and Rachel Shapiro.
- Grade 10
- Michele Bayne, Kristin Beyer, Victoria Dingler, Lawrence Bluestone, James Campbell, Jennifer Cheung, Lisa DeConno, Ayla Ebrahimpour, Marc Eisenberg, Lillian Fasani, Jennifer Fabretti, Christina Friso, Chad Frounchillo, Christina Fuchs, Kaiti Gahmole, Jacob McQuinn, Maria Gonzalez, Alla Gulshina, Alysa Johnson, Holly Kaplan, Scott Keiser, Steffy Kichtoshevsky, Rena Klumpp, Victoria Kozlovskiy, Alex Kravets, Tara Litwinski, Michael Lyubavyn, Rachel Mahdi, Chiswick R. Melander, Ilina Nien, Olga Oksova, Claudia Petrillo, Amanda Pulin, Michael Puerto, Dana Rotkowski, Nicole Sayko, Abilyany Victor, Maggie Zambella and Jonathan Zipkin.

- Grade 11
- Susan Allibow, Brian Berger, Karen Bibler, Abigail Black, Victoria Brimicombe, Dara Chiswick, Michelle Candlish, Ailin Collins, Dawn Dausert, Tiffany Earm, Ryan Dubiel, Ryan Frounchillo, Rebecca Friedman, Margery Garcia, Zachary Goldberg, Dina Gordon, Maria Ghurevich, Peter Guter, Andrew Harris, Deborah Harris, Daniel Hausman, Michael Kessel, Fajimah Khan, Michael Khordos, Crystal Lal, Jessica Lani, Charlin Lucarese, Steven Lin, Lukas Maciak, Jeffrey Marx, Dina Pika, Aaron Mintzov, Laura Moulvey, Rachel Neher, Lisa Neville, Daniel Olski, Layen Palau, Lindsey Parnan, Jason Pao, Kimberly Poems, Omar Rawaf, Karyn Schickman, Mary Schultz, Stephanie Sleech, James Stuppitt, Michael Theodorakis, and Yvonne Young and Brad Young.

- Grade 12
- Lana Agniovich, Sabino Bataglia, Ryan Bluestone, Sheryl Brounstein, Michael Brown, Lauren Brownstein, Lisa Cherita, Christopher Cheung, Danielle Cooperman, Matthew Demario, Mara Ferguson, Eran Frachten, Allison Friedberg, Deborah Liu, Gilli Tong, Katalina Vlasovskiy, Khyroshavsky, Yoeri Kim, Sara Kim, Courtney McLean, Jessica Menik, Nadia Moshon, Kathia Padilla Pineda, Roshia Roshon, Kathia Rosales, Sara Runk, Brent Salfater, Jennifer Saraceno, Mara Stanzano, Aleksandra Tenny, Kessal Thout, Brian Westerman, and Wendy Risch. Art Weiser and Mandy Zambella.

Enis conducts lecture series

Salo Enis of Springfield will start a five-part Thursday evening adult minicourse Feb. 25 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The course will be called "The Jews of Russia" and will be conducted at the Ethical Culture building in Maplewood.

Enis, a long-time member of the JCSS faculty, is fluent in seven languages and uses many signs for his scholarly work. Interested JCSS non-member participants may sign up for the whole series for \$35 or pay \$8 for each individual session attended. Minicourses pay \$30 or \$7.

The minicourse will be held on consecutive Thursdays, Feb. 25 through March 25. The topics covered will be "Origins of Russian Jewry," "Jews Under the Czars and Soviets," "WWII and the Holocaust," "Post War Years," "Soviet Union and Israel," "Dissent and Exodus and Russia Today," "Jews in the Former Soviet Union."

Enis' sources for the course include a work published in Russian by Professors Y.S. Honsman and A. Naman — "Yevrei, Ukrayiny i Trakiy Ocherk Istoriy."

Contact: Milt Zuppan at (973) 376-5629 for more information or to register.

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Board of Ed announces HSPT results

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield Assistant Superintendent of Schools Judy Zimmerman announced the latest High School Proficiency Test results released from the state Department of Education Monday night.

"I'm pleased to inform the Board of Education and the public that 81.2 percent of our high school juniors who took the HSPT in October 1997 passed all three parts of the test," Zimmerman said. "That percentage went up to 97.0 percent when those who failed on at least one segment took the test again last April. Of our current junior class who took the October 1998 HSPT, 86.7 percent passed all three parts the first time out."

Junior class students, according to Zimmerman and Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland, have four opportunities to take the HSPT, the other two being make-up exams in their senior year. The HSPT concentrates on reading, writing and mathematical competencies. It is a prerequisite for graduation by the Department of Education and serves as an unofficial gauge of school district performance.

Friedland, in response to board member Jacqueline Shanes' question on failure rates, estimates between two and eight percent of the juniors were unable to pass one or two segments. Friedland said it comes out of one or two students.

Zimmerman used the announcement during the board meeting to explain why the test scores were left out of reports in Thursday's *Star Ledger* and Sunday's *New York Times*. She said both newspapers were using a 1996 results book which the Department of Education released Dec. 3. That book listed Jonathan Dayton High

School as part of the Union County Regional High School District before it was disbanded July 1, 1997. "They went with the 1996 book instead of the 1997 book, which has the first results of Dayton as a Springfield school," Zimmerman said. "When I called the Department of Education, I was first told that Dayton is a regional high school. After several minutes, the department person on the other end of the phone line realized their mistake."

The HSPT results were not the only test news Zimmerman had for the board. She is holding test results for the state's "Middle Grades Proficiency Assessment" and "Elementary School Proficiency Assessment" over the next two weeks. ESPPA was originally conducted by the state as a field test for fourth grade pupils.

The department told they're going to release the ESPPA results last week," Zimmerman said. "It will be out of the blue as the fourth graders who took the test last year are now fifth graders in the middle school."

Zimmerman was planning to hold result workshops to coincide with similar parent-teacher conferences about the "Middle Grades Proficiency Assessment" in March. The state is field testing ESPPA and ESPPA on a scale of its testing battery with the HSPT. The tests are part of the state's monitoring school district compliance with its Core Curriculum Standards.

"We may have to hold off talking about this year's HSPT results," Friedland said. "I was at a meeting earlier today where the talk was about extending field testing an extra year. Apparently a number of education officials are concerned about the commissioner of Education's office about their problems with the test."



Members of the Electrical Workers Local Union 675 protest in front of the Sears warehouse construction site on Route 22 in Springfield.

Workers protest out-of-state contractor

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Protesters in front of the Electrical Workers Local Union 675 waved American flags Tuesday afternoon as they protested in front of the construction site of the new Sears warehouse on Route 22 East in Springfield. "I've got my own flag," said Mike Wyrba, a sheet metal worker. "We don't need people coming in and taking our jobs."

Philadelphia, was contracted to begin this project about a month ago.

"We tried numerous times to contact this construction company, but they didn't want to hear from us," said Gary A. Pfizer, business representative for Local Union 675. "Sears didn't do a lot for us either."

Wyrba explained that his workers demonstrating this week purchased their tools from Sears. "We were all patrons of Sears. Now we'll have to rethink our purchasing power," he said.

Township resident charged with burglary, theft

POLICE BLOTTER

A combined effort by the Mountaintop, Springfield and Summit Police Departments led the arrest of Richard Coppola, 50, a resident of Springfield. The self-employed painter was charged with burglary and theft, Feb. 4 at 4 p.m.

ken night (alt) on Route 22. Wolf and was charged with driving with a suspended license.

"A juvenile was arrested last Friday at 11:30 p.m. and charged with theft, as he allegedly stole \$1,795, a check book, driver's license and credit card from the purse of a Loews (Theaters) investigator. The 15-year-old Newark resident was taken into custody and later released to his parents.

East Orange resident and West Africa native Rafiq Braimah, 23, was arrested Feb. 3 at 10:11 p.m. in a vehicle was stopped on Route 22 East and New Providence Road for violations and found to be operating with a suspended license. The vehicle was also impounded for no insurance.

Springfield
A woman making a purchase at the Genesee Drugstore on Route 22 West reported an envelope containing \$400 in cash stolen while it was on the counter Feb. 6.

The gunner for 6th Avenue Electronics reported items taken from the use of false information given to the store credit card Feb. 5. Two television sets, two DVD compact disc players, five DVD videos and five movies, valued at over \$1,200, were all reported stolen.

The driver of a motor vehicle accident Feb. 8. The driver of a white Mercury stated that while he was traveling on Route 22 East, the second driver made contact with his vehicle and attempted to run him off the road. The driver of a green Ford and the Mercury had the right of way in an attempt to have the other driver pull over to the side.

Mountaindale
A Staten Island native Mahari Tyndale, 22, was arrested Feb. 6 at 10:16 p.m. The New Brunswick resident was stopped for speeding and a breath

test. Tyndale was charged with driving with a suspended license and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Summit Police Station. He was released to his parents.

Summit
Summit authorities took Coppola into custody, where he was booked in Summit for criminal attempt to commit burglary. He was then released to the Springfield police, where he waived his right to counsel and allegedly gave an incriminating statement to Springfield and Mountaintop detectives. Through the course of the interview, detectives determined that Coppola was responsible for at least three burglaries in Springfield over the last two weeks, in addition to one burglary in the borough last weekend.

The suspect had been charged with burglaries in 1993 by the Mountaindale police, for which he received a jail sentence and was released. "Based on this guy's past," I suggested to you he will be pending a great deal more time incarcerated," said Mountaindale Police Chief James DeBore. He also praised the cooperative effort expended by members of the Springfield and Summit detective bureaus.

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One accident leads to another on Route 78

FIRE BLOTTER

Springfield fire and State Police units responded to a pair of accidents which happened within an hour of each other on Route 78 West Feb. 8.

The first incident involved a collision between a car and a tractor trailer near milepost 48.2 at 5:50 a.m. A passenger in the car complained of minor injuries, to which a Springfield First Aid Squad ambulance responded.

A Springfield fire engine was responding to a fire at the accident site when the first aid ambulance was preparing to leave the scene at about 7:05 a.m. Before the ambulance attempted to cross the center median

for Route 78 East, it collided with another car.

The second car driver, from Philadelphia, reported being injured. A Springfield ambulance responded to the crash. Both crashes occurred in the right hand lane, closing it to rush hour traffic until 7:55 a.m.

A Jonathan Dayton High School regional attention for an activated fire alarm Feb. 6, at 9:37 a.m. Another activated alarm brought firefighters to

Brook Avenue business at 11:07 a.m. that evening, at 8:43 p.m., the signal responded to a Ruby Street residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector.

Only two calls required the attention of the department Feb. 7. At 11 p.m., the signal responded to a Wakeno Avenue apartment complex for a stove problem. The other was a medical service call.

A building code brought firefighters to 600 Custer Street business Feb. 11, at 10:19 a.m. At 11:05 a.m., the signal responded to a Northview Terrace for a lockout.

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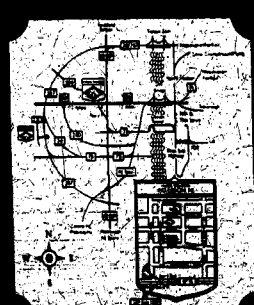
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Give me that ball



Photo by Milton Mills

The Dayton High School girls' basketball team will face North Plainfield this year next Thursday in North Plainfield. The Bulldogs began the week with a 4-8 overall record and 3-7 mark in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference. Dayton defeated Bound Brook 26-27 in Bound Brook Feb. 2 as Linda Agostinelli scored 22 points and Maria Stravato eight. Dayton, which was defeated at home by Mount Providence 33-27 last Thursday despite a 12-point performance by Stravato, swept the season series against Bound Brook.

Springfield hoop squads win contests at Cranford Minutemen 8th-graders improve to 14-5

Both Springfield Minutemen basketball teams were victorious at Cranford Feb. 4, while the 8th grade team defeated visiting West Caldwell 56-52 and the 7th grade team fell to visiting South Orange 48-18 two days later.

The 8th grade team began the week with a 14-5 record after beating visiting Roselle 85-79 last Saturday.

In the win over 85-52 overtopping win over Cranford, Andre Callender had an outstanding game, scoring 39 points, grabbing eight rebounds and coming up with four steals. Nick Perrett had 10 points and 11 rebounds, while Mike Nittolo dished out five assists.

With Callender out of the lineup against West Caldwell because of the flu, Nittolo stepped up by scoring 24 points, Perrett and David Levine, scoring nine points each.

Playing a good floor game and helping out with ball handling was Dean Cheniak, while Devin Volokoff grabbed three rebounds and had two assists. Yury Porzugal had three steals, two rebounds, and two assists, all in the first half.

Nittolo continued picking apart Roselle with shots from all over the court, including five three-pointers. When he started a shooting of ball-handling, the total Levine open on the wing for 18 points.

Playing, but not yet fully recovered from the bug, was Callender, who scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Perrett scored 13 points and had five rebounds.

Although Springfield was out-rebounded by almost all other teams, they could not have won the game if it weren't for the effort of Kevin Dash, who picked up seven assists and consistently helped Springfield break Roselle's press.

with five excellent passing.

The 7th grade team, which began the week at 8-6 overall, bested Cranford easily, to the tune of 51-30. Dan Scott had an excellent game, scoring 15 points and grabbing five rebounds.

Jordan Carter scored 12 points and hauled in 13 rebounds, while Mike Luciani scored 11 and had three boards.

Leto Perrett, recovering from an ankle injury, contributed with seven points and had an assist.

Helen Atheliaz had two points and four rebounds, while teammates Kenneth Suarez, Billy Fisher and Steven Greer also contributed.

Luciani scored seven points and grabbed four rebounds in the early game. North Orange's Harris Tuchman made a three-point basket.

Fertine, Josie Galinski, Scott and Kenneth Suarez had two points each. Robert Kieyman had two rebounds and Scott, Jay Stephen Suarez, Frankie Mucci, Abdelaziz and Jerome grabbed one rebound each.

The Minutemen were led by Roselle 52-37 despite a 16-point, 10 rebound performance from Gerber. Abdelaziz had seven points and seven rebounds, while a Muddi three-point basket brought Springfield to within three points in the third quarter.

Mucci and Scott both finished with seven points, while each had one steal and Scott had two rebounds.

Upcoming: Feb. 13 (Union, 6 and 7:30), Feb. 17 at Bloomfield, 7:30 and 8:30; Wednesday, Feb. 24 Westfield, 6:30 and 8:30; Saturday, Feb. 27 Chatham, 6 and 7:30.

County's best grapplers to compete in weekend's UCT

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

The Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference, serving Union County student-athletes for more than 50 years, is sponsoring the 24th annual Union County Wrestling Tournament.

The Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth will be the site for this highly-competitive tournament, scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday.

The opening meeting is scheduled to take place today at 5:30 p.m.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Tomorrow: Pre-preliminary and preliminary, 5:00 Quarterfinals, 7:30 Consolation preliminary, 9:00.

Saturday: Semifinals and consolation, quarterfinals, 10:00 Consolation semifinals, 11:00 Consolation semifinals final, 5th, 7th places, 2:00 Awards presentation, 3:30 Final, 3:45.

Participating teams include: Cranford, Brearley, Elizabeth Government Livingston, Johnson, Linden, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle Catholic, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Union and Westfield.

Roselle Park has won the team championship the past two seasons over Rahway who for the last time in 1995 and 1996.

Bridge, Roselle Park at Governor Livingston, North Plainfield at Brearley and Roselle Catholic at Ridge.

For two days last year the tournament came up with Outstanding Wrestler award for lower weights and upper weights.

Roselle Park again Craig Frost won the Outstanding Wrestler award for the lower weights (105-140), winning the 130 lb. Cranford senior Nik Fiske won the Outstanding Wrestler award for the upper weights (145-weight), capturing the 180 crown.

Plainfield coach Roger Cassell received the T. Ralph "Pug" Williams award for contribution to Union County wrestling, while Dave Bello of Scotch Plains was named the Union County Coach of the Year.

Nine of last year's 14 champions are back on the mat this year and ready to go for another title. The five that graduated include 119 champion Rich Saehnel of New Providence, 135 champ, Manuel Rodriguez of Elizabeth, 152 champion Eric Wedel of Roselle Park (now competing at Hazards), 180 champ Nik Fiske of Cranford and heavy weight champion Antonio Garcia of Rahway (now competing at Dixon College).

The winners have won four of the nine titles in the 1998 championship coming in 1991, 1992, 1997 and 1998. Roselle Park has won the crown five times since 1988.

Champions in the 1990s: 1998 Roselle Park 1997 Roselle Park 1996 Rahway 1995 Rahway 1994 Union 1993 Roselle Park 1992 Westfield 1991 Union 1990 Westfield.

Roselle Park and Rahway finished 1-2 the past two years and are the favorites once again this year. Roselle Park won with 232 points last year and Rahway was second with 176.

The following are the records of the 14 teams competing through indicators that look back Monday, Feb. 8: Rahway (9-3), Roselle Park (12-1), Scotch Plains (13-2), Union (8-5), New Providence (17-5), Cranford (9-4), Brearley (10-7), Westfield (6-6), Johnson (4-6), Linden (4-8), Elizabeth (3-7), Plainfield (3-7), Roselle Catholic (2-11).

Matches scheduled Tuesday included: Bound Brook at Johnson.

Matches scheduled yesterday included: Union at Old

119-pound boy last Saturday afternoon in Clark. The Bears scored the Crusaders 42-40 to improve to 10-7. Brearley grapplers will be competing in this weekend's 24th annual Union County Tournament, scheduled to commence tomorrow night at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth and conclude Saturday.

Qualifying for state tourney especially sweet for Dayton Bulldogs managed feat with young cast

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

A team graduates all of its best players and the next year captures the title and far beyond.

This scenario presents itself often with high school sports, especially at Dayton.

Young men to beat out their very good seniors in capturing the Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division championship last year with a somewhat diminished cast, the Dayton boys'

basketball team was left to face the competition this year with a team that would have to learn as it goes.

Head coach Bill Berger was optimistic despite the fact that he had only one real impact player remaining. Although times as coach, standard "schooling" year for the Bulldogs, Berger felt that if kids have to mean that Dayton would come out on the other end of the score-line, times than so.

Boys' Basketball

Despite having just one senior on the roster among his top seven players, with any real varsity experience — a good one at that, at Ference, Franklin.

"Dillon felt the team could surprise on the Valley Division and even have the potential to qualify for a third year second time in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1."

The teaching and coaching of a team goal was realized last week as Dayton won two of three games to officially qualify for another state tournament berth, making the grade in its season this year after losing all five starts from last year's team in exhibition.

Kyle Friedlitch and David Wood both passed Dayton with 18 points each in its win over Bound Brook. Sophomore Frank Carullo scored 12 points, while Franklin had five.

Franklin missed a terrific shot in the second state exhibition, while Woodruff had 10, sophomore guard Cantino Santarella nine and Santarella still seven.

Woodruff scored 13 and Santarella 11 in the win over GE Franklin had 10, Friedlitch nine and Claret Wise eight.

Santarella has become the heart and soul of the team, Berger said. "The play starts without him. He's averaging six assists and is finding his ability to score points."

Woodruff has been scoring more than ever late and, according to Berger, is this team's "best defensive player."

"I'm pleased and excited for them," Berger said.

Another point Berger made was that Dayton played its best fourth quarter in its win over GE. The Highlanders held a slim 29-28 lead heading into the period before Dayton, yet scored GL by a 23-10 margin over the course of the final eight minutes.

"We really played with a lot of composure," Berger said.

Playing "with composure" is something that this year's team needed to learn to a hurry if it was to have any kind of success.

With players such as sophomores Jeffrey Suarez, Stephen and Carlisle and juniors Friedlitch and Woodruff remaining, in addition to other key underclassmen, Dayton's competition in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 should continue.

"We had a short term goal of making the state playoffs this year, and we did that and we have long term goals of accomplishing a lot more in the years to come," Berger said. "The best of both worlds."

The state playoffs opened New Jersey with overtime on the first week in March. The year's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 final is scheduled to be played in Millburn again on Monday night, March 8.

Upcoming: Feb. 12 at Brearley, 2:00; Feb. 16 at Roselle Park, 7:00; Feb. 18 North Plainfield, 7:00; Feb. 19 St. Mary's, 7:00.

Dayton Boys' Basketball

Feb. 12 at Brearley, 7:00
Feb. 16 at Roselle Park, 7:00
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Dayton Girls' Basketball

Feb. 12 Brearley, 7:00
Feb. 16 Roselle Park, 7:00
Feb. 18 at North Plain, 7:00
Feb. 19 St. Mary's, 7:00

GL girls' basketball wins at Immaculate and qualifies for sectional playoffs

The Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball team came up with an impressive victory last week, one that helped its cause in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1.

The Highlanders' victory over Scotch Plains to face in the year in Berkeley Heights and came away with a convincing 55-40. Mountain Valley Conference Mountain Division victory.

GL began the week with an 11-4 overall record and was challenging Immaculate and Roselle Catholic for the Mountain Division championship.

Laura Kibel and Jen Callahan each scored 18 points for GL, which outscored Immaculate 26-16 in the second half, holding the Spartans to just five points in the final quarter.

Heather Kanovek had 10 points and Aileen Kibel five points for GL.

The Highlanders will be scheduled in a playoff section that will feature Mt. Union, the state and visiting Champion Meridian Summit, Hanover Park and Chatham.

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Photo by Ed Costello

Brearley High School wrestler Stefano Saracino pinned Johnson's Jason Best in 2:08 during their 119-pound bout last Saturday afternoon in Clark. The Bears scored the Crusaders 42-40 to improve to 10-7. Brearley grapplers will be competing in this weekend's 24th annual Union County Tournament, scheduled to commence tomorrow night at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth and conclude Saturday.

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