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Flowers surround the plaque that rests 'In Memoriam' between the public library and the fire station for the Mountainside residents killed in battle. Members of the Mountainside Elks and the Veterans of Foreign Wars had their Veterans Day tribute at that spot Nov. 11.

## Red, white and blue honor veterans

By Pamela Isaacson  
Managing Editor

Red for courage, white for duty of purpose, blue for truth. These colors and themes honored all who served at Mountainside's Veterans Day program at 11 a.m. Nov. 11.

"We are here to remember all the men and women who served this country in a time of war or in a time of peace," said Mountainside Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Bob Farley.

Members of the VFW and the Mountainside Elks teamed up for the presentation as veterans placed red and white carnations on the borough's memorial stone. The placement of an evergreen branch represented the "undying love for imprisoned and missing comrades."

"To the new generation, please do not forget the veterans because they saved this country for you," said Rose Sijek, who attended the service with her husband, Joseph, a World War II veteran.

"The younger guys are going to make their own groups," Joe Sijek said. "We're all starting to fade out." Farley, a 26-year member of the borough's volunteer fire department, said he believes younger generations are losing interest in various organizations. He said organizations such as the VFW had restrictions for membership: are having recruitment and retention difficulties.

To become part of the VFW, a member must have served during a war or conflict and overseas in a war zone. An organization such as the Vietnam Veterans of America is not as selective, Farley said, as members can have fought overseas or served active duty in the United States during that time.

Farley said he was approached to join the VFW in

1971, just after he got out of the service. "They were looking for Vietnam veterans at the time," he said. "But most of the Vietnam guys were interested in finding jobs and starting families."

Mountainside resident H. Russ Cardoni served a total of 15 years, as he was in the Navy during World War II, joined the reserves and then served active duty in Philadelphia, Pa. during the Korean War.

Cardoni said a friend wrote a letter asking for a reprieve from duty because he was his mother's sole support. "Just before I was about to send my letter in, he got a deferment," Cardoni said. "I figured I might as well go, and not go screaming and kicking."

After serving his 15 years, Cardoni resumed his career as a lawyer. He had finished law school and practiced for one year before he was called for duty in 1942.

Cardoni, a member of the VFW, said he used to entertain the wounded in veterans' hospitals. "At the time, we gave them packs of cigarettes," he said, remembering the men also playing cards and games together. "It was the veterans in half-decent shape who took the time at least twice a year to entertain at the veterans' hospital."

Cardoni and other veterans marveled at how young many of the soldiers and pilots were, especially borough resident Christie Ivory who flew 35 missions over Europe during World War II. Ivory was 24 when he started flying. He recently received a Flying Cross medal for distinguished service.

"We all matured a lot earlier than the normal progression," Cardoni said. "You were exposed to situations where you had to grow up."

## Committee recommends to determine officials' salaries

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

Residents should be able to vote on whether the mayor and Borough Council receive salaries of \$2,500 and \$1,500, respectively. That is the recommendation from an ad-hoc committee charged with studying the question of salaries for the governing body.

The committee also recommended no salary raises; rather, any future raises would come in ordinance form. The recommendations were approved by the committee during a meeting Sept. 9. A motion was made to set the mayor's salary at \$3,000, but it failed.

The recommendations were approved by a majority vote of the committee while a recommendation to put the salary question to a public referendum received unanimous support. The public should be given the opportunity to address the mayor and council on this recommendation and all future proposed raises, according to the majority report.

Members of the Borough Council agreed at their work session Nov. 9 that garnering input from the public was the next step.

"It makes sense to have a public meeting before we pursue any salary ordinance," Councilman Paul Mirabelli said.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti suggested having a special meeting designated solely to discussing the salary recommendations. Those discussions likely will begin in earnest after the new year, Vigilanti said he would like to keep things "status quo" until the municipal budget is done.

A minority report was submitted by Louis Thomas, a member of the salary committee, in a memo to the chairman, George Serio, dated Oct. 5.

"The committee meetings were private and the press was barred, even though the committee had total power to run their meetings as they wished without interference from the mayor," Thomas wrote.

He said the committee could have called on residents and council members "to make their case" as to why salaries are justified, but the committee called no witnesses.

The committee shirked its responsibility by not having open hearings, calling witnesses or doing a thorough job of gaining all pertinent facts, according to Thomas.

"The only information the committee collected was an analysis of salaries and benefits paid by towns comparable in size and population," Thomas wrote. "This analysis is meaningless. Other towns may have a tradition of paying their councilmen and mayors."

The mayor and council "have never made their case even though they have had ample opportunity to do so," according to Thomas. "In effect they are trying to gain a salary without taking their reasons to the public and trying to gain a salary through the back door."

"I don't see any additional recommendations" in the minority report, Vigilanti said, only that Thomas was "not satisfied with how they came up with the recommendations."

"There is no question that this committee's suggestion is not binding," said Thomas, chairman of the Mountainside Democratic Committee, at the Nov. 9 meeting. "I think there should have been a vote by council whether to accept the findings of the committee."

Thomas said the council's discussion at last week's work session meeting made it seem as if the recommendation had to be accepted.

"I believe we're honoring the request the committee made," said Vigilanti.

"At the onset, it was understood that this was a recommendation; we're not bound by it," said Councilman Keith Turner.

The council pulled an ordinance approved in March after residents gathered a petition of more than 400 signatures to place the salary on a referendum. The ordinance originally set salary ranges for the six council members at \$1,500 to \$3,000 and for the mayor at \$3,000 to \$6,000.

The committee was made up of four independents, two Democrats and three Republicans: Serio, John Amalfi, Donald Bagger, Donna De Rosa, Patricia Cagliardi, Bob Messier, Gene Ojeda, Frank Rubino and Thomas.

## Township recognizes American rights

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

The rights American enjoy today and the price it took to keep those rights was the theme during Springfield's Veteran's Day ceremonies last week.

World War I was considered "the war to end all wars," said Springfield Mayor Gregory Clarke. "We thought it was the last war to be fought. But in 81 years, we've become embroiled in other conflagrations around the globe."

"We must appreciate the freedoms and the costs they resulted in."

"We must find ways other than through warfare to solve global problems. This park will become merely grass and clay unless we can remember and honor those men and women that gave their lives so we can stand here today," Clarke said.

"We voted last week for one candidate or another," said former Mayor Philip Kumos, a member of Post 273. "We had the freedom to vote for the candidate of our choice. We have the freedom to raise our family in peace and have the right to pursue the American dream."

"This freedom has not come cheaply but at a terribly high price," Kumos said. Men were sent to fight in strange, hostile lands and too many, he said, never returned.

"England has the Magna Carta, but they don't have the rights like we have here," said Sol Taubert, who served several years at an airbase in Great Britain during World War II.

"If we didn't prepare the gunners and pilots, there would be nothing to fight with. Are we heroes? We were all heroes in one way or another," Taubert said as he congregated with

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Photo by Barbara Kiskalis

Past Commander of the Elin-Unger Post 273 Jewish War Veterans George Vice, right, and Acting Chaplain for Continental Post 228 of the American Legion Don Auer lead Springfield's Veteran's Day program Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

## Borough applies for FEMA relief

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

The borough has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to recoup more than \$24,000 in costs incurred during Tropical Storm Floyd in September.

Police Chief and Acting Administrator James Debbie filed the FEMA applications Nov. 9, totalling \$24,412. Most of the costs were for services provided by a tree company which the borough subcontracted out to, he said.

Other costs which borough officials hope FEMA funds were for overtime pay in the Department of Public Works and Police Department, including benefits, and various minor equipment, according to Debbie. The original deadline for municipalities to file the applications was Monday but it was extended to Dec. 17, he said, and did not know when FEMA officials would make their decision. The deadline was extended

following a request from the state.

The extension allows residents and businesses affected by the disaster in the nine declared counties to apply for aid from FEMA and the Small Business Administration and other federal and state disaster recovery programs through close of business Dec. 17.

Residents and business owners affected by the floods may apply for aid by calling FEMA at (800) 462-9029. Information also is available on-line at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

The borough will purchase two new trucks for the Department of Public Works to replace the two that were damaged during the storm.

Last week, the Borough Council introduced a \$100,000 bond ordinance for the purchase of the trucks but officials hope to recover some of the funds from FEMA. The bond requires a \$20,000 downpayment.

One of the trucks was caught in several feet of water. The borough tried to have it repaired but the manu-

facturer and insurance company said the vehicle was damaged too severely. The other was involved in an accident after its parking brake broke loose and it ran into a building, Mayor Robert Vigilanti said.

Although final figures have not yet been settled, the mayor said the borough likely will receive \$22,000 from its insurance company. The borough has been using trucks from Summit and Scotch Plains in the meantime.

Vigilanti said the trucks will be upgraded when they are replaced. The Department of Public Works had planned on acquiring larger trucks with more capacity in future budgets anyway, he said.

## Council set to organize new commuter lot

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

With 48 new commuter parking spaces nearing completion, the Borough Council must determine new regulations for parking at the Municipal Building and library.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti said the parking lot may be finished around Thanksgiving, weather permitting. Borough Attorney John Post will draft an ordinance once the borough engineer supplies to the Borough Council the specific configuration of spaces available.

Parking around the Municipal Building will be alleviated tremendously once the new lot is done, the mayor said. The community room, according to Vigilanti, has been busy with groups using it all year, contributing to the parking crunch at the Municipal Building. The library is expected to get another 10 parking spaces once the new lot is in operation and overflow parking near the Fire Department likely will be eliminated.

If the council introduces a parking ordinance in December, and approves it in January, it would become effective in March. Police would begin notifying motorists that the lot is free until permits are issued. "People need a month or more to get acclimated before enforcement starts," Police Chief and Acting Administrator James Debbie said.

There will be 61 spaces near the library once the new lot is done, Debbie said,

but 48 will be specifically designated for commuters.

In addition to determining who would use which lots, officials discussed what to do with people wanting to travel to New York City for the day via mass transit. Those residents likely would be able to get a hangtag for the day at Police Headquarters.

Looking at other towns, the mayor cited neighboring Westfield and Summit, which both charge \$30 per month for parking in open-air lots. Westfield uses hangtags which residents can purchase quarterly, biannually or annually. Summit charges \$1,200 per year for parking in municipal garages; \$1,600 for nonresidents.

Westfield has a three-year waiting list for its parking lots while, in Summit, the lots are full.

There are 26 spaces near the Municipal Building for commuters, Debbie said, on a first-come, first-serve basis. To park at the Municipal Building lot, residents need only to show proof of residency and pick-up the free parking stickers at Borough Hall. More than 700 residents have parking stickers.

"We've been giving it away for free. At \$30 a month, we would only get those who really want it."

The lot was funded primarily through a \$180,000 grant from the Department of Transportation and approximately \$15,000 from the borough.

## Newspaper will be published early

This newspaper will be published next week on Wednesday, Nov. 24, because of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, Nov. 25. Our offices will be closed on Nov. 25 and 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen Monday, Nov. 29.

- The deadlines for the Nov. 24 edition are as follows:
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  - What's Going On — Friday, 3:30 p.m.
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  - Sports news — Friday, 9 a.m.
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to managing editor, Echo Leader, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

### Today

• The Mental Health Performers, an improvisational volunteer theater group, performs before members of the Springfield Hadassah Chapter at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

### Friday

• Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., celebrates Intergenerational Shabbat with a special Kletzmer service at 8 p.m. For more information call the temple office at (973) 379-5387.

### Sunday

• Visitors can help volunteers free trees at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineide, at 2 p.m. Tools and gloves will be provided for children ages 6 and up to unwrap the coiled stems of the Oriental bittersweet weed from young trees. This program is free.

• Theories on dinosaur extinction, especially death by asteroid, will be discussed at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. This program is for children ages 6 and up.

• Families can learn where to find planets among the stars and which constellations are visible in autumn at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, at 3:30 p.m. Each family will get a full sky map to take home.

### Monday

• At 7 p.m., the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., offers a free workshop for parents: The

FANS Project — Families Achieving the New Standards in Math Science and Technology Education. Registration is suggested but not required. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

• Springfield's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be observed at 8 p.m. at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave. All are welcome to attend.

### Upcoming events

#### Nov. 28

• Theories on dinosaur extinction, especially death by asteroid, will be discussed at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. This program is for children ages 6 and up.

• Songs about Earth and the other planets will be the focus of "Spaceship Earth" at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for each person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. This program is for ages 4 through 6.

#### Dec. 3

• The Football Club of Mountaineide will have its monthly luncheon meeting at noon at B.G. Fields. A Christmas bounce fund-raiser will feature new and nearly new items. Guests are welcome. For reservations call (908) 222-3626.

#### Ongoing

• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines with one year's date.

The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

## Sha'arey Shalom hosts Jewish Heritage tours

The Renaissance Club of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, announced the Jewish Heritage tours scheduled for the year 2000.

After tours in 1998 to Israel and 1999 to Eastern Europe, the 2000 tours are scheduled to Boston, April 29 to May 1 and Scandinavia, Aug. 6 to 19.

The "Jewish Sights of Boston" tour includes two nights hotel accommodations at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in suburban Boston. Included is round-trip deluxe motor coach transportation departing from Temple Sha'arey Shalom and dinner each night with full buffet breakfasts.

Sightseeing in Boston features the John F. Kennedy Library and a full day of Jewish sights and history. In Rhode Island there will be visits to the Touro Synagogue and the mansions of Newport. All taxes and tips to hotel, staff, bus driver and restaurants are included in the \$312 per person double-occupancy cost.

The "Jewish Heritage in Scandinavia Tour" includes two nights in Copenhagen, one night in Stockholm, two nights in Oslo, two nights in Balestrand, two nights in Bergen and three nights in Stockholm. Round-trip air is from Newark International Airport, with stays in deluxe hotels with full breakfast daily and many other meals. There will be extensive sightseeing in all cities. All taxes and service

charges are included in the \$3,695 cost per person, double occupancy. An optional extension to Helsinki with a three-day cruise to St. Petersburg is available starting at \$895 per person, double occupancy.

There is an information meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Temple Sha'arey

Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., about both tours. Space is limited. A deposit of \$75 is required with reservations for the Boston tour; \$200 for the Scandinavia tour.

For more information or to make reservations, call Marge Grossbarth or Arlene Newman at (973) 379-5387.

## Medal for distinguished service awarded to township's Beirne

Springfield resident Thomas J. Beirne was among those honored during a special award ceremony recently at the Somerset Armory where Major Gen. Paul J. Glaz, the adjutant general for New Jersey, presented the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, the state's top military award, to 85 state residents who are combat veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam or the Persian Gulf War.

Beirne served in World War II where he was a staff sergeant in the Marine Corps.

In order to be eligible for the Distinguished Service Medal, recipients must currently be a resident of New Jersey and also have been a resident of the state at the time they entered into military service; have been honorably discharged; and must have received at least the equivalent of the Air Medal, Purple Heart or Bronze Star or proof of having served in combat while on active duty during wartime.

Anyone interested in applying for the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal should send a written request together with copies of all pertinent information to: NNDMAVA, Attn: CIO-GS-PA, P.O. Box 340, Trenton, 08623-0340.

Be sure to include full name, home address and daytime telephone number.

## NEWS CLIPS

### Township rescue squad schedules open house

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad will have an open house today from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. The squad is located at 10 North Trivett Ave., across from Springfield's Town Hall. Visitors and potential volunteers will have the opportunity to see the ambulances and meet squad members. Demonstrations of equipment and skills will take place, as well as blood pressure screenings and first aid tips.

### Membership information and refreshments will be available. Children are welcome.

### Temple Sha'arey Shalom holds Kletzmer Sabbath

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will celebrate Intergenerational Shabbat with a special Kletzmer service Friday at 8 p.m.

Cantor Amy Daniels and the Temple Adult and Junior Choirs accompanied by brass, drums, clarinet and violin will lead the service composed by Jose Bowen. This special service is underwritten by the Lynn Deitz Memorial Concert Fund.

Bowen's Kletzmer service, contains rousing toe-tapping renditions of some of the prayers, as well as soulful and melodic refrains which will let the congregation hear and sing prayers in a way that is both innovative and familiar. These melodies will continue to be enjoyed and sung as a part of the service throughout the year.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Jewish music and the Intergenerational. For more information call the temple office at (973) 379-5387.

Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Membership is from the communities of Cranford, Millburn, Springfield, Union, Westfield and other surrounding municipalities.

The temple serves as a social, educational and religious focal center for the communities, with an outreach program, active Sisterhood and Brotherhood and a strong social action program.

### Temple Beth Ahm will honor Adler at dinner

Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, will honor Isabella Adler at a dinner dance on Saturday evening at the temple. The temple sanctuary will be rededicated as the Isabella and David Adler Family Sanctuary.

Isabella Adler is a long-time member of the temple and served on the

board as recording secretary and vice president for many years. She is also a past president of the Sisterhood and recipient of its "Woman of the Year" award. She serves on the Women's League Branch, where she chaired projects, conducted workshops and led conference programs.

She has been a member of the choir since she joined Temple Beth Ahm and continues to be a soloist. She has regularly attended morning services three days a week for 22 years. The program for the evening will include tributes and presentations from Rabbi Mark Malach, Rabbi Perry Rank, Cantor Richard Nadel, Isabella Nadler's children and members of the committee.

Co-chairs for the dinner dance are Rose Widom-Goldman and Lois Kalish.

### FANS Project scheduled for Springfield parents

On Monday at 7 p.m., the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. will offer a free workshop for parents: The FANS Project — Families Achieving the New Standards in Math, Science and Technology Education.

Its goals are to inform parents about the standards in mathematics, science and technology adopted by the New Jersey state Board of Education in May 1996 to involve parents in helping their children reach the standards and to encourage parents to support the local implementation of the standards.

The 95-minute FANS workshop involves a 35-minute videotape, shown in three segments. The video conveys to parents the following key messages: high achievable expectations are appropriate for their children, New Jersey's standards set high expectations for all children and parents can help their children achieve these high standards.

Between segments of the videotape, parents will complete hands-on activities similar to those their children will be doing in their classrooms. These activities reinforce the video's messages and provide parents with direct experiences of the kinds of activities that will be taking place in schools as the standards are implemented.

Take-home materials provide additional information about the standards and include math, science and technology activities that can be done at home.

The FANS Project is a three-year parent outreach project sponsored by the New Jersey Mathematics Coalition and funded by the National Science Foundation.

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# Former missile site now houses stables

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Up in the Watchung Reservation, on the border of Summit and Mountaintop, on Summit Lane, they ride and stable horses now. From 1958 to 1963, the same ground served as a home for missiles.

The area, now known as the Watchung Stables, gives no tangible hints of its past. Barracks have been replaced with stables, army fatigue with riding brochures. The Cold War, which began in 1949 with the explosion of the Soviet Union's first atomic device, feels like a far-away idea. But the general layout of the stables, built in the 1980s, oddly echoes the arrangement of structures built here by the army over 40 years ago.

For five years, the land, which was assigned to the Army Air Defense Command, was known as the Summit Nike Missile Site. Three underground missile magazines housed 30 Nike Ajax missiles — missiles designed to shoot down enemy aircraft.

"This was the archetypal Nike missile site," said Don Bender, a Livingston resident who has devoted his time to the study of Cold War air defense sites in the New York and Philadelphia metropolitan areas. Considered prime areas of attack, metropolitan areas around the country were guarded by many such sites. The Summit site was one of 19 in the New York area alone.

"This was the last line of defense," Bender said. "If the planes got through, this was it."

The Summit site became operational in 1958. "All the sites contained two installations," Bender said. "The control area and the launcher area. They had to be separated by a distance of at least 1,000 yards. The missiles took off so fast — they went off almost like bottle-rockets — that the

missile tracking radar couldn't respond fast enough if it was too close."

Magazines were received, assembled, tested, stored and prepared for launching in Mountaintop. "The missiles were stored underground horizontally in three missile magazines," Bender said. "They were brought up by a big elevator, and pushed manually into the launchers."

The control area, on a rocky mountain ridge a little less than a mile away, on the opposite side of Glenfield Avenue in Summit, gave the installation its name. This facility, the Integrated Fire Control Area, contained the ground-based guidance system. The missiles were guided toward their targets by three types of radar and an analog intercept computer.

The army cleared the in-between distance of all trees to permit the radar to reach its destination unobstructed. An aerial photo of the area taken in the late 1950s shows the wide path carved out by the military between the two locations.

"These sites were somewhat similar in theory to the European fortified cities," Bender said. "The technology was new, but the basic notion of defense wasn't."

Named for the mythical Greek goddess of victory, the Nike Ajax — the world's first operational, guided, surface-to-air missile system — was conceived near the end of World War II and developed during the early years of the Cold War. With its booster, the Ajax was 34 feet, 10 inches in length and weighed over 2,455 pounds. It covered a range of 25 to 30 miles at a speed of more than 1,600 mph, carrying three high-explosive warheads mounted in its nose, center and aft sections. It was capable of climbing to a height of 70,000 feet. By the time the Summit site was



Photo By Joe Lugara

Don Bender, an expert on Cold War air defense sites, rests in front of the Watchung Stables that border Summit and Mountaintop. From 1958 to 1963, the stable served as an underground missile site.

established in 1958, nearly 200 Nike Ajax batteries around the country were in operation. But, in Summit, the life of the Ajax would prove a brief one: the weapon eventually was superseded by the Nike Hercules, a longer-range missile.

"The Ajax had to get close to a subject to destroy it," Bender said. "Its warhead contained something like metal shreds that would shoot out and injure enemy aircraft."

According to Bender, Ajax's successor, the Hercules, was just faster and stronger. "The Hercules could be armed with nuclear warheads to destroy a fleet of aircraft," Bender said. "It had an altitude capability of 100,000 to 150,000 feet, so it could reach much higher than any aircraft could. It also had a 90-mile range and a top speed of around 23,000 miles an hour."

The Hercules was introduced to selected sites the same year the Watchung site opened. Sites that did not receive the new technology, such

as Summit's, gradually were deactivated. The Summit installation was closed in 1963.

But in its short life, the Summit missile site, along with other New Jersey Nike missile batteries in Wayne, Livingston, Essex, Hanover and South Plainfield, served as a crucial link in the defense of the entire North American continent. All four were part of the joint U.S.-Canadian North American Air Defense Command.

In Bender's estimation, the Watchung site employed about 100 people between both the launching and control areas. "There was a lot of stress here," he said, referring to the performance ratings that would be given whenever a surprise test-run was held. "Life would shift between boredom, the stress of waiting for some emergency to actually happen, and these unannounced drills."

In its five-year existence, no missiles were ever fired, nor were there any accidents.

# Citizens group forms to combat the waters

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Tuesday night's brief meeting of the Springfield Township Committee introduced a new element to the Marion Avenue flooding saga: a citizens' group. Dan Garlen, a Marion Avenue resident, introduced Citizens for the Reduction of Water Damage. Marion Avenue was severely flooded by Tropical Storm Floyd, and is believed to be threatened by high water tables as the result of eight inactive wells owned by Elizabethtown Water Company.

Both the wells and the potential work involving three bridges — the Vauxhall bridge, Millburn Avenue bridge and, most significantly, Springfield's own Route 82 bridge — have the group's concern.

"Our group has two purposes," Garlen told the Township Committee. "One, we want to make sure we don't continue to be in peril from water damage. Two, we want to light a fire under Elizabethtown to get something done with these wells."

"At our last meeting, I promised to continue to work with Assemblyman Weingarten on the flooding issue," Mayor Gregory Clarke said. Joel Weingarten and fellow Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole presented a check for \$215,000 to the township two weeks ago, \$200,000 of which is targeted for studying "engineering aspects of the Route 82 bridge," according to Clarke.

The balance will be used for the purchase of a second thermal imaging camera for the Fire Department.

As Clarke has pointed out several times at various committee meetings, water levels reach the arches of the Route 82 bridge rather quickly, causing the bridge to function as a dam.

In 1997, when we had what wasn't a major storm, the area in the region of the bridge flooded anyway," Clarke said. "It's just one more example of why we should have done this before."

Clarke added that Killam Associates, an engineering firm, has done a study of all three bridges, and that, with the proposed reconstruction of the existing Route 82 bridge, there would be no continued threat of flooding.

Garlen was cautiously pleased with the news. At the Township Committee meeting two weeks ago, Garlen, who had over two feet of water on the first floor of his house as a result of Tropical Storm Floyd, expressed his concern at being downstream from the Vauxhall and Millburn Avenue structures.

"Improvements to the 82 bridge don't go through, we'll have a bigger problem than before," he said then, advising the committee to encourage Weingarten and O'Toole to start bridge rehabilitation downstream and then work upstream.

Paul Weberg, a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, was present Tuesday night, and assured Garlen that work on the upstream bridges will have no negative effect on Route 82. "We'll be doing the whole Parkway basin," Weberg added, referring to desilting, the removal of sediment, and the cleaning of accumulated debris from under the Route 82 bridge.

Weberg said the continued maintenance under the arches of the bridge would be the financial responsibility of the township. As for the bridge study, Weberg said, "Our study results on the Route 82 bridge should be out by early spring. It should be out beforehand, but I don't want to get anyone's hopes up."

"According to the Killam study, if the Millburn bridge is done first, the Route 82 bridge won't be impacted," Clarke said, adding that the same volume of water would descend on the Route 82 bridge in either case.

# 'Partially proficient' receive additional attention

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Mountaintop's Board of Education met in the Deerfield Media Center Nov. 9, and the topic was test scores.

Test scores for the Iowa Basic Skills and the Elementary School Proficiency Assessment were announced in late September. The Iowa, a multiple-choice test, and the ESPAs, which allow for more open-ended answers, are both taken by fourth-graders.

On the ESPAs, students are ranked according to the following categories: "partially proficient," "proficient" and "advanced proficient." The purpose of the presentation, given by Deerfield guidance counselor Barbara Komoroski, was to discuss the approach for teaching those students who ranked only partially proficient.

"We receive an item analysis with the scores," Komoroski said. "One analysis identifies the special skills of each child, and the other tells us where the students need to be in terms of their scores."

Komoroski presented the numbers

of each student, anonymously, who scored "partially proficient" in both languages — *History* and *Math*.

According to Komoroski, Deerfield's students scored higher in the various areas of math — including patterns in algebra, geometry, data analysis and measurement — than in language arts.

Deerfield students scored 58.1 percent proficient and 41.9 percent partially proficient on the ESPAs in language arts literacy, nearly identical to the state average scores of 41 percent

proficient and 59 percent partially proficient.

"Less than 1 percent of the students in the state scored advanced proficient in language arts literacy," she said.

"What we decided to do was have the students work within smaller groups within their class," Komoroski said, referring to both subjects.

"We have a basic skills instructor in language arts literacy, but only a few students are in that class. The ones

who are there are there because of the Iowa test."

According to Komoroski, the bulk of the students who did not score well, on either the Iowas or the ESPAs, will be working in the smaller class groups.

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In addition, classes will cover access to the Internet and how to find magazine articles on-line. Class size is limited to four participants. Classes will be on the following dates:

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EDITORIALS

## Childhood games

"Ring around the rosie, Pocket full of posy, Ashes, ashes, we all fall down."

The salary committee and Mountainside's public officials are playing a game of "Ring Around the Rosie." They are all holding hands and walking in circles.

Members of the committee selected to recommend a solution to the salary issue that has existed in Mountainside since February recommend the mayor's salary should be set at \$2,500 per year and council members' salaries at \$1,500. They recommend the mayor and council members no longer receive the monthly expense reimbursements for miscellaneous items.

Furthermore, they recommend not setting a salary range; rather, future raises for public officials must be in "ordinance form." The eyes of the mayor and council members probably rolled at the last suggestion. They do not want to go through this process again. Neither does anyone else.

The committee also recommends that "the salary question should be on a referendum vote to the general public." Has the committee forgotten that the question should have appeared on the ballot Nov. 2? After members of the council passed the salary ordinance in February, more than 400 residents signed a petition which would place the question in the hands of the voters.

Rather than have it appear on Election Day, the council members rescinded the salary ordinance and the mayor appointed the salary committee. Now the committee recommends the question appear on the ballot.

There are some merits to these recommendations. Setting actual salary figures rather than ranges will force the issue to appear again before the public. Even though they will not be required to record their expense, this action will, at least partly, force public officials to be accountable to the taxpayers.

But how seriously can we take these recommendations? The committee was appointed because the mayor said several months ago that the public was not convinced of the necessity of the salaries. "If has not been proven to you," Mayor Robert Vignanti said in February.

It still hasn't.

What has the committee done to make these decisions and to "prove it?" They did not call in council members as witnesses. They did not call in members of the public. They did not open their meetings to members of the press or to residents. How did they reach these recommendations, and why should anyone follow them?

But, in all probability, they will be followed. These recommendations essentially give council members permission to vote themselves salaries — again. The salary issue needs to appear in the form of an ordinance — again. Members of the public have a right to form another petition and demand this question appear on the ballot — again.

It seems as though "Ring Around the Rosie" will continue. Who will finally fall down?

## First Aid Squad needs you

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad needs volunteers.

In case residents missed last night's open house, today from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., the squad will hold an open house at its headquarters, 10 North Trivett Ave., across from Town Hall. During these times, residents and potential volunteers will have the opportunity to learn about life as a member of the First Aid Squad.

There will be demonstrations of life-saving skills and equipment and plenty of opportunities for new members to join. A nonprofit organization, the squad depends on volunteers, especially for daytime hours, and on financial contributors.

Last month, the squad responded to 84 calls and treated 90 patients. More members are needed to make these crucial responses. All residents who are looking for a way to donate their time for a few hours should give of themselves to the First Aid Squad and to the people who so desperately need their assistance.

For more information about joining the squad or donating financially, call (973) 376-0400.

"In the end, too much secrecy in the government for too long tends to erode the confidence of the society in its government."

—Daniel P. Moynihan  
U.S. Senator (D-NY)  
1996



WARM WELCOME — Bart Barre, president of the Mountainside Rotary Club, left, welcomes Direct Governor Ken Tullman at his annual visit to the borough.

## Fire-fighting cameras costly but necessary

Before I encountered thermal imaging cameras, I never had the slightest idea how fire fighters searched for victims. I figured there must be some kind of special equipment involved, although I couldn't imagine what.

Until now, there wasn't any special equipment. Before the thermal imaging camera, firefighters had to feel around to find victims.

Thermal imaging cameras pick up hot spots, such as body heat. Chief William Gras of Springfield and Chief Chris Cotler of Summit both demonstrated their new cameras for me. I pressed my hand against the wall, removed it and the camera picked up my hand print. There it was, a white image of my absurdly small hand print — almost a ghost image, a record of my having been there recently.

### Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Any heat, lingering or violently active, is identified by the camera. Chief Gras turned on the hot water, and as the water heated, both the faucet and the water stream glowed. Long after it was shut off, the faucet continued to register brightly in the camera's viewfinder. A cellular phone charger plugged into an outlet also made itself known.

Checking for fire extension, firefighters have often had to knock holes in walls. The camera can identify hot

areas within the walls, lessening the potential for physical damage.

The thermal imaging camera is a marvelous tool. It's a costly item — it can range in price from about \$13,000 to \$19,000 — but if it saves one life, or even a few walls, it's earned its keep.

Recent legislation passed by Gov. Christine Whitman for \$7.5 million for thermal imaging cameras, so each community in the state could have at least one, is one of the better ideas government has had in a while.

Summit has just received its first camera, through a private benefactor. Springfield has just acquired its second, from money received through the state. Springfield's first camera was acquired by Gras in a lease-purchase agreement; the chief is currently working on a fund-raising drive to

complete the purchase of that first camera.

Given the number of potential incidents that can occur within a single fire, one thermal imaging camera just doesn't seem like enough. If safety is the number one priority, then the price of a camera is more of an investment in life and property than an expense. It seems like a worthwhile idea to get as many cameras as our fire administrators deem necessary.

The departments need help. Lone benefactors willing to spend \$15,000 or \$19,000 are, need I say it, rare. The state needs to chip in, which they're doing, and the public needs to chip in.

The thermal imaging camera isn't a point-and-shoot-disposable. It costs. But who will debate the price of it when their child's hand print appears in its viewfinder?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Public's response had been terrific

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors, thank you for the publicity your newspaper has generated for our various Community Service Committee drives this past year.

The response from the public has been terrific, and we have been very pleased with the number of donations brought in for all the projects. Our semi-annual blood drives benefited the community, with our most successful one in October this year. Of course, blood is available back to members of the community should medical need arise.

School supplies were collected for the second year, and special thanks go to the Union County Prosecutor's Office and AT&T for their donations of binders and other articles. Recipients of all donated items were the Interfaith Council, the Plainfield Y, St. Joseph's, Holy Trinity, the Salvation Army and the United Way of Union County.

This was our fifth year for gathering tired towels, toiletries and linens, and once again, we were overwhelmed by the number of donations. So many people even purchased new toiletries or hygiene products or towels, or were just glad to find that good use was being made of their contributions. We did an emergency drop off for the Bound Brook/Manville flood victims and still had sizable quantities to give to the Park Avenue Hotel for homeless, the Plainfield Area Y Homeless, Holy Trinity, St. Joseph's and Robert Wood Johnson Nursing Home.

There must be quite a few individuals who found their closets somewhat leaner, based on the number of men's and women's business clothing brought in for the drive to benefit job applicants, who do not have appropriate interview clothing. These agencies were most thankful for the apparel.

We've also had two more collections of items for the flood victims, filling several vehicles to deliver. Local houses of worship were instrumental in bringing in many baby items, such as car seats and carriages. Special thanks go to CVS Pharmacy for their donation of surplus inventory.

We're finishing our sixth annual coat drive and again thank everyone for bringing in coats and jackets that have shrunk in the closet. McKinley School PTO and students have been very helpful the last couple years in collecting hundreds of coats and combining with us. Agencies throughout Union County await our deliveries to them.

GLCAR had additional projects which primarily involved our Realtor members, and we're pleased to announce we were again awarded first place in the 23 New Jersey Realtor Associations for our Community Service projects, based on their number and scope. Without the support of our members and all the generous people throughout our town, we could not give back successfully. A big thank you to all involved for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Carol Hyman, Executive Vice President  
Greater Union County Association of Realtors

### Voters gave allowance to veterans

To the Editor:

Many thanks to the voters who marked their ballot "Yes" on Public Question No. 2 to give veterans an allowance on property tax over the next four years. As a veteran, I look forward to the day this law teaches the maximum. There are fewer of us left each day.

Stan Week, past commander  
V.F.W. Post 7683  
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### Historically, democracy ain't easy

To the Editor:

Let's remember Bill Clinton was elected president with only 43 percent of the vote, thanks to Ross Perot. You can bet Vice President Al Gore or former Sen. Bill Bradley will be our next president, thanks to Pat Buchanan and Donald Trump.

Democracy is great, but it ain't easy.

Joseph C. Chieppa  
Mountainside

## E-MAIL

### Control piles of leaves in the streets

To the Editor:

Well, it's one of those dreaded times of the year — leaf collecting time. It is also a time to be jealous of those who happen to live on a county road, for they get to rake their leaves to the curb and they're done with them. County folks will come by and pick them up.

I would like to ask a favor of the residents on those hallowed roads. We all have many leaves to dispose of, but please try not to build the piles so that they are out to the road's middle. Or, check that your gardener doesn't do it. You can't always stop when there is traffic very close behind you. It is foolhardy to drive through the piles, for you don't know what they hide, and it is also unsafe when there is opposite-lane traffic to try to avoid them. If we get snow and/or freezing rain before the leaves are collected, that will be even more hazardous.

It must be nice that some Union County residents have this service — no doubt part of the benefit of our tri-level government setup, eh V.L.? Maybe those front-ladders that regularly remove folks during our weekly hurricanes could be pressed into leaf-collecting services for all Union County residents? Keep 'em occupied while waiting for the next storm.

Frank Marchese  
Mountainside

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The Echo Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

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## Board of Ed prepares to challenge magnet school

By Joe Laguna  
Staff Writer

With minimal discussion, the Springfield Board of Education zipped through its agenda items in 40 minutes Tuesday night. One topic, though, galvanized the board and the small gathering.

In his superintendent's report, Gary Friedland spoke of challenging the curriculum of the county's technical high school. The Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains, established three years ago by Union County Vo-Tech, offers a comprehensive program in technology, science and math. District students can either attend the programs at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, or take an exam and apply for enrollment at the magnet school.

Students accepted to the magnet school would have their tuition — about \$6,000, plus transportation — paid by the township, a fact that rankles Friedland.

"Why should we subsidize a program equivalent to what we already have?" Friedland asked the board. "We should invest in our own program instead. The glitz of the vo-tech

school is captivating, but I think we have a more comprehensive program in our school system."

Friedland said the board's attorneys are looking into the issue of whether the district will be required to pay for an equivalent curriculum. He said the board is currently examining the magnet school's curriculum to see how it matches up with Dayton's. "Once we answer those questions, then we'll know how to proceed," he said.

Friedland estimated the magnet school's tuition costs taxpayers "about a quarter of a million dollars over a four-year period," along with the loss of state aid for each student who defecis.

In its three years in operation, the magnet school has picked up nine of Springfield's students. "We're not looking to drag anyone back from magnet," Friedland said. "If we challenge and wind up successful, we're only concerned about next year's ninth-graders. The school board doesn't want to disrupt anyone's education."

Springfield has recently proposed changes to Dayton's math and science curricula. Adjustments in math

include the replacement of Math 1 and 2, Math for Living and Algebra 2 Basics with Geometry Foundations, Advanced Placement Computer Science, Data Structures, Algebra 3 Foundations and Advanced Placement Statistics. A change to the sci-

ence curriculum would reduce the use of the Field Biology course, resulting in the reinstatement of the Science, Man and Society course.

According to Friedland, the proposed course changes are not in response to the magnet school issue.

## Local veterans discuss fight for national freedom

(Continued from Page 1)

other veterans at the Elks Lodge following the ceremonies.

"Civilians in America at the time were heroes, too. The things they gave up — people don't realize," said one veteran who wished to remain nameless.

While Taubert talks about attending reunions and running into people from his time in the service, he also remembers those who cannot make it to reunions.

"I protected myself because I intended to come back. Some buddies didn't."

Taubert also served time in the infantry and was in the active reserves for the Korean War. In his six years and seven months of service, he earned the rank of corporal. A resident of Springfield for 32 years, Taubert is an immigration consultant.

Local participating organizations in the Veteran's Day ceremony were American Legion Continental Post 228, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary 228, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7683, Jewish War Veterans Elmhurst Post 273 and its ladies auxiliary, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Lodge 2004 and Boy Scout Troop 73. The organizations also sponsor Pearl Harbor and Memorial Day remembrance programs. Many of the Springfield veter-

ans served in World War II while some served in the Vietnam War.

World War I ended in 1918 and Armistice Day was officially recognized in 1926. It became a national holiday in 1938. More than 16 million Americans entered World War II soon after. In 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law proclaiming Nov. 11 Veteran's Day.

## Spencer Tracy film at library

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its Lunchtime Video series, "Hollywood Classics: Old & New" with "The Devil at 4 p.m." 1961, 125 minutes, on Tuesday at noon.

In "The Devil at 4 p.m.," Spencer Tracy teams up with Frank Sinatra in an action-packed drama set in the South Pacific. A seaplane lands on the island of Talua to unload three criminals — including Harry, Frank Sinatra — plus a young priest, who has come to succeed aging, Spencer Tracy as Father Doonan.

Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The Springfield Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

For more information call (973) 376-4930.

## Planning Board prepares to hear complex case

By Pamela Isaacson  
Managing Editor

A case that has led to lawsuits between neighboring Springfield and Summit will be heard by the Summit Planning Board Monday at 8 p.m. at Summit City Hall.

Just before representatives from the municipalities were scheduled to appear before Union County Superior Court Judge Edward Beglin Jr. Sept. 10, members of the Summit Planning Board reached an out-of-court agreement to hear an application from Bryant Park Commons, LLC and K&K Developers within three months.

The joint application holds a request to widen Summit's Park Drive to provide access to a 138-unit apartment complex the Springfield Planning Board approved Nov. 4, 1998. With the four-building complex accessible only from Summit, the city sued Springfield last year to have the township planning board's decision overturned.

While in litigation, Summit refused to hear the joint developers' application. Summit is still suing the township.

Last year, the Springfield Planning Board approved the development of the old Carter-Bell factory site, located on the border between the two municipalities. The 7.75-acre site is bordered by the ungraded Rahway Valley Railroad tracks, the Troy Village condominiums in Springfield and county-owned Bryant Park.

"Springfield's concern is on the part of housing," said Bruce Bergen, Springfield Township attorney, in August. "We want the development to go forward."

Summit Mayor Walter Long has said he would vote against the complex unless the developer includes another source of access to the site. The only access to the proposed development is through the Summit end of South Springfield Avenue. Long has said, because of its proximity, the city would provide emergency services to the complex, while Springfield would see the benefits of the new rental.

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## Department responds to Zainy Brainsy flame

A small fire in a parking lot sent the Springfield Fire Department to Zainy Brainsy on Route 22 Nov. 7.

### FIRE BLOTTER

The department had been called to the scene by the store's manager. A fire in the bushes along Route 22 had been partially extinguished by the store's employees with a dry chemical extinguisher. Firefighters used a front trash line to wet down the still-burning embers. No injuries were reported.

• A leaf fire on Tooker Place was extinguished by the department Saturday.

• A report of an odor at a South Maple Avenue residence, two motor vehicle accidents, one activated fire alarm and one medical service call all were handled Friday. Two calls reporting a gas smell at the Municipal Building Annex revealed nothing.

• One lock-out, a smoke condition at a Shunpike Road residence, an alarm problem, an electrical problem at a Park Lane residence and three medical service calls were the busi-

ness-of-the-day Nov. 11.

• The department responded to Hawthorne Avenue on a report of a downed wire Nov. 10. An Elizabeth resident was rescued from a stuck Morris Avenue elevator at 6:26 p.m. A police assist, an activated fire alarm and three medical service calls also were answered.

• An activated water flow alarm sent the department to a Route 22 east business at 2:18 a.m. Nov. 9. One activated fire alarm and four medical service calls rounded out the day.

• Two medical service calls and one call for an activated fire alarm were placed Nov. 8.

• The department responded with a pumpster to Rector Street in Millburn on a request from the Millburn Fire Department Nov. 7.

• A leaf fire on Caldwell Place was extinguished Nov. 6.

## Tom Sawyer's adventures



These adventurous seventh-graders, from left, Jon Danning, Cory Berger, Dan Kahoonei and Jesse Fischbein, read excerpts from 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer' by Mark Twain in their communication arts class at the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield. For a class project, the students worked in groups to write a contemporary adventure story using Tom Sawyer and other characters. They also were responsible for creating a presentation for their story.

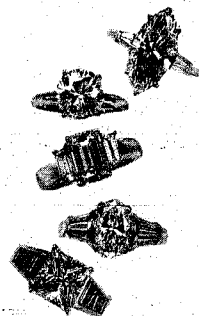
## Seniors organize events

The senior citizens of Springfield are alive and well meeting on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The group will sponsor a trip on Dec. 13 titled "City Lights." Participants can enjoy dinner in Little Italy, a three-hour tour of the festive lights and a visit to Ferrara's Bakery. The cost is \$65 for each person. All tips and taxes are included.

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## Accidents reportedly caused by dozing drivers

Two accidents involving drivers falling asleep at the wheel were reported to the Springfield Police Department last week.

On Saturday, the driver of a 1999 Infiniti, traveling west on Troy Drive, reportedly fell asleep, striking a parked 1985 Honda Accord. The Honda, which was unoccupied, was pushed onto the lawn of a residence. The driver was not injured.

On Sunday, while driving east on Route 22, the operator of a truck owned by the Penske Truck Leasing Company also allegedly fell asleep. The vehicle left the roadway, jumped the curb and struck a utility pole, hydrant and mile marker 52.5. The driver told police he woke up when he hit the curb, but could not avoid the utility pole.

The truck received damage to its front. There were no injuries.

• Al-Taj Hobbs of Newark was arrested at a Morris Turnpike address

### POLICE BLOTTER

Nov. 11 and charged with theft, simple assault and having false identification.

Employees at the Guitar Center on Route 22 reported two computers, totaling \$4,000, missing the same day.

• A Chatham resident reported a money clip with \$50 cash and a credit card stolen from a locker at Bally's on Route 22 Nov. 8. A Springfield resident, parked on Mountain Avenue, reported three prescriptions, a cellular phone and a face plate from a Pioneer stereo stolen from their car. The passenger-side door lock was damaged during the theft.

### Mountainside

• Josue Ortiz of Newark was arrested Sunday for operating a stolen vehicle. He was charged with eluding police and receiving stolen property. Bail was set at \$5,000. His passenger, Jose Garcia, also of Newark, was charged with third degree receiving stolen property.

• Wilfred Rosa of Springfield, stopped on westbound Route 22 Saturday for failing to maintain a lane, was found to be a suspended driver. Kevin Vincent, 23, of Verona, also was pulled over for failing to maintain a lane. He was found to be driving while intoxicated and was held on \$375 bail, according to authorities.

• Marena Watson, 38, of North Plainfield, a passenger in a car that was stopped for a motor vehicle violation, was arrested Friday for having an active bail warrant from the Somerset County Sheriff's Department. Carla Dagan of East Haven, Conn., was arrested on Route 22 east for being a suspended driver.

• Rahsaan Harris, 25, was arrested in his hometown of Plainfield for an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside for \$1768.

• Richard Swiney, 59, of Montclair, was arrested on Route 22 west when a motor vehicle stop revealed he was a suspended driver, police said. Bail was set at \$775. A court date of Dec. 9 was set.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas P. Moroney
Thomas Patrick Moroney, 84, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Nov. 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Mr. Moroney was a maintenance worker for several companies in the Summit area for many years and retired 20 years ago. Surviving are his wife, Mary, and a sister, Catherine Eksken.

Jonathan Katz

Jonathan Katz, 35, of Mountaineer died Nov. 7. Born in Newark, Mr. Katz lived in Hillside before moving to Mountaineer 25 years ago. He had worked for Fargione Trucking, Plainfield. Surviving are his parents, Edward and Muriel Katz; a daughter, Amanda Wachberger, and a sister, Linda Verduo.

Franklin M. Canning

Franklin M. Canning, 56, of Nazareth, Pa., formerly of Summit, died Nov. 4 in Morristown Memorial Hospital. Born in New York City, Mr. Canning lived in Bernardsville and Summit before moving to Nazareth 10 years ago. He was an office manager for Schlusens Construction Co., Somerville, where he worked for 15 years and retired in 1991. Prior to that, Mr. Canning worked for Mohawk Construction Co., New Brunswick, for 10 years. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the 101st Airborne Unit. Mr. Canning was a member of the Wind Gap American Legion Post 0724, the National Rifle Association and the Harley Owners Group.

Surviving are a son, Richard M., and a daughter, Nancy.

Robert Lockett Sr.

Robert Eugene Lockett Sr., 72, of New Bern, N.C., formerly of Summit, died Nov. 6 in Craven Regional Medical Center, New Bern. Born in Newark, Mr. Lockett lived in Summit before moving to New Bern in 1991. He was the owner of Bob Lockett Cleaners and Dryers, Summit, for more than 30 years before retiring. Mr. Lockett was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a trustee and member of the choir at the Fountain Baptist Church, Summit. Surviving are his wife, Marie; a son, Robert E. Jr.; three daughters, Josephine, Carolyn and Doris; seven brothers, Norman and Dan Lockett, and Leroy, Donald, Alphonso, Charles and Robert Reynolds; a sister, Gladys Brown, and a grandchild.

Jorge Morfin

Jorge Morfin, 79, of Summit died Nov. 13 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Born in Mexico City, Mr. Morfin came to the United States in 1942 and lived in Chicago and Grand Rapids, Mich., before moving to Summit 36 years ago. He was an export sales manager for Rowe International, Whippany, and an exporter for coin-operated vending machines for 29 years. He retired in 1982. Prior to that, Mr. Morfin worked in the same capacity with Bauer and Black, a Chicago medical supply company. He also represented the government of Mexico with a consular official in Chicago in the 1940s.

Mr. Morfin studied at the University of Mexico City. Surviving are his wife, Barbara; two sons, Jorge and Roger; two daughters, Elena Richter and Marcella Jasina, and two grandchildren.

Jean Miserentino

Jean Miserentino, 90, of Westfield, formerly of Hillside and Springfield, died Nov. 13 in the Genesis Elder Care Center, Westfield. Born in Newark, Miss Miserentino lived in Springfield, Irvington and Hillside before moving to Westfield five years ago. She was a cashier at S. Klein & Co. department store, Newark, and retired in 1979. Miss Miserentino had been a volunteer at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, and Columbus Hospital, Newark, and was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the New Jersey Education Association. Surviving is a brother, Frank.

Edward C. Szelewa

Edward C. Szelewa, 47, of West Caldwell, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 10 at home. Born in Newark, Mr. Szelewa lived in South Orange and Springfield before moving to West Caldwell sev-

eral months ago. He was a manager of Rand McNally, Short Hills, for the last three years. Mr. Szelewa attended Bloomfield College and graduated from Chubb Institute, Short Hills. Surviving are his mother, Clare Szelewa, and two sisters, Sue Binder and Mary Sanchez.

Frances Montgomery

Frances C. Montgomery, 80, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Summit, died July 9 at home. Born in Chicago, Ill., Miss Montgomery lived in Summit and Millburn before moving to Berkeley Heights. She received a bachelor's degree in 1941 from Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla. Miss Montgomery was a member of the Fortnightly Club and the Summit College Club, both in Summit. Surviving are a sister, Mary Montgomery Robb and a brother, Robert S.

Helen B. Spelman

Helen B. Spelman, 91, of Liberty Corner, formerly of Summit, a longtime teacher in Linden, died Nov. 9 in Fellowship Village, Liberty Corner. Born in Sayre, Pa., Mrs. Spelman lived in Chatham and Summit before moving to Liberty Corner.

Interfaith Thanksgiving will be Monday

Springfield's annual interfaith Thanksgiving service will be observed Monday at 8 p.m. at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave. The worship will be led by members of the Springfield Clergy Association and the sermon will be offered by Rabbi Mark Malach of Temple Beth Ahm. Following the service, there will be refreshments provided by Sha'arey Shalom's Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Proceeds from voluntary contributions will be donated to the Springfield First Aid Squad and to the Interfaith Council for Hosting the Homeless. All are welcome to attend.

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## THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini  
 Sports Editor

While Union and Elizabeth captured playoff victories once again, Rahway won a state playoff game for the first time in 15 years.

Union and Elizabeth were victorious — in fourth-quarter comeback fashion at home — during last weekend's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 competition. On Friday night, Elizabeth came back to beat a stubborn Randolph squad 30-21 at Williams Field, outscoring the Rams 16-0 in the fourth quarter. On Saturday afternoon, Union came back to beat Plainfield 21-14 at Cooke Memorial Field, outscoring the Cardinals 14-0 in the fourth quarter.

And also on Saturday it was Rahway over Morris Hills by the score of 21-12. Last year Rahway made the state playoffs for the first time since 1984 by qualifying in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2. Last Saturday the Indians won their first state playoff game since beating Morris Hills 10-7 in the 1984 North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 championship game.

So now we move on to the semifinals. In North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 it will be fourth-seeded Montclair vs. top-seeded Union and third-seeded Elizabeth at second-seeded Roxbury, all four of the top seeds advancing.

Roxbury won the section for the first time last year, Elizabeth last won it in 1997 and Montclair last won it in 1996. Union, owner of the most playoff championships in the section with 10, last won the crown in 1993.

In North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 it will be third-seeded Rahway vs. second-seeded Scotch Plains. The two annually met when Rahway was a member of the Watchung Conference's smaller National Division. Rahway moved to the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference this year and the two teams did not meet. Rahway won three of the past five meetings between the schools, including a 21-14 decision in Scotch Plains last year. Scotch Plains last beat Rahway in 1997 when it posted a 25-0 victory in Rahway.

**WEEK TEN**  
 NJSIAA SEMIFINALS  
 Friday, Nov. 19, 7:00  
 North 2, Group 4  
 3-Elizabeth at 2-Roxbury  
 Saturday, Nov. 20, 2:15  
 at Rutgers Stadium,  
 New Brunswick  
 North 2, Group 4  
 4-Montclair vs. 1-Union  
 Sunday, Nov. 21, 11:00  
 at Kean University, Union  
 North 2, Group 3  
 3-Rahway at 2-Scotch Plains

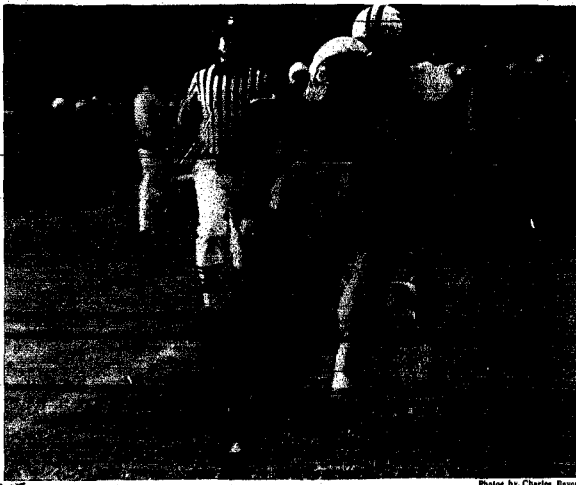
**WEEK NINE**  
 NJSIAA QUARTERFINALS  
 Friday, Nov. 12  
 North 2, Group 4  
 Elizabeth 30, Randolph 21  
 Saturday, Nov. 13  
 North 2, Group 4  
 Union 21, Plainfield 14  
 Montclair 57, Linden 26  
 North 2, Group 3  
 Rahway 21, Morris Hills 12  
 North 2, Group 2  
 Pequannock 34, Johnson 22

**CONSOLATION GAMES**  
 Friday, Nov. 12  
 Roselle Park 12, Glen Ridge 0  
 Dover 12, Roselle 6  
 Saturday, Nov. 13  
 Weogubic 20, Hillside 6  
 Dayton 40, Kinnelon 23  
 Cranford 21, Hackettstown 20  
 Gov. Liv. 28, Jefferson 10  
 Summit 42, Millburn 8  
 Brearley 27, Whippany Park 14

**J.R.'s picks**  
 for Week Ten:  
 Union over Montclair  
 Roxbury over Elizabeth  
 Scotch Plains over Rahway  
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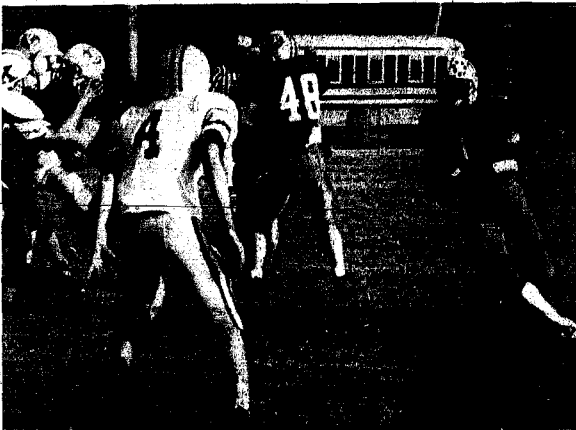
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11. Roselle (2-7)
12. Gov. Liv. (2-7)
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Dayton High School senior running back B.J. Jones rushed for 142 yards and scored one touchdown in leading the Bulldogs to a 40-23 victory over Kinnelon last Saturday at Meisel Field in Springfield.

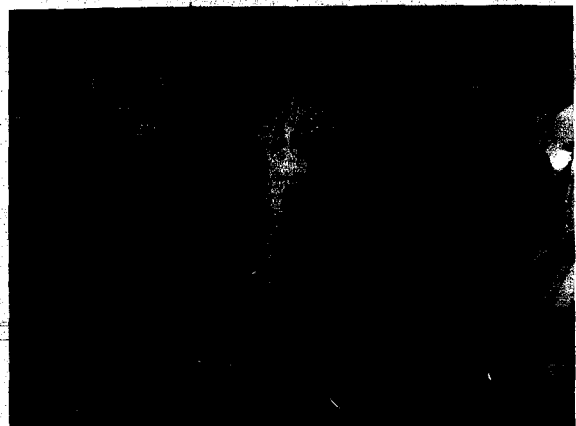
Photo by Charles Beyer



Dayton senior quarterback Lorenzo Williams ran for two touchdowns and threw for another to Keith Allen as the Bulldogs beat Kinnelon to improve to 5-4.



B.J. Jones is shown here running against Roselle Nov. 6 in a 28-6 victory at Meisel Field.



Dayton senior fullback Matt Fischer gains yardage against the Rams to help the Bulldogs to their fourth win.

## Dayton group learns about sportsmanship

A group of parents, students and coaches from Dayton High School joined principal Charles Serson, athletic director Peter Falzarano and members representing other high schools Sept. 30 for a sportsmanship summit sponsored by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association in the Pines Manor, Edison.

NJSIAA executive director Boyd Sands, Rutgers University athletic director Bob Mulcahy and Jim Flannery, assistant director with the National Federation of State High School Associations, spoke to participants about motivating sportsmanship in high school athletes.

Participants were divided into small groups to challenge and encourage one another on their roles and relationships within high school sports. Guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable behavior were detailed, and emphasized was the parties responsible for acceptable behavior: boards of education, school and district administrators, students, coaches, parents and fans.

## Dayton trio starts with Cranford club

Brett Berger, Eric Decter and Ross Kravetz, all freshmen at Dayton High School in Springfield, have begun their club season with the Cranford Hockey Club. Berger and Kravetz enter their seventh seasons of club hockey, while Decter is a second-year player.

The three also look to become members of Dayton's hockey team, which opened practice Monday in preparation for their Dec. 5 season-opener against Tenafly. The squad is in its third year.

The trio's Cranford Bantam squad is 2-0-2 in their last four games, including a 5-5 tie with the host Hackensack Mavericks. The club participates in the New Jersey Youth Hockey League out of their home rink in Warwick Park, Elizabeth.

Berger, the club's captain, has seven goals and nine assists for 16 points in 15 games. He likely will center a line for the Bulldogs.

Kravetz has moved from defense to forward and has posted five power-play goals. He likely will return to defense with the Dayton squad.

Decter has moved to defense with Cranford and likely will remain in the back for Dayton. He assisted on one goal during the game against Hackensack.



Dayton High School freshman Brett Berger, a captain with the Cranford Hockey Club, leads the squad with seven goals and nine assists for 16 points.



Dayton freshman Eric Decter moved to the defense for the Cranford Hockey Club this season. He assisted on one goal during a 5-5 tie with the Mavericks in Hackensack.

# Deerfield collects labels for resources

Mountainside's Deerfield School announces its participation in the 1993-2000 Campbell's Labels for Education Program label collection drive.

Members of the community are asked to support Deerfield School's efforts by collecting Campbell's product labels. With these labels, Deer-

field can earn valuable educational resources.

Ellysha Campbell's products for label collection include the following items: Campbell's soups, beans and juices, Pepperidge Farm products including Goldfish, V8 beverage products, Franco-American pastas and gravies, Progo sauces and Swanson

broths and poultry products. Check the individual product labels for information on which part of the package to collect.

For more information on the Deerfield School Campbell's Labels for Education Program, call Nancy Kinney at (908) 789-8593.

# Teaching fire safety



Members of the Springfield Fire Department visit with 3-year-olds at the Congregation Israel Pre-School Program in Springfield. To discuss safety during Fire Prevention Week, students were able to squirt water from the fire hose and sit in the fire truck and ring the bell.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**ESTATE OF BIONNY FINN, Deceased**  
The undersigned, as executor of the estate of said decedent, hereby gives notice to the creditors of said decedent to file their claims and demands against the estate of said decedent within 90 days from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from recovering the same against the executor.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield, New Jersey, do hereby authorize, ratify, and confirm the execution and attestation to an agreement with Keller & Kirpatrick, Inc. preparing plans, specifications and contract documents for purposes of obtaining bids for work, and for Project Management at fees not to exceed \$1,000.00 pursuant to a letter proposal dated October 22, 1989. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services Contract" in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-11.1(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

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**A DUMP TRUCK CHAIRS**  
Bids will be opened and read to public at the Municipal Building, 1985 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey, on November 22, 1989, 10:00 AM prevailing time.

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**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROPOSED CONTRACT**  
TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. FOR THE DESIGN AND PREPARATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY, WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. In connection with the Washington Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Board of Public Works of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize, ratify, and confirm the execution and attestation to an agreement with Keller & Kirpatrick, Inc. preparing plans, specifications and contract documents for purposes of obtaining bids for work, and for Project Management at fees not to exceed \$1,000.00 pursuant to a letter proposal dated October 22, 1989. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services Contract" in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-11.1(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield, New Jersey, has prepared a Preliminary Master Plan for the Township of Springfield, New Jersey, and is now soliciting public input and comments on the same. The Board of Planning and Zoning Ordinance is hereby authorized to accept and adopt the Preliminary Master Plan for the Township of Springfield, New Jersey, and is now soliciting public input and comments on the same. The Board of Planning and Zoning Ordinance is hereby authorized to accept and adopt the Preliminary Master Plan for the Township of Springfield, New Jersey, and is now soliciting public input and comments on the same.

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