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Weingarten will run for Franks' seat in Congress

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Less than a month after winning re-election to a third term in the state Assembly, Joel Weingarten promised to "vanquish the overwrought bureaucracy in Washington" if elected to represent the 7th Congressional District, which includes Springfield, Mountianside and parts of Essex, Somerset and Middlesex counties.

Before more than 350 supporters from the four counties that comprise the 7th District, Weingarten emphasized his record in the Assembly and echoed the Republican ideal of smaller, more efficient government and reducing taxes during his campaign kick-off Tuesday night at The Grand Summit Hotel.

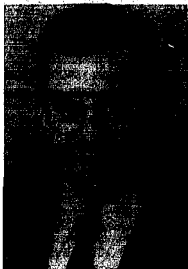
"The best barometer of what someone can do for you in the future is their record of what they have done for you in the past," Weingarten said.

Weingarten touted his record of accomplishment while Assemblyman in the 21st Legislative District since 1996. The district includes Springfield and parts of Union and Essex counties.

Prior to becoming an Assemblyman, Weingarten was Essex County Executive James Treffinger's first budget director when he inherited a \$162-million deficit in 1995. Treffinger, a speaker at Tuesday night's \$250-a-head fund-raiser, called the former Millburn Township Committee member "the architect of a massive reform effort that helped rescue the county from the brink of bankruptcy."

"As budget director, I didn't play games," Weingarten said. "To tackle the deficit, I did not use a scalpel, but an ax to systematically cut away" excess spending.

Treffinger added that Weingarten "is the only candidate that doesn't have to move into the district," taking a job at Thomas Koar Jr., the son of the former governor who recently purchased a home in Westfield and



Joel Weingarten

has been mentioned as a potential Republican candidate.

The seat will be open come November because U.S. Rep. Bob Franks, who has held the office since 1992, will seek Frank Lautenberg's U.S. Senate seat. Coincidentally, Kean worked as a legislative assistant in Franks' Washington, D.C. office.

Ken Gardner, a former fire chief and council president in Woodbridge, has announced the formation of an exploratory committee.

The Democratic side is a little more crowded at this point. Former Pan-World Mayor Maryanne Connelly, who was defeated by Franks in 1997, will run again while newcomers Jeff Golkin of Warren and J. Brooke Hem of New Providence have said they too will seek their party's nomination.

Weingarten has received the endorsements of a number of local Republicans, including Mountianside Republican Club President Bill Sanders and former Springfield Township Committee members JoAnn Holmas, Judith Blitzer, Harry Pappas and Bill Ruocco, a Republican chairman.

"I'm not a career politician but a small businessman," said Weingarten, managing director with Quest Associates Inc., a Springfield-based finan-

cial advising firm. "I've often felt the heavy burden of government," he said, stressing that government should be a service for the people not people a service for government.

"It was not a calculated decision, but one that presented itself," Weingarten said of announcing his candidacy for another office the same month he was re-elected to the Assembly.

"Frankly, we didn't think the position was going to be available," he said, adding that Franks' decision to not seek re-election to Congress came as a surprise. "Based on our record of accomplishment, we felt compelled."

Weingarten has vowed to cut extraneous spending and make government work more efficiently. "The decision about what to do with your money is better made by the family than by a Washington bureaucrat," he said during an interview last week.

The average senior citizen is very worried Social Security will not be there for them, while the average young person does not even expect it to be for them, the assemblyman said. He would like to see taxpayers have the option of individually-owned, privately-invested retirement accounts. "Parents shouldn't have to choose between saving for their child's education and their own retirement."

The assemblyman expects to spend anywhere from \$1.2 million to \$2.4 million on the campaign. He and running mate Kevin O'Toole of Cedar Grove spent approximately \$100,000 on their Assembly campaign this year.

The "hallmark" of campaign finance reform is honest reporting according to Weingarten. The current campaign limits were set in the 1970s so the fund-raising levels should be allowed based on current economic conditions.

"While an effective foreign policy is important, Weingarten said, American taxpayers should come first.



Springfield second-graders skate their way into a commercial for the Florham Park Roller Rink's new roller hockey league.

Springfield skaters make TV debut

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Sports stars sometimes become media stars.

Last month, six second-grade Springfield boys got into their in-line skates and hit the floor at the Florham Park Roller Rink for a Cablevision-produced television commercial to promote the rink's new roller hockey league.

"The league is for kids between the ages of 7 and 11," said Sue Bolner, whose son, Todd, a second-grader at Thelma Sandmeier School in Springfield, appeared in the commercial, scheduled to be aired this month. "Todd's been rollerblading since about the age of 4. Rollerblading is his life. He plays in the backyard, but this is his first time playing in an organized league."

The young players were chosen for the commercial by Christopher Seger, the rink's general manager and hockey coordinator.

"All the kids have known each other since about the age of 2," said Jackie Blau. Her son, Brandon, another Sandmeier School student, was attending a birthday party at the rink for his friend Sammy Duskin in October when the group caught Seger's attention.

"Chris just liked the way the boys behaved," Blau said. "He called Sammy's mom, Michelle, and she gathered the rest of us together. The kids got a big kick out of it."

"We reshoot our Cablevision commercial every year," Seger said. "It's a 30-second spot. We plan on having it on our website, along with the approximate dates it'll be shown."

Seger said the rink's 13-week contract with Cablevision should expire around mid-April 2000.

Two other Sandmeier School students, Elliot Karp and Ross Goldfarb, along with Matthew Neubauer from Springfield's Caldwell School, rounded out the group.

The six friends spent about an hour performing various plays for the Comcast Cablevision production crew. "They tried to get each kid in a shot," Jackie Blau said. "They'd have them face-off, to get two in there at a time. They tried to get shots of everybody, but they all had their helmets on, plus they were all wearing Devils jerseys, and since they're all about the same height I don't really know how we'll be able to tell whose kid is whose."

"It was structured, but they were allowed to do a little improvising too," said Jeff Neubauer. His son, Matt, the youngest of the group at age 7, taught himself to skate in order to keep up with his older brother. "The kids play hockey in the driveway even when it isn't hockey season," Neubauer said.

"They loved being on TV," Elliot Karp's mom, Jena, said plainly. "Although they didn't even really think about it. They just went out and did their thing."

"They just played and skated toward the goal and shot," said Larry Goldfarb. His son, Ross, plays street hockey — "all the positions," according to Goldfarb — and has already-logged a couple of years on rollerblades, having taught himself to skate.

Brandon Blau, like Sammy Duskin, have both taken a skating lesson or two. But all the boys are natural athletes. "Sammy, Elliot and Matt are all on the same soccer team," Gary Duskin, Sammy's father, said. "They play in Springfield recreational soccer. Matt's dad, Jeff, is their coach, and they went undefeated."

Sammy Duskin was awarded the league's Most Valuable Player award.

Angry parents dress-down board

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

"Uniforms or not?"

Mountianside addressed the issue of a uniform dress code during a special forum at Deerfield School Nov. 23. Hosted by Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller and Board of Education president Pat Taeschler, the forum, according to Taeschler, was intended only as a "dialogue."

A forum on school safety at Deerfield on May 27 served as the genesis for last week's meeting. Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan, a guest at the May forum, expressed his support for uniform dress.

"Mr. Manahan said he believes the way students dress affects the way they think about school and their performance in school," Taeschler said. "And when we asked the parents about their interest in uniform dress that night by a show of hands, most of the people in attendance raised their hand. We felt then that we needed a forum on the subject."

Taeschler added, "I want to put to rest the rumor that school uniform dress is happening right now. It's not."

Seated with Schaller and Taeschler were Deerfield Assistant Principal Elizabeth Keshish and two students, Jon Landis and Jamie Boyce. Also in attendance was John Claghorn, director of support services for Pennsylvania's Ridley School District. Claghorn was invited to share the particulars of his district's own uniform dress code.

Prior to Claghorn's introduction, Keshish presented the results of a clothing survey sent to Deerfield's parents. The anonymous survey, sent to all 397 households of the school's 615 students, contained questions concerning the purchase and parental

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approval of children's clothing. Parents also were asked for their opinion on uniform dress codes, and whether attire affects a student's attitude toward school.

Nearly 200 surveys, representing about half of Deerfield's student population, were returned completed. Of those, 87 percent said that both parent and child collaborate on purchasing decisions; 62 percent indicated that both parent and child share the daily selection of school attire. Sixty-six percent of parents indicated their approval of their child's daily attire.

In regard to whether a student's attire affects their attitude toward school, 61 percent of parents who favor the idea of uniforms answered yes. Fifty-nine percent of the parents opposed to uniforms said they did not believe attire results in a negative attitude toward school. Seventy percent of the respondents said their children already wear some sort of uniform for a specific purpose — mainly for athletics or sports.

Overall, 52 percent of the parents who responded are in favor of uniforms, with 24 percent opposed and 24 percent undecided.

The survey did not please a number of parents in attendance. "We tried to do the homework so we'd have a valid discussion," Keshish said in response to one man who called the survey "a flawed instrument, just a lot of opinion."

Survey questions regarding the amount of money spent on children's clothes, as well as shopping frequency, angered one woman, who believed her privacy had been violated. Keshish said the survey was anonymous and that the parent had no obligation to answer that particular question.

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Borough board members are kept on their toes

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

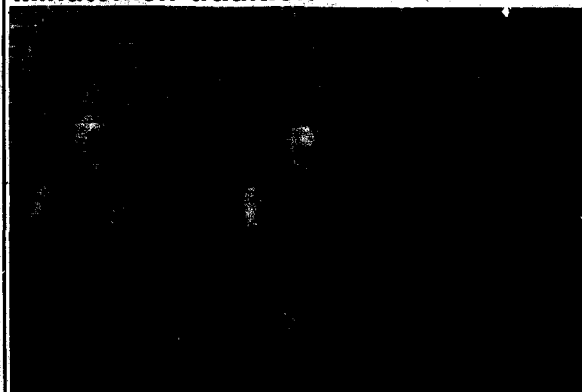
Curriculum integration and brain processes got board members up on their toes at Tuesday night's meeting of the Mountianside Board of Education.

The presentation was made by three of Deerfield's teachers. Jeanette Maraffi, Peggy Best and Carol Denis reported to the board on a Middle-School Conference they attended together in Orlando, Fla. in October.

Maraffi addressed the board first. But before making a verbal point, she got the board to stand on their toes and count to 45. Stretching their calf muscles, board members had the chance to experience a little blood flow.

"Moving helps the blood flow to the brain," Maraffi, Deerfield's music teacher, said. "In classrooms, the first thing we say to our students is, 'Sit down in your seats and don't move.'" Maraffi attended a workshop titled

Minutemen tradition



Springfield Minutemen A/B team running back Leo Ferrina, 21, follows the blocking of teammate Matt Farley, 33, during a game at Hanover Nov. 14. The Minutemen finished the 1999 campaign with a winning record of 4-3.

"Making Schools Brain Compatible," presented by David Sousa, an educational consultant in Palm Beach, Fla.

Maraffi described Sousa's lesson as breaking the human brain down into two types of fulfillment: survival and emotion.

"We first think in terms of survival," Maraffi said. "We tell ourselves we need food, sleep, clothes. The next stage has to do with emotional fulfillment — and in the middle school, that's especially important. Once we take care of the emotional part, then we can get to the cognitive part of the brain."

Sousa's theory plainly states, "Survival and emotional data have priority over cognitive processing."

"Stand, move and talk about what you're learning as you're learning," Maraffi said. "Life is interdisciplinary, and schools should reflect that. In studying music, when we study how we hear sounds, what happens with

our vocal cords as we sing — that's studying science, too."

"We need to have children understand that the things they learn about in the classroom happen in the whole world. We shouldn't compartmentalize subjects, so many minutes for this or that subject."

In response to board member Frank Geiger's question as to whether the idea of moving around can be applied to various disciplines, Maraffi said she believed it could.

"Especially in history," she said, "where you can have them re-enact scenes. I'm not a math teacher, but I'm sure even in math there's a way to use movement."

Another critical statement in Sousa's theory, as related by Maraffi, was the importance of downtime in learning. Sousa's theory describes learning in terms of motor skills, comparing practicing a baseball swing to a golf swing. He recommends a downtime of six to eight hours after the practicing

of an activity such as a baseball swing. If a golf swing is practiced during the downtime — the pathways in the brain that serve mainly to coordinate movement, posture and balance — will become confused.

"As a singer, I always felt I had a better chance to remember lyrics if I went to bed right after practicing," Maraffi said.

Best and Denis followed, taking the notion of interdisciplinary studies into the kitchen.

Adopting a gingerbread man as a schoolwide theme, the teachers outlined an interdisciplinary Planning Web for the board. Such a teaching approach, for example, would bring math to the students through the fractions and measuring involved in the process of baking. Connections to the theme of baking a gingerbread man, they said, also could be made through subjects as diverse as science, history, physical education and language arts.

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Today

• The Springfield Free Public Library presents a free seminar titled "Aspects of Divorce" by Rosalind Mink, esq. of Mink & Meislik, esq. at 7 p.m. Mink is an attorney who specializes in matrimonial matters and will discuss the grounds for divorce and financial issues in matrimonial litigation. For more information and reservations call (973) 243-1166.

Tomorrow

• The Foothill Club of Mountaintide has its monthly luncheon meeting at noon at B.G. Fields. A Christmas boutique fund-raiser will feature new and newly new items. Guests are welcome. For reservations call (908) 232-3626.

Saturday

• Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants can meet at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road. Bring a lunch, mug, shovel, pickaxe and gloves, if possible. This program is for ages 14 and up. Pre-registration is required. Call (908) 789-3670.

• Visitors to the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can look at how people through the ages have been using the sky as a seasonal calendar to know when to plant crops and hunt migrating animals at 2 p.m. This program also will run Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. This program is ages 6 and up.

• The Trailside Nature & Science Center's Visitor Center, 452 New Providence Road, has handmade crafts and gift items for sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All crafts are made of natural materials or have a nature theme. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.

• Antonio Mozzarella Factory, 71 Springfield Ave., celebrates the Christmas season by announcing the arrival of Santa Claus with his friend Donnick, the Italian Christmas demon. They will appear Saturday, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 from noon to 4 p.m. Toys will be given out to all children who attend. For more information call (973) 379-2147.

• Mountaintide will have its tree lighting celebration at 4:30 p.m. at Borough Hall - Sunday

• All are invited to attend Springfield's holiday lighting celebration at 6 p.m. on the lawn at Town Hall. Immediately following, firefighters will serve hot chocolate, cider and donuts at fire headquarters. For more information call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 467-4608.

Upcoming events

Dec. 10

• Members of the Mountaintide Senior Citizen Club will meet at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane for a social after-noon. The meeting begins at noon with light refreshments.

Dec. 12

• Listeners can hear tales from ancient times when people used their imaginations to create stories of characters in the sky at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, at 3:30 p.m. This program is for children ages 4 to 6 with an adult. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens.

Dec. 16

• The Mountaintide Senior Citizen Club will have its annual Christmas luncheon at noon at the Pantagis Renaissance restaurant in Scotch Plains. Reservations can be made by calling Loretta Buschman at 232-1404.

• The Mountaintide Newcomers Club will have its final Ladies Night Out of the year as a wine and cheese message evening to relax and visit with friends. All are invited to take a break from the stress of the holiday preparations. For more information and reservations call Carole Cahill at (908) 233-8426.

Dec. 19

• At 2 p.m., visitors to the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can look at how people through the ages have been using the sky as a seasonal calendar to know when to plant crops and hunt migrating animals. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. This program is ages 6 and up.

• The Mountaintide Newcomers Club will sponsor a visit to members' homes by Santa Claus. For more information call Doreen Lane at (908) 789-9717.

Dec. 22

• Handel's "Messiah" concert will be presented by the Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path, at 8 p.m.

Memorial Fund. Balber, a long time local resident, was active in all library issues. Because of his actions on behalf of the county system and of local libraries in Essex County, the New Jersey State Library Association awarded him its Library Service Award in 1988.

This program is free and open to all. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library at 66 Mountain Ave. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

• Funding for this program has been provided by the A. Leigh Balber

'Grandpa Sid' shares stories, songs

"Grandpa Sid," played by Springfield resident Sid Frank, will tell stories and play songs for kids at the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Free Public Library at 2 p.m., Dec. 12.

Frank has written the scripts for about 40 children's long-playing records containing hundreds of songs for which he has written the lyrics. The program will consist of selections from this material.

"Grandpa Sid" will tell his own stories, play his own songs and put on his own silly hats. He will tell about Pinocchio, Uncle Barnaby and the Good Pond from "Babel in Toyland," Johnny Appleseed, Paul Bunyan, Babe the Blue Ox and why witches take "mean pills."

Frank has a long career in theater and recording. He wrote the book and lyrics for a series of educational musical presentations including "Jerz," about North Carolina; "One for Good Mea-

sure," an introduction to the metric system and "They knew New Brunswick," for the city's centennial.

Also done by Frank are "Gold Pieces" and "The Wizard of Oz," both children's musicals. Frank has written lyrics for songs recorded by Johnny Ray, Frank Sinatra, Billy Eckstine and Sarah Vaughn.

He is the author of books such as "The Presidents," "Tribits and Trivits" and "Howard the Horrible Horse." His contribution to education includes "The Talking Map," "The World of the Birds" and "World of Weather & Trip to the Moon."

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NEWS CLIPS

Township hosts lighting for holiday celebrations

The Springfield holiday lighting celebration will be Monday at 6 p.m. on the lawn in front of Town Hall. Residents are invited to light the decorations and enjoy carolling by local groups and a special visit with a friend. Everyone is then welcome to fire headquarters immediately following the celebration. Hot chocolate, cider and donuts will be served. Refreshments are sponsored by the Fireman's Benevolent Association Local 57.

For more information call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 467-4608.

Girl Scouts collect coats

The Mountaintide Girl Scouts will be collecting coats for kids during the Mountaintide tree lighting celebration, Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Coats should be in clean and good condition. For those who would like to donate but who cannot attend the tree lighting, drop off donations of coats, hats scarves and gloves at the Community Presbyterian Church, Meeting House Lane and Deer Path.

Lessons are offered for library on-line catalog

Residents can learn to use the new graphical on-line catalog at the Springfield Free Public Library. During the one-hour session, visitors can learn how to locate all of the items in the collection including books, videos, audiotapes and compact discs.

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:

- Today from 7 to 8 p.m.
 - Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:40 p.m.
- To register call (973) 376-4930, ext. 28.

County posts schedule for local leaf collection

Leaf collection along county roads is under way. The county's Division of Public Works is trying to keep to the following schedule but may be behind by a day or two.

The following county roads are scheduled in Springfield and Mountaintide for a second leaf pickup:

Mountaintide
• Springfield Avenue from the Westfield line to the Springfield line, Dec. 16.

• Mountain Avenue from Route 22 to the Westfield line, Dec. 16.

• New Providence Road from Coles Avenue to Summit Road, Dec. 17.

• New Providence Road from Mountain Avenue to Tracy Drive, Dec. 17.

• Summit Lane from New Providence Road to Tanger Way, Dec. 17.

• Tanger Way from Deer Path to Coles Avenue, Dec. 20.

• Sky Top Road from Coles Avenue to Glenside Avenue, Dec. 20.

• Tracy Drive from Deer Path to Glenside Avenue, Dec. 20.

• Ackerman Avenue from Coles Avenue to Deer Path, Dec. 20.

• Coles Avenue from New Providence Road to Sky Top Road, Dec. 21.

• Summit Road from the Springfield line to Route 22, Dec. 22.

Springfield
• Shunpike Road from Orchard Street to South Springfield Avenue, Jan. 3.

• Mountain Avenue from Morris Avenue to Route 22, Jan. 4.

• Morris Avenue from the Summit line to the Summit line, Jan. 6.

• Bahusor Road from Summit Road to the Summit line, Jan. 7.

• Main Street from Morris Avenue to the Essex County line, Jan. 10.

• Hillside Avenue from Mountain Avenue to Route 22, Jan. 11.

• South Springfield Avenue from the Mountaintide line to Mountain Avenue, Jan. 12.

• South Springfield Avenue from the Mountaintide line to Mountain Avenue, Jan. 12.

• Meisel Avenue from South Springfield Avenue to Morris Avenue, Jan. 14.

Borough library sponsors book donation drive
The Mountaintide Public Library is conducting the 1999 Books for Kids donation drive. Participants can give a child the gift of reading by bringing a new book to the library collection box.

The collection box is located at the main entrance to the library. Books for children from birth to age 14 are needed.

For more information call Linda Corona, public services librarian, at (908) 233-0115.

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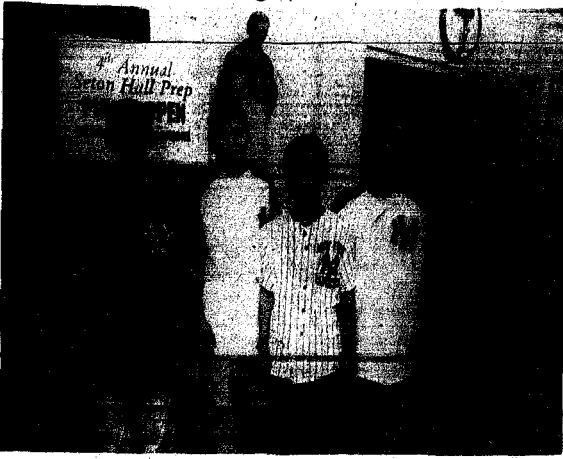
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General knowledge



The Academic Team of Deerfield School, comprised of, from left, David Apigo, Make Amale, Michael Biel and Justin Police celebrate their competition with Seton Hall Preparatory School Director of Admission and Tournament Co-Chairman Matt Cannizzo. The team recently made its way through four rounds of competition to reach the quarterfinal round in Seton Hall Prep's fourth annual Pirate Open Academic Tournament. Twenty-one middle schools sent teams of four boys, plus alternates, to test their academic skills in math, English, science, geography, history, current events and general knowledge.

Foreign films continue at library

The 1998 Russian film "A Friend of the Deceased," will be shown at the Springfield Free Public Library Dec. 16 at noon and 7 p.m.

"A Friend of the Deceased," is directed by Vyacheslav Krizhtofovich. This dark comedy, combining grim humor, drama, suspense and political satire, can be likened to Warren Beatty's "Bulworth." A depressed, unemployed Ukrainian translator hires a contract killer to put him out of his misery.

frantically tries to cancel the contract but discovers he can't. His only hope is to hire a second hit-man to do away with the original — and quickly. This film received an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Language Picture.

The next film in this series will be "Western," French, 1998. It will be shown March 16, 2000 at noon and 7 p.m.

Funding for this series has been made possible in part by the New Jersey state Council of the Arts, Department of State, through a grant

administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. It also has been funded in part by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

Admission is free to all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing.

Ahold battle continues in township

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

A long-running zoning battle between the Township of Springfield and the Netherlands-based company Royal Ahold still has not been settled. Royal Ahold, best known for its ownership of Edwards Food Stores, planned earlier in the year for an \$7,000-square-foot Edwards supermarket at 90 Millburn Ave., a site formerly occupied by Saks Fifth Avenue. But a zoning variance has put the project on hold and sent both factions to court.

A Springfield zoning official ruled earlier this year that two zoning variances obtained by Saks Fifth Avenue in 1986 and 1988 did not pass on to the Dutch company when it acquired the property.

The 1986 variance allowed Saks to extend its business from a commercial zone into a residential zone. The 1988 variance allowed the store's addition

also to enter the residential zone. Royal Ahold officials lodged an appeal with the township's Zoning Board of Adjustment, which subsequently upheld the official's decision.

Royal Ahold then filed an appeal before Superior Court Judge John Pisansky.

Pisansky ruled in favor of Royal Ahold in July 1998, citing the company's proposed use as similar to that of Saks' retail clothing operation. The Springfield Zoning Board was summarily ordered to begin site plan hearings. Royal Ahold began presenting its application that same month.

However, attorneys representing Springfield, Millburn and Village Supermarkets/Shop Rite immediately filed a suit in Appellate Court to have Pisansky's ruling reversed. The Appellate Court ruled unanimously that Pisansky's decision was in error. Royal Ahold in turn filed an appeal to the state Supreme Court.

Attorneys representing Royal Ahold argued their case before the state's high court Nov. 8. According to Township Attorney Bruce Bergen, a decision on the matter will be handed down sometime "within the next 12 months."

A second hearing, involving the rezoning of the property, was originally scheduled for Nov. 15. Bergen said the hearing has been re-scheduled for Monday.

The new zoning ordinance allows the front portion of the property to remain in a commercial zone, although limiting the size of any building constructed there to only 7,000 square feet, considerably smaller than the size Royal Ahold has planned for its supermarket. The rear portion of the tract also has been rezoned, for the construction of an affordable housing complex.

Parents debate mandated uniforms

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what to do if we can't establish a population," Keshish said.

Cleghorn said he faced a similar flurry of challenges.

"We started with our uniform policy in the K-5 program," he said. "The principals and the school board are both behind it. We have 2,500 students and right now we only have one student who isn't conforming. Our community believes in our policy and, as administrators, we do what our community wants us to."

Of the one student who is not conforming, Cleghorn said the child is kept inside during recess, a point that irked one parent, who called it a "punishment."

"This is a mandatory uniform, and a test case for us," Cleghorn said, avoiding the word "punishment."

"The parent made the decision to opt out. We're not taking away the

child's education, but the law does give us the power to keep him inside during recess."

Cleghorn's response provoked an

response from another parent, who attempted to paint the state of Pennsylvania in an unflattering light.

"No one will be punished for not dressing uniformly," Tauscher said. "If the district had a uniform dress code, it would be because the parents wanted it."

Cleghorn added the survey sent out to his own district came back 7-to-1 in favor of the code. As for whether the dress code has had any positive effect on safety or academics in the Ridley School District, Cleghorn said, "Can we prove it? No."

"It's true that there's no validated information on this subject," Schaller said, "which is why we wanted to talk to you about it tonight."

"I feel this topic of school uniforms

is masking the real subject," one parent said near the end of the evening. "The children have issues coping with each other and learning how to disagree — that's the real subject. We need to teach them ways to solve these issues."

Landis, an eighth-grader, spoke about teasing and dress codes. "I feel that the idea of uniforms reflecting a student's academic ability is nonsense," he said. "I'm not concerned with fashion. I feel I reflect my individuality in my clothing. I don't want to look like everyone else."

Landis, who wears his hair spiked and wears numerous accessories around the fingers and wrists, added, "I get teased, but after a while you learn to let teasing slide. People are just saying things from their point of view. I see what I want to see in myself."

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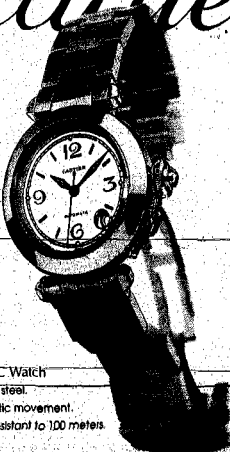
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EDITORIALS

Light one candle

Beginning at sundown tomorrow, throughout the world, menorahs will be lit to begin celebrating the miracle of Hanukkah — when a small amount of oil, only enough to last one day, burned for eight days.

In the fourth century B.C., Greek armies invaded Jerusalem and surrounding areas, forcing Jews to convert and abandon their beliefs and rituals. Judah the Maccabee helped lead forces against the invaders and fought to reclaim the Jewish temple. Hanukkah is celebrated to remember the Maccabees, their fight for independence and the miracle that burned brightly.

To light the candles for Hanukkah, the shamash, an extra candle, is used. With this tool, the flame is spread to ignite the other candles. During Hanukkah this year, we all should serve as the shamash. We should be the flames who illuminate others.

As gifts are opened and traditional potato pancakes are dipped in applesauce, we should pledge to make a difference in the life of a child. It is easy to make a New Year's resolution to volunteer and then forget that commitment when the champagne wears off. This year, make it a Hanukkah resolution during this season of giving.

Get involved. Witness the difference you can make in a child's life. The more you care, the more that child will flourish and grow. Provide the spark that will ignite creativity, kindness, independence and courage. This volunteerism can be performed through a school or a religious or social organization. No matter by what means, let us not waste the opportunity we have to light one candle, to give of ourselves to a child.

This message is not limited to Jews celebrating Hanukkah. Everyone, everywhere, can celebrate miracles. Together, all of us should become small miracles to children in need. By lighting one candle, by affecting one child, the flame will grow. That child will, in turn, become the shamash and spread the warmth of your miracle.

We wish our Jewish readers a Happy Hanukkah.

Going for three in a row

The Union County Board of Freeholders does not waste much time. The first regular meeting after the election and on the agenda is an \$875 salary increase for board members. It's not something that is mentioned as part of a campaign platform, is it?

A pay hike of \$875 is not much when one considers the county has a budget of more than a quarter of a billion dollars. For all nine freeholders, the raises come to a total of \$7,875; less than 0.003 percent of the budget. Eight thousand dollars is not going to make anyone's taxes drop, but it may provide something extra for a local Project Graduation, a few more trees on Arbor Day or equipment for a dilapidated playground.

One may make the argument that the salaries should be competitive with other freeholder boards across the state. That would be true if the salary had anything to do with attracting people to the position, as is the case with any regular job; but not in this case.

Union County's freeholders do well relative to other freeholder boards. They rank seventh in the state, a few thousand dollars above the average and in the range of several other counties, including Morris, Monmouth, Passaic and Ocean. The increase would push them past most counties settled in the middle of the rankings to fourth, trailing only Essex, Hudson and Bergen.

When was the last time a freeholder candidate campaigned on the platform, "I really could use the money." Local elected officials, if they are paid at all, generally don't increase their salaries or stipends very often.

Assemblymen and state senators have not received salary increases in nearly a decade. The president of the United States was awarded his first pay raise in many years. Elected office has never been about the money, but the power it wields and the privilege to serve fellow residents. Or maybe it's just something about voting on your own raise.

We could challenge the three freeholders who are running for re-election next year to vote against the salary increases when it is heard for final adoption Dec. 9. But seeing how all nine freeholders agreed on all but a handful of the hundreds of items they voted on this year, it would be a safe bet that they're all in agreement on this as well. Besides that, with Democrats controlling all the seats, such a move would be virtually meaningless since there still would be enough votes to get the increases passed.

With three consecutive years of salary increases, one might get the idea the freeholders have become accustomed to it, so much so that it is an annual rite. We hope not.



FAMILY FUN — Fifth-grade students from Springfield's Florence M. Gaudinaker School and their parents enjoy one of the many activities provided at the recent fifth grade Family Night as part of Red Ribbon Week. These activities focused on increasing student awareness of the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Remember, people, it was only a dialogue

Back in the spring, a forum on school safety was held in Mountain-side. Among the many topics discussed were school uniforms.

Parents indicated an interest in hearing more about the uniform issue, and Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller and Board of Education President Pat Tieschner obliged. A dialogue on the subject was held last Tuesday night in the Deerfield cafeteria.

Both Schaller and Tieschner assured the gathering that the meeting was only a dialogue. No decision regarding uniforms had been made. They made this pronouncement at least 10 times between them.

"It didn't matter: it was torches and pitchforks all the way." The evening's oddities began with a complaint about an anonymous clothing survey sent by the school to the parents. The survey, which covered all the bases — from awareness

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

of designer labels to how much is spent on clothes for children and how often — offended one parent, who described it as "too personal."

Deerfield's assistant principal, Elizabeth Keshish, who presented the results of the survey, pointed out that the survey was anonymous.

How "personal" is an "anonymous" survey? Not very. I was glad, for the sake of my job, that I was able to squeeze a pencil between my gums and not embarrass this person by publicly defining the word "anonymous" for them.

But I'll do it now. Madam, wherever you are, if you're reading this, to be "anonymous" means your identity is concealed.

P.S. You weren't forced to answer anyway.

In another absurd, and rude, moment, John Cleghorn of the Ridley School District in Pennsylvania, who had been invited to the forum by Schaller, was assaulted as he described the uniform dress code used by his district. One parent seated behind me actually attempted to discredit Cleghorn's dress code by citing the Quaker State's hunting law as a primary example of the psychological difference between New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The reader may ask what a hunting law has to do with school uniform dress codes. That's an excellent question. I don't know. No one in the place knew. Cleghorn, who had driven from

suburban Philadelphia to offer his experience in the matter of dress codes, didn't know either, but he kept a polite face.

I had to hand it to this guy. He could take it. Most of the audience didn't listen to him; they grilled him like salmon.

Near the end of the meeting, one gentleman stood and apologized to Cleghorn on behalf of the gathering for "the weirdness in this room tonight." For that he received a round of applause. It was well-deserved.

Clearly, a good percentage of this well-intentioned meeting arrived with knives in their teeth, prepared to defend — what? No one said, "These are the uniforms and ambards your children will be wearing beginning tomorrow." What was said, again and again, was, "This is only a dialogue."

But few listened. Most just reacted. Just like children.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No-shows show lack of commitment

To the Editor:

Pathetic. That's the only way to describe the Springfield Township Committee's commitment to healing and rebuilding.

After all the bad feelings generated by their actions, or would it be more proper to say by their inactions, in regard to charges and countercharges of employee misconduct, one would think they would make an all-out effort to stand up and be counted in the only township venue promoting healing, family and good will. I refer, of course, to Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

This year the committee had no representation at the service at all. The official reason for the no-shows was that the service conflicted with a scheduled executive meeting. Wish could buy that excuse, but the Ecumenical Council offered to change the time of the service to meet the needs of our very busy township leaders with no response. Why am I not surprised?

One of the readings offered at the service was: "Let us then as people set our faces resolutely against evil, and with broad charity, with kindness and good will toward all, but with unflinching determination to smite down wrong, let us strive with all the strength that is given us for righteousness in public and in private life."

How poignant for all that has transpired in Springfield. How sad for the people of Springfield.

Shelley Gornstein
Springfield

Funding rules department attacks

To the editor:

It amazes me that the Justice Department would go after Microsoft with the tenacity of their attack at Waco, Texas, while the Federal Trade Commission approves the merger in the monopoly-ridden oil industry of Exxon and Mobil.

I guess Bill Gates forgot to convince those buddhist nuns to make some campaign contributions.

Frank Marchese
Mountainside

Will salaries lead to pension plans?

To the Editor:

I'm neither for nor against any salaries for Mountainside Borough Council members. I do think they should be reimbursed for any "out of pocket" expenses related to their posts.

My question is, will any salary build up to any retirement pension, however small? If so, I would recommend opposition since there are others that would probably serve gratuitously, particularly Democrats.

Joseph Chiappa
Mountainside

Students thankful for families, values

To the Editor:

Editor's note: The following letters were submitted by seventh-graders at Mountainside's Deerfield School.

I am thankful for my positive attitude, which looks upon others with a true recognition of their feelings, dreams and accomplishments. I tend to look at the good side of people and ignore the negative side. In general, I find it easier to be nice to others. I hope to be greeted and accepted in the same manner. If others are not as pleasant, I feel they are not happy with themselves. They tend to deal with their problems and prior disappointments by talking about on others, sometimes just to boost their self-esteem.

In life you will meet many different people. Sometimes it takes a long period

of time before you get to know the personality of someone you first meet. That is why it is not right to judge someone too quickly. If you show kindness to them, you might be surprised of the outcome. Being kind to others makes this world a nicer place to be in. I guess you might say, I'm thankful for being me!

Michael Rossi

My life is full of things that make me thankful. Here are the ones that I feel are the most important.

In life I am thankful for my family and friends. They are a great part of my life. Shelter, food and clothing are also some main things that I am thankful for. Something that not all children have, that I am extremely thankful for, is my education at Deerfield School in Mountainside. Computers, telephones and all of the other great technology out in our world today are a major part of my life. Last, but not least, I am thankful for my parents who have always been there for me.

As I said before I am thankful for many things. One that I did not mention is, my life.

Jessica Gelsion

In my life I am thankful for many things, but the biggest things I am thankful for are just having a home and food to eat. Many children and adults in this world don't even have a home to go to or food to eat. It really makes me feel special when I go to the dinner table on Thanksgiving and have food in front of me. Many people even in the United States don't even have food to eat on Thanksgiving.

I am also thankful for many other things. I am thankful for having many different gifts that my parents have given me. Sports tickets and basketballs are the presents that I treasure the most. I am thankful for having clothes to wear. In some Third World countries, they have to wear the same clothes every day. Being thankful is very important because you have to cherish the possessions you have now. You might not have them later in life.

Evian Kaplan

As we get older, life becomes more and more complicated and extremely busy. It is very easy when things go wrong for us to complain and not appreciate what we have. What we forget is to look around us, to the people we share our lives with, friends and family, and realize how lucky we are to have them. Also, to appreciate all the small things: the sky, trees, parks and sunsets.

My family has always been the strength behind my accomplishments. They give me the encouragement, the eagerness and the stability I need to be a success. My grandparents and I have a very special bond. I spend a lot of time with them over the summers.

My cousins and I also spend a lot of time together. We have created memories that we will treasure for the rest of our lives. My aunts and uncles also have a very important part in my life. Of course I am grateful to my parents for all they do; for their children are the center of their world. But how many people can say that they are close to their aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins?

Besides my family, I am thankful for being blessed with the ability to dance. Through all my years of training, I have come very far, and I am willing to go the distance.

Therefore, I ponder and count all the numerous wonderful people and things in my life. I am deeply grateful for them all. I hope I never lose sight of what's truly meaningful and important in my life.

Brittany Bento

"Threats cannot suppress the truth."

—Ida B. Wells
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"No, I don't feel safe. Although I rarely travel on planes."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thankful lists grow more each year

To the Editor: The following letters were written by seventh-graders at Mountainside's Deerfield School.

I am thankful all year round for what I have and who I'm with. But during the Thanksgiving season, especially, I show that thanks and joy.

Now I will tell you what I am thankful for. My family goes to Grandma's house on Thanksgiving each year. My mother and I prepare some food to bring. When we arrive, we are embraced by the ones we all love and respect.

Just being with my family and talking about what's going on in our lives makes me feel relaxed and comfortable. We sit around a wooden table as we talk, but not for long because we need to help Grandma finish cooking the meal, and then we help set the table.

Afterward, I sit down on the couch to think, and then I look up to watch cartoons with my brothers. When it is time to eat, I say a prayer out loud as my family listens. My aunts, uncles, mother, father, brothers and grandmother, all gathered, start to eat. We talk about a lot of different things and are very open to each other.

At this moment of Thanksgiving Day, I feel completely content and happy. I am thankful that I have a family, shelter and food. In conclusion, I am thankful for a lot, and my list just keeps growing.

Julia Arpino

There are many things throughout the world that I am thankful for. However, there are three main things I cherish most. These are my family that gives me a home to live in, my country, the United States of America, and human rights.

The most important thing to me is my family. Love, support and encouragement are just a few things they give me to help me get through each day. My parents give me a house where I feel safe and comfortable, protected from the dangerous streets. This place I know I belong, and I can call it my own. They do many things for me such as buy me games and music and take me to sports games, to name a few. They help me improve my weaknesses and give me constructive criticism to make me a better person both physically and mentally.

My country, the United States of America, is another thing I am very proud to be a part of. Although we are weak in some areas, the United States has many benefits that make it a great place to be able to call home. Freedom, justice and human rights are just a few of the important qualities the United States gives its citizens, as well as its visitors.

Human rights are things many countries fail to give their people. They are threatened, harassed and tortured by the government, especially the police. These countries are extremely strict, and they usually don't give people fair trials to prove innocence and don't give them the protection offered in the United States. They are often falsely accused for doing absolutely nothing. Human rights are some of the most important things given to United States citizens, and they learn how lucky they are.

Having a loving and successful family and living in a free country are two of the many things I am most thankful for. I cherish them deeply, and I realize many other people aren't offered the opportunities of living with the protection of rights and having a home. Therefore, I am thankful for these things.

Christy McCurdy

I am thankful for many different things. They are all very important to me, and I care for them very much. I don't think I would have many of the things I have now, or I don't think I would live the same way I do now without them.

One of the things I am thankful for is my friends. They all mean so much to me. Most of them help me do the right things. In return, I do the same for them.

Family is another thing I am thankful for. Without it I could never be the way I am now. My family is great to me, and I return my gratitude to them. Sometimes I think about what I would do without my family, and I don't think I would survive because you need at least one person in your family to help you through tough times.

Artistry brightens hospital walls, raises funds

Black and white photography by Jeremiah Bean of Roselle Park, the nostalgic paintings of Donald B. David of Scotch Plains, and elementary education art projects completed by the students of Linda Tarantino of Warren will be on display in the exhibition hallway at Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, throughout December and January.

According to photographer Bean, taking pictures has always been his first love. While in high school, Bean worked for a public relations agency where he gained experience by going on assignment with freelance photographers. After graduation, he worked as a photographer for the Tanglewood Music Festival in Massachusetts, the summer home of the Boston Pops Orchestra.

His work has been displayed in galleries including the Bergen Museum of Arts and Science, the gallery at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Leica Gallery in Englewood and the Union County Art Center.

Bean will exhibit 30 to 35 black and white images taken while traveling in Europe. These include people and street scenes he photographed in Italy, Paris, London, Water and Hawaii.

David discovered his gift for art as a young child. He used a pad and pencil as an outlet to deal with recuperation from surgeries for a bone infection. "I began exploring with rich silver-gray tones," David said. "That launched a lifelong journey leading to the seductive allure of traditional oils."

He later received formal art training at the New England School of Art in Boston and DuCret School of Art in Plainfield and received a degree in occupational therapy from Kean University in Union.

David will be showing about 15 pieces, two of which have been painted specifically for the Children's Specialized Hospital exhibit. He focuses on creating photo-realistic images that date from the 1940s and 1950s, such as diners, movie marquees and soda fountains. David also will show several photo-realistic paintings of local interest including the Westfield Firehouse.

Education Specialist Tarantino will display "monster art" — foam and water color representations and paper doll collages — created by her college students studying art for elementary education at City University of New York.

My home and its surroundings are very important to me, as well. I can see that my family and friends are very lucky to live like we do now. I am very thankful we have such good living standards. I could never imagine myself trying to survive without some of the things we have now.

This also relates to how I'm thankful that I'm not spoiled. I mean by this that I wouldn't want to be put in a situation with low economy or bad living standards and never survive. I think that would be tough, but I'm glad I don't have many things, that if I lost one of them, I could be able to stand it.

Really, I am thankful that everything is good for everyone once in a while, but there are always down sides to make us realize to try again or that not everything is perfect.

So you see, I have many things I am thankful for. Although they are different reasons to be thankful, they share one important similarity: they will always help me in one way or another. I hope other people realize what kinds of things are important such as the ones I mentioned.

Kathie Checklth

I am thankful for my parents. My parents have always been there for me. They always listen when I need to talk, care when I am scared, and heal me when I am sick or hurt. My parents always give me comfort when I need it. They give me everything I need to live in peace and happiness. Without them I have nothing to be grateful for. That is why I am thankful for these two very important people in my life.

Jennifer Hauser

I am thankful for my family. My father is smart, and helps me with my homework. My mother helps me whenever I have a problem. My sister reminds me to smile. My grandparents fill me with hope and joy.

I am thankful for the food that nurtures me. I'm thankful for my house: It keeps me nice and warm on a cold winter night. I am thankful for all of my possessions.

Petro Neto

There are many things to be thankful for. Being thankful is like a rainbow after a rainstorm. If someone is thankful and has a positive attitude, they might have a lot of friends. People can be thankful for many things.

I would like to tell you about what I am thankful for. First, I am thankful for my two brothers, David and Anthony. Even though we don't really get along, I love them a lot. Muffin, my pet dog, Mertle and Dumpling, my pet turtles, are the second things I am thankful for. Whenever I am bored or lonely they give me companionship. My mom and dad are two special people I am thankful for. I love my mother and father because they care and love me.

People should be thankful for every day they are alive. We should be thankful for many things on earth.

Gabrielle Apigo

As Thanksgiving approached, I started thinking about how thankful I should be. I have perfect health, my family has enough money for basic needs and, on top of all that, I have a lot of fun.

First, I am thankful to have two loving parents who take care of me. My Mom has made me breakfasts, lunches and dinners for as long as I can remember. Mom and Dad also take care of me when I'm sick. My Dad has taken me to sporting events, as well as coaching my little league teams. He also taught me how to sail our boat; it's really fun.

Secondly, I am thankful for my sister because when I'm not fighting with her I surprisingly have a good time with her.

Finally, I am thankful for my friends because they are very important to me. They comfort me when I am going through a tough time and they always have a hysterical joke to tell.

As you can see, friends and family are the two things I am most thankful for.

Morgan Starkey

On Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m., patients at Children's Specialized Hospital and their siblings will be invited to create their own art modeled after the projects of Tarantino's students. She noted the paintings are inspired by a children's book that will be read. The "monsters" are created by using water colors and foam pieces, which are designed for ease of use by patients that may have difficulty handling brushes.

"I came up with the idea to include patients' siblings, and everyone seemed excited," Tarantino said. "I felt that the siblings are always at odds with the child who is sick even though they love them."

Tarantino, an accomplished educator, family counselor and artist, also has recently completed a sea-theme mural at the hospital's recreation center as a gift to the children.

The exhibition is open to the public, free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily, at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road. Visitors are requested to enter the hospital through the Ambulance Entry.

The artist's works are offered for sale. A portion of the sale proceeds will benefit the hospital.

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OBITUARIES

Anne Isaacson

Anne Isaacson, 87, a member of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Ahim in Springfield, died Nov. 16 at home in Livingston.

A member of the National Chapter of Hadassah, Mrs. Isaacson was a past president of the Maplewood Chapter and founded its junior chapters in Maplewood and South Orange in 1956.

She was a member of the Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Abraham. Mrs. Isaacson was also a member of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Ahim in Springfield, where she was a member of its choir and voted Woman of the Year in 1987.

Mrs. Isaacson was a Girl Scout leader and president of the Parent-Teacher Association at the Tuscan School in Maplewood. She held educational seminars for Jewish groups in Essex County.

Born in Newark, she lived in Maplewood for many years before moving to Livingston.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Rosenbaum; a sister, Evelyn Rosner; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Beverly B. Pettit

Beverly B. Pettit, 73, of Summit died Nov. 21 in the Berkeley Convalescent Center, Berkeley Heights.

Born in New York, Miss Pettit moved to Summit 41 years ago. She was an optician with H.C. Deuchler, Summit, for 14 years and retired in 1989. Previously, Miss Pettit had been employed by Anspach Bros., Summit, for 26 years.

Surviving is a sister, Joan Hardesty.

George A. Schenack

George A. Schenack, 51, of Wayne, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 22 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Schenack lived in Springfield before moving to Wayne eight years ago. He worked out of his home as a service printing and program analyst for Compucorp Inc., Dallas, Texas.

Surviving are his wife, Judith A.; his mother, Wilma Schenack; and three sisters, Doris Holler, Irene Kirchner and Evelyn.

Eleanor Wendland

Eleanor Wendland, 82, of Manasquan, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 17 in Brack Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Wendland lived in Springfield before moving to Manasquan several years ago. Surviving are a son, Arthur H.; a daughter, Dawn Newman; three sisters, Grace Murphy, Mabel Barabado and Doris Robinson; a brother, Charles Murray; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Angelina Puzella, 88

Angelina Puzella, 88, of Summit died Nov. 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Puzella lived in Italy for 43 years before returning to Summit in 1954. She organized annual collections to help needy churches in Italy.

Surviving are her husband, Angelo; two brothers, four sisters, three grandchildren—and a great-grandchild.

Elvira B. LeCarl

Elvira B. LeCarl, 94, of Summit died Nov. 23 in the Garden Terrace Nursing Home, Chatham.

Mrs. LeCarl worked for Bell Telephone Co., Newark, for 38 years and retired in 1969. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America of the Bell Telephone Co. Mrs. LeCarl also was a member of the Senior Citizens, the Golden Age Senior Citizens and the American Association of Retired Persons, all in Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Jean Holmes; a son, John F.; four sisters, Margaret Kitchell, Josephine Flynn, Elinor Vibbert and Marion Triebe; a brother, Frank L. Breen, and four grandchildren.

Norah McGuire

Norah McGuire, 73, of Summit died Nov. 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Birmingham, England, Mrs. McGuire lived in Brooklyn before moving to Summit four years ago. She served in the Home Guard in England during World War II and during the bombing blitz, she traveled from house to house treating the wounded.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis W. and Richard J.; a sister, Bettine Jones, and eight grandchildren.

Rita Eidenberger

Rita Eidenberger, 71, of Summit died Nov. 24 in Runkells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

Eidenberger lived in Gratton, Wis., before moving to Summit 20 years ago.

Surviving—is a sister, Dorothea Rosmer.

Ellen Brown

Ellen Brown, 38, of Plainville, N.Y., formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 26 in the North Shore Hospital, Oyster Bay, N.Y.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Brown lived in Springfield before moving to Plainville 10 years ago. She was a self-employed physical therapist in Plainville. Mrs. Brown was a graduate of Ithaca College in New York. Surviving are her husband, Robert; a son, Matthew; a daughter, Hattie; her parents, Dr. Mervin Zitomer and Marilyn Zitomer; a brother, Roy Zitomer; a sister, Mandy Freedlund; and her grandparents, Pearl Zitomer and Goldie Glasston.

Margaret Hetz

Margaret Hetz, 87, of Springfield died Nov. 26 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Hetz lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield in 1962. She was a sales associate with B. Altman & Co., Short Hills, for 10 years and retired 10 years ago. Earlier, Mrs. Hetz had been a secretary with First Fidelity Bank, Newark, for 14 years and retired in 1977.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy H. Sieffert, and two grandchildren.

Vivian Levine

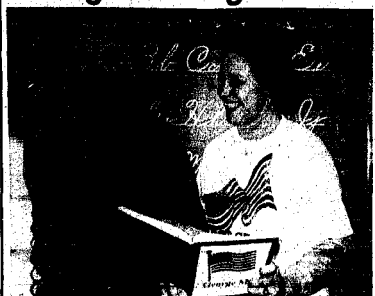
Vivian Levine, 76, of Mountainside died Nov. 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Chateaugay, N.Y., Mrs. Levine lived in Springfield before moving to Mountainside 33 years ago.

She was a supervisor at Investment Casting Corp., Springfield, for 38 years and retired in 1986.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph; a son, Dr. Arthur Levine; two brothers, Ross and Ambrose Ezro, and two grandchildren.

Giving their regards



Franklin School fifth-grade teacher Ron Wells, left, reviews some critical scenes with first-grade teacher Loreli Stochaj. Wells is the stage manager and Stochaj will be a dresser for some of the 400 costume changes anticipated for the 60-member cast of this weekend's Summit Centennial Musical, 'George M!'

SAGE holds story hour

"If you give a mouse a cookie..." she asked expectantly, flipping pages toward the conclusion of the story, and waiting for the excitement of a choiced response.

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This is story hour at Summit's SAGE Spend-a-Day, 550 Springfield Ave. in Berkeley Heights, where children laugh-and-sing-dance-and-paint. Beginning at 10:45 a.m. every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, they read and listen to stories — new and old favorites — while giving and taking a hug or a kiss from the new friends they've made with Spend-a-Day adults.

"Although decades — possibly even a century — may separate their generations, the joy and excitement they share at SAGE story hour makes it one of the most enriching activities for both the children and the SAGE older adults who participate," said Summit resident Elizabeth Nolan, a SAGE board member who founded the program.

Tish Isack, director of Spend-a-Day, agreed. "The children have a great opportunity to build meaningful relationships with folks at Spend-a-Day, who in turn enjoy sharing their old-time stories and playing Grandma and Grandpa while the children are here."

Isack also said for several Spend-a-Day clients who join story hour, the activity brings them sweet memories of early days — some as young parents and some as town librarians and even school teachers — reading to children who today are grown and possibly parents themselves. SAGE story hour is open to children and their parents and their parents who are looking for an activity to share together. Story hour also provides a perfect opportunity for preschools and child care centers to plan field trips for groups of eight to 10 children. It's a time to come and have fun, read, sing, make ice cream, paint and dance in a relaxed environment that allows children of any age to feel comfortable.

According to Nolan, what originally started as an activity for the Newcomer's Club of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights, has become an activity open to all children up to age 4, and their siblings who live in the area.

Nolan coordinates all the children's activities and provides all the books for story hour. Parents can call her at (908) 522-9563 one day in advance to say their children will be attending. Teachers and child care providers are encouraged to contact her a week or two in advance to arrange story hour field trips. SAGE is a private, nonprofit organization that serves as a community resource for elderscare, with services that promote independence and a dignified quality of life for older citizens and their families. SAGE offers 10 programs, including Spend-a-Day adult health center, home care and Meals-on-Wheels, and serves more than 5,200 elders and their families annually in Union, Morris, Somerset, and Essex counties.

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Handel concert planned at Community Presbyterian

Handel's choral masterpiece, the Messiah Concert, will be sponsored by the Community Presbyterian Church, Mountainside, Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. at the church on Deer Path.

"This is always a glorious musical prelude to the celebration of Christmas," said Conductor Brenda Kay Kuclin.

This program has a 27-year history as a highlight of the holiday season and most of the past performances have been held here at the church.

The concert includes a choral ensemble comprised of members of the church and the community, accompanied by a professional instrumental group. As in the past, all are welcome to the performance. It is free of charge to the public. A free will offering will be taken at the concert.

Conductor for this year's presentation, Kuclin was choral director at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School from 1982 to 1998. She has been an active choral singer with numerous concert organizations as singer and soloist at area churches and synagogues.

Solo singers include Andrew Hoydich, "Comfort Ye," recitative for tenor; Laurie Weeks Thomas, "But who may Abide" and "O Thou that Tellest," mezzo-soprano arias; James Flath, "For Behold, Darkness shall Cover the Earth" and "The People that



Brenda Kay Kuclin

Walked in Darkness," recitative and aria for bass; Kristie Weeks Boyce, Angel recitatives and "He shall Feed his Flock/Come unto Him," air for soprano.

Julie Fristensky rounds out the soloists with "Rejoice Greatly," air for soprano.

"The stirring 'Hallelujah Chorus' ends the program with the blending of many voices as Handel's musical magic carries on generation after generation," Kuclin said.

Counting calories



Kenneth Glennon and mother Lisa help each other plan breakfast meals for a bear during American Education Week at Springfield's Thelma L. Sandmeyer School. The children had to plan meals and then use their mathematical skills to make sure the food they selected for the day added up to 9,000 calories.

Three-car collision on Route 22 east

A motorist, attempting to get into the Bally's parking lot on Route 22 east, touched off a three-car accident Nov. 22.

According to reports from the Springfield Police Department, an East Orange resident, driving a 1998 Mazda, crossed at least two lanes of traffic, trying to get into the lot. A Newark resident, driving behind the Mazda in a 1998 Pontiac, followed the Mazda across the highway.

The Pontiac reportedly was half-way in the right lane when it was struck from behind by a Maplewood resident in a 1989 Mercury Sable. The Pontiac allegedly rear-ended the Mazda as the Mazda began entering the Bally's lot. The driver of the Sable reported head and neck pain, but refused medical attention at the scene.

A shoplifter reportedly took four bottles of cologne from Harmon Cosmetics on eastbound Route 22 Nov. 23.

A Westfield resident in a 1993 Mitsubishi reportedly was struck in a hit-and-run incident near the Broad Street exit on Morris Avenue Nov. 22. The Mitsubishi reportedly was hit in the rear by a vehicle that was turning into the store's parking lot.

The driver of the Mitsubishi allegedly pulled over on Cleveland Place and walked back to the scene of the accident to find the other driver gone. There were no injuries. The Mitsubishi sustained damage to its rear passenger side.

Just for Feet allegedly was victimized by an apparent shoplifter. On Nov. 22, a Wilson sweatshirt, along with three Nike shirts and a pair of Nike pants totaling \$187 were reportedly missing.

A former employee of the Leukemia Society of America reportedly damaged one of the society's doors. The door was valued at \$500.

A Union resident parked at 6th Avenue Electronics on Route 22 in Springfield reported the car burglarized Nov. 20. A leather coat and a cellular phone reportedly were stolen. According to police reports, the thief pried open the vehicle's side door and damaged the ignition.

A second motor vehicle burglary

occurred the same day at Bally's across the highway resulting in the loss of a leather coat and a gold chain. Mountainside

Francisco Vazquez, 43, of Newark was arrested on Route 22 Sunday and charged with having a suspended registration and license. He was held on \$200 bail.

Carol Ganczewski of Scotch Plains was stopped Sunday on Route 22 east for speeding and was found to have a suspended license. She was held on \$250 bail.

Plainfield resident Salome Cruz, 33, was arrested on Route 22 west Sunday and charged with driving while intoxicated, police said.

April Moore of Newark was arrested when a computer check revealed her license to be suspended, authorities said.

Wendy Vicente of Linden was stopped on Route 22 east. She was arrested and charged with having both a suspended license and registration, according to reports.

Loyne Hicks, 44, of Irvington, was arrested Nov. 24 after having been identified as a participant in a hit-and-run accident.

Gerard Focelles of Elizabethtown, a passenger in a car that was stopped for having an obstructed view, was arrested Nov. 24 when a computer check revealed warrants out of Roselle.

Nayan Padral of Forest Hills, N.Y., was stopped for speeding. A computer check then revealed a suspended license, police said. He was released on \$250 bail. A court date of Dec. 16 was set.

Brooklyn resident Thurmon Collins was arrested on Route 22 east for filing a false accident report and giving false information, according to police. He also was found to have a suspended license.

Janice Castro of Ellison was arrested on Route 22 and charged with having a suspended license, according to authorities. She also had warrants out of South Plainfield.

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'Ghandi' is next video in library series

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"Gandhi," the winner of eight Academy Awards stars Ben Kingsley and Candice Bergen. In the epic movie, Gandhi's life, principles and power show how this "modern" man led his nation to freedom.

This series continues at noon on the following Tuesdays of every other week as follows:

- Dec. 21: "A River Runs through It," 1992.
 - Jan. 4, 2000: "Philadelphia," 1994.
 - Jan. 18: "Ghosts of Mississippi," 1996.
 - Feb. 1: "A Good as It Gets," 1997.
 - Feb. 15: "My Best Friend's Wedding," 1998.
- Patrons should bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The Springfield Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Panic causes collisions

A motor vehicle accident on Route 24 west at the Route 78 split reportedly resulted in two additional accidents Saturday.

The Springfield Fire Department arrived on the scene at 7:45 a.m. The township's Engine One crew secured the area and stood by as the overturned vehicle, which reportedly had rolled over a guardrail, was lifted, uprighted and loaded onto a flatbed wrecker. A small oil spill was then cleaned by the department. The driver suffered only minor

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scrapes and refused medical attention. There were no passengers.

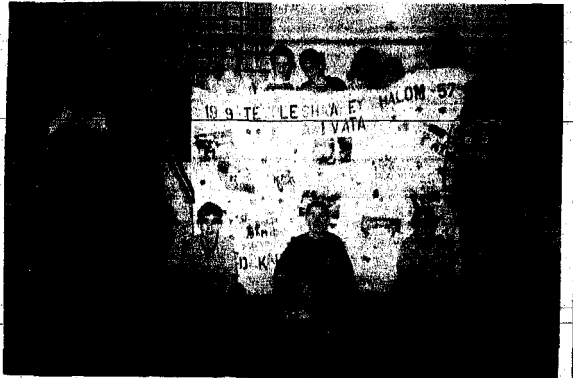
As Engine One attended to the scene, a second accident allegedly took place. A woman, traveling in the left lane, stopped suddenly, causing a rear-end collision. According to Fire Chief William Gras, the woman panicked when she saw the vehicle that had rolled over, thinking it was her son's car.

The collision occurred after the woman exited her vehicle and began making her way toward the scene of the rollover. A wrecker already on the scene from the first accident was used to remove the woman's vehicle. The other vehicle was driven away. The department used Speedy-dry to treat a small gas spill on the roadway, and assisted State Troopers in setting up cones and flares to secure the lane.

A third accident, another rear-end collision, occurred further down the road when two vehicles plowed down the cones and flares placed by police and firefighters. Various fluids were spilled, which the department treated with absorbent. There were no injuries.

- One call for an activated alarm was answered Saturday.
- One motor vehicle accident, one medical service call and one activated alarm were the business of the day Friday.
- Calls for one activated alarm and one medical assist were answered Nov. 25.
- The department responded to Baltusrol Way for a motor vehicle accident Nov. 24. Two calls for activated alarms and two medical service calls also were handled.
- One activated alarm and four medical service calls were placed Nov. 23.

One good turn...



Seventh-graders at Springfield's Temple Sha'aray Shalom present their mitzvah banner for Super Sunday. The class works all year on helping others and "Repairing the World."

Hospital needs volunteers

Children's Specialized Hospital is seeking volunteers, ages 18 and older, to transport patients between therapy appointments within the hospital's Mountainside site.

These "Internal Transporters" are needed between 8:15 and 11:30 a.m. or 12:15 and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The duties and responsibilities of Internal Transporters include transporting children, ages one month through 21 years, to their assigned therapists within the hospital in a safe and timely manner.

Transporters also must be able to communicate in a gentle manner with children, respect the privacy of the patients and abide by the confidentiality policy of the hospital.

The physical demands of the position include walking, bending, stretching and pushing wheelchairs and stretchers.

All volunteer transporters are required to attend an in-service training session and an evening volunteer orientation.

For more information, or to apply, call (908) 233-3720, ext. 5379. Children's Specialized Hospital, New Jersey's first comprehensive rehabilitation hospital dedicated exclusively to children, is an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System.

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STUDENT UPDATE

National Merit recognizes Oratory Prep students

Two seniors from Oratory Preparatory School in Summit have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT which they took in the fall of their junior year.

Jonathan Bober, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Bober of Maplewood, was named a semifinalist in the year 2000 National Merit Scholarship Program. He will continue in the competition and aim for part of the 7,600 awards which will be offered next spring.

Eugene Gillespie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie of Short Hills, was named a Commended Student in the same competition. He placed in the top 5 percent of the more than one million students who took the test. Although he will not continue in the competition for next year's scholarship awards, he has distinguished himself by his high performance on the test.

Bober is a member of Oratory's math and science teams. The National Honor Society student also is president of the school's Math Club. Last spring, he received the Rensselaer Medal for outstanding performance in math and sciences, presented by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He also placed first in the Union County Chemistry I competition at Merck Science Day.

Bober hopes to major in math or engineering at a college such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University or Rutgers University.

Gillespie is editor in chief of *The Omega*, Oratory's school newspaper, and is a member of the Chemistry I and Math teams. He has been on the Economics Team and took part in the FED Challenge, sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. This National Honor Society member has been awarded the Xerox Award for Outstanding Achievement in the humanities and social sciences. His academic achievements are complemented by his sports activities, which include playing football on Oratory's varsity soccer team.

Gillespie plans to attend either the University of Pennsylvania, Yale University, Rutgers University or the University of Virginia-Richmond,



Summit Oratory Preparatory School seniors Eugene Gillespie of Short Hills, left, and Jonathan Bober of Maplewood were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

where he hopes to major in journalism or creative writing.

According to a National Merit Scholarship Corporation spokesperson, "These scholastically talented youth represent a valuable resource to our nation, and it is important to publicly recognize their attainments and to credit schools for the important part they play in their development."

Sayanlar will attend Model U.N. at Harvard

Springfield resident Jason Sayanlar will attend the Model United Nations at Harvard University Dec. 9 through Dec. 12 with DeBarbon.

Sayanlar will represent Bosnia-Herzegovina with six other students.

Local students begin studies at Syracuse

The following Springfield residents are among the 2,700 new first-year and transfer students who have enrolled at Syracuse University for the 1999-2000 school year:

Justin Ashendorf, College of Engineering and Computer Science; Evan Fischebin, College for Human Development; Staci Friedman, College of Arts and Sciences; Nicole Loupis, School of Information Studies; Elizabeth Maltzman, College of Arts and Sciences; George Maudel, College of Arts and Sciences; Joshua Ravitz, Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Mountaineer resident Amelia Brown is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Springfield musician will play at NJPAC

Springfield's Sean Ciallo, a student at The Pingry School in Martinsville, will participate when the school's brass ensemble performs seasonal music and carols at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark on Sunday.

Maltzman, Ravitz earn dean's scholarships

Springfield residents Elizabeth Maltzman and Joshua Ravitz, first-year students, are the recipients of Syracuse University's Dean's Scholarship.

To receive a Dean's Scholarship, students must have strong academic

Seniors organize events

The senior citizens of Springfield are 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.

For more information call Charlotte Fagenbaum at (973) 379-5241.

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Fourth-grade bookworms



Summit's Lincoln-Hubbard School fourth-grader Katie Gilligan joins fellow students to select reading material at the annual Scholastic Book Fair held last month.

Arts center takes dented tour

On Dec. 14, the Friends of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will be in the season with a bus trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art's beloved Cloisters. Participants will enjoy a dented tour of the highlights of the famous art of medieval Europe and revisit the Unicorn tapestries in a holiday atmosphere. Luncheon will follow at La ReFuge Inn, a restored 19th century sea captain's house, now a romantic and elegant French-style Auberge overlooking the harbor on City Island. Sure to delight even the most discerning gourmets, luncheon will include choices of salads, entrees and desserts. Champagne and wine will be available by the glass.

The trip will continue with a visit to the New York Botanical Garden, where visitors will be transported back to the last century. Twinkling lights, festive music and the country's largest Victorian glasshouse will be the backdrop to the fantasy of the Winter Solstice Garden and the model trains winding through the winter landscapes and rustic reproductions of historic buildings, castles and bridges.

The trip is open to the public. A bus will leave at 8 a.m. sharp from behind the A&P in New Providence, returning by 5:30 p.m., party permitting. For more information and reservations call the NJCVA at 273-9121.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" - 242 Shampine Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors: 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 4:30-7:00 PM Family Services at 7:30 PM. Sunday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious studies, July 6, Summer Study mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday, afternoon, for 4-7, and Tuesday evening for post-bar mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-379-0339. Mark Mallick, Rabbi; Richard Nadel, Cantor. Paul M. Pessier, President. Beth Aba as an egalitarian, Conservative temple with programming for all ages. Weekly services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun.-Thurs. 7:45 PM (Shabbat) (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM. Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festivals & Holiday services 9:00 AM. Family and children's services are available regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High Schoolers and pre-High School age children. The synagogue also sponsors a Jewish School Women's League, Men's Club, youth group for girls through twelfth graders, and a new Adult Education program. A Senior's League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during our hours.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHARAY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (703) 379-5377. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi. Avra Dancik, Cantor/Ed Director; Bruce Pittman, President. Sharay's Synagogue is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC).

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, (703) 201-379-4525, Fax: 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yost, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service is held at 10 AM at JONATHAN DAY, TON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 PM.

METHODIST

THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Hill in Springfield, NJ invites all people of all ages and backgrounds to join in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 AM, with childcare available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education opportunities for children begin during the Worship Service with a special

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Erie Place Boulevard and Delaware Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m., the emphasis of the Pastor is always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and worship children's message are memorable! All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many other programs for everyone. Please contact us if you are interested in how we have a "good week". Call the church office at 973-377-1900.

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306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM, Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Special), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass - 9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume September 14th; Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM; Saturday weekday Mass, 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:00 pm Benediction Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

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Sha'arey Shalom hosts 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 and 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 Batsrand, 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.

Tree lighting at the stables

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is sponsoring the county's annual holiday tree lighting ceremony and charity drive on Friday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Watching Stables, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

"There is a lot of fun planned for this festive evening," said Freeholder Chairman Nicholas Santari. "In addition to illuminating a beautiful 30-foot tree, there will be a holiday sing-along, a petting zoo, demonstrations by the K-9 unit of the Union County Sheriff's Office, a mounted drill team presentation by the Watching Stable, a visit from Santa Claus, and refreshments. Those planning to attend this event are encouraged to bring cameras for taking pictures with Santa."

Those who attend are asked to bring an item of canned or dry food, or a wrapped toy in lieu of an admission fee.

"It is important for each of us to remember those who are less fortunate all year-round, but especially in the holiday season. All the items we collect will be distributed to Union County charities."

For more information on the Union County tree lighting ceremony and charity drive call the Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900. In the event of rain, the program will be presented on Saturday at the same time and place.



Above, Springfield's Thelma L. Sandmeier School fourth-graders Max Fishkin, left, and Daniel DeCocco plan a menu fit for a bear. Below, Danielle Montesano, left, and mother Josephine work together on formulating a breakfast plan for a week for their assigned bear. The menus had to be different each day and consist of three foods from different food groups. Parents were invited to the Thelma L. Sandmeier School for American Education Week, Nov. 14 to 20.



Library presents free divorce seminar

The Springfield Free Public Library will present a free seminar today titled "Aspects of Divorce" by Rosalind Mink, esq. of Mink & Melillo, esq. at 7 p.m.

Mink is an attorney who specializes in matrimonial matters and will discuss the grounds for divorce and financial issues in matrimonial litigation.

For more information and reservations call (973) 243-1166.

Woman's Club holds holiday boutique

The Woman's Club of Mountainside will sponsor its holiday boutique luncheon Dec. 15 at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside at noon.

Reservations may be made with Nancy Spadocini at (908) 654-7359 no later than Dec. 10.

The boutique will offer patrons a chance to view pieces by Village Select. It also will feature Pokemon merchandise, attic antiques, crafts and more.

The entertainment for the day will be merriment and jingles music for the holidays.

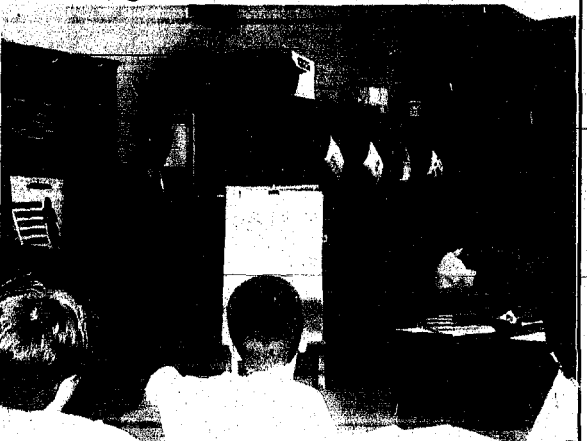
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Investing wisely



Board of Education member Robert Fish, senior vice president of investments with Solomon Smith Barney, presents a program on investing to the grade-six discovery class at Florence M. Gaundineer School in Springfield Nov. 23.

Past and present borough councilmen honored

The Mountainside Republican Club held its 11th dinner-dance recently at L'Affaire in Mountainside. Dona Osieja, chairperson of the event, said the theme this year was "A Millennium Celebration," in which former Borough Council members were honored as well as the current mayor and council for their service to the community during this century.

Art Brahm, chairman of the Mountainside Historic Preservation Commission, prepared a photographic exhibit illustrating the development of the borough during this century.

Former council members attending included Louis Mas, Nicholas Bradshaw, Robert Beattie, William "Tex" Jackson, Timothy Benford and David and Marilyn Han.

All were presented with awards by the president of the club, Bill Sanders. Sanders also read a letter sent by John Hechle, a former councilman who was unable to attend. A portion of the letter stated, "One title that I am proud never to have earned in Mountainside is 'politician.' Yes, we were the Republicans; however, in office I was a Mountainsider and made every attempt to represent all residents, regardless of political persuasion, equally and honestly."

Others attending from outside of Mountainside included John DeSimone, secretary of the Union County Republican Committee, Assemblyman Richard Bagger and Alan Auguste, and state Senator and Mrs. Donald DiFrancesco.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinances were introduced and passed at the first reading of a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, New Jersey, on December 1, 1999, and that said ordinances will be taken up at the next meeting of said Borough Council to be held on Monday, December 6, 1999, at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on December 6, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. or as early as possible, at which time said matter can be reached, at which time notice of a public hearing will be given and there will be given an opportunity to be heard.

ORDINANCE 10-99-2

ARTICLE II, SECTION 5 OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applications: Brian Hill, 201 Evergreen Ct. Block 15, Lot 9, for the construction of an addition to the R-2 Zoning Ordinance Sections 100(2)(b) & 100(3)(g) & (h) of the Mountainside Zoning Ordinance; George & Kathleen Tosola, 1342 Birch Hill, Block 18, Lot 4, for the construction of an addition to the R-2 Zoning Ordinance to Section 100(2)(b) of the Mountainside Land Use Ordinance.

Frank Lentini, 324 B. Ford Rd., Block 8, for the construction of a 2,800 sq. ft. addition to the maximum floor area of an existing building, has not yet been approved by the Planning Board.

Valerie A. Santurino Board Secretary 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 23rd day of November, 1999.

US818 ECL December 2, 1999 (910.50)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applications: Ambulatory Surgical Associates, LLC, 1420 Route 22, Block 3, C, Lots 8, 12 and 40, in the event that the meeting on December 6, 1999 regarding the above matter has not yet been concluded, a special meeting will be held on the above date.

Ruth M. Reese Board Secretary 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 23rd day of November, 1999.

US845 ECL December 2, 1999 (88.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was passed and adopted on December 1, 1999 at a regular meeting of the Borough of Mountainside, New Jersey in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 23rd day of November, 1999.

Ordinance 10-99-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE TO PROVIDE THAT THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE SHALL REVIEW THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor
 Can Elizabeth win a second championship in three years?
 Will Rahway win its first championship in 15 years?

Those questions, and many more, will be answered this weekend.

Both local teams will be playing on what can be termed, "Super Saturday."

Four of the state's 20 sectional championship games will be contested Saturday at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford. Elizabeth is scheduled to play in the first and Rahway in the second.

Kicking things off at 10:30 a.m. will be the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship game between Elizabeth and Montclair, both squads entering the title game with 10-1 records and six-game winning streaks. On the same weekend in mid-October, Elizabeth lost at Union 14-8 on a Friday night, while the next day Montclair lost at then No. 1-in-the-state Bergen Catholic 30-15 in Oradell.

Third-seeded Elizabeth is 4-0 in the sectional championship game, winning playoff titles in 1981, 1986, 1989 and 1997. Fourth-seeded Montclair is 3-5, winning playoff titles in 1983, 1994 and 1996 and losing title games in 1982, 1984, 1985, 1990 and 1995.

Both teams have size, excellent speed and game-breakers in their respective lineups. Two of the top senior running backs in the state include tailbacks Billy Gilbert of Elizabeth and Justin Ashe of Montclair.

The second game at Giants Stadium on Saturday will pit Rahway (10-1) vs. two-time defending champion Morristown (10-0) in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 championship contest at 1:30. Rahway has won eight consecutive games since its only setback of the season, a 21-1 loss to Immaculata on a September-Friday-night in Somerville. Morristown presently has the state's longest winning streak at 29 games.

Third-seeded Rahway is 3-2 in the sectional championship game, winning playoff titles in 1978, 1979 and 1984 and losing title games in 1980 and 1981. Top-seeded Morristown, which received a first-round bye for the second consecutive year because only seven teams qualified in the section, is 4-0. Morristown won the first North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship game in 1974 and then won in Group 3 in 1993, 1997 and 1998. Morristown is a perfect 8-0 in state playoff games.

Rahway, which made the state playoffs last year for the first time since 1984, qualifying in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 - has an excellent throwing and running quarterback in senior Steve Brown. Morristown has an excellent defensive lineman in Jamahl Cochran and a standout QB/DB in Rob Ogilvie, both seniors.

WEEK TWELVE
 Saturday, Dec. 4
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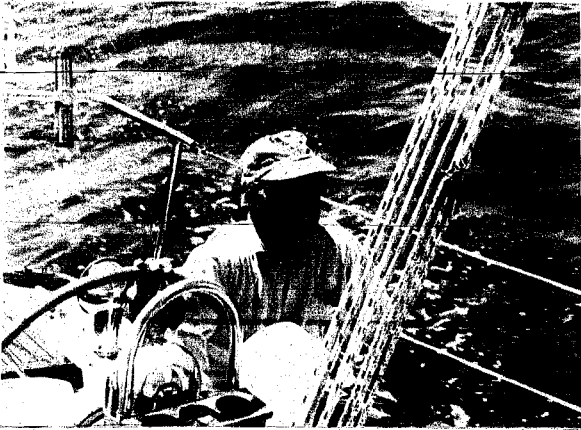
North 2, Group 4
 4-Montclair vs. 3-Elizabeth, 10:30

North 2, Group 3
 3-Rahway vs. 1-Morristown, 1:30

WEEK ELEVEN
 Thursday, Nov. 25
 Scotch Plains 27, Union 13
 Elizabeth 24, Cranford 0
 East Side 15, Linden 14
 Rahway 13, Hillside 12
 Johnson 19, Ridge 13
 Roselle Park 20, Roselle 0
 New Prov. 25, Gov. Liv. 7
 Dayton 18, Brearley 15
 Weequahic 22, Summit 6

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1. Elizabeth (10-1)
2. Rahway (10-1)
3. Union (8-3)
4. Linden (6-4)
5. Johnson (6-4)
6. Dayton (6-4)
7. Brearley (5-5)
8. Roselle Park (4-6)
9. Hillside (3-7)
10. Cranford (2-8)
11. Roselle (2-8)
12. Gov. Liv. (2-8)
13. Summit (1-9)



Mountainside resident Don Deka, with his son Paul and crew, received the Keyport Yacht Club's championship award for the Non-Spinaker Division Nov. 7. The honor came after a 20-race series on Marlton Bay this summer. Their boat, "Santana," a black-hulled Bristol 40CB, amassed the lowest total points during the season's major club races.

What started as an interest grew into competitive spirit Mountainside's Deka garners yacht crown

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

What started as an interest for Don Deka nearly 30 years ago has developed into a competitive spirit which produced a sailing championship this year.

The Mountainside resident, with his son Paul and crew, received the Keyport Yacht Club's championship award for the Non-Spinaker Division Nov. 7.

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The crew placed second in the Old Orchard Race and the Governor's Series and won the Duke Schumacher Race. All were in the Non-Spinaker Division, in which boats are not permitted to fly head sails, which are larger than gibo sails.

For Deka, sailing began as an interest with his two sons, Paul and Donald. "I started sailing around 1970 when my boys were about 9 or 10 years old," Deka said. "We were on a 15-foot day sailer in Spruce Run and Round Valley, then we gravitated to the ocean about 10 years later."

The competitive spirit began to build when Don and Paul Deka and the crew of the "Flying Circus" won the

Raritan Bay Championship, an intracub award, during the early-1980s.

As for the "Santana," Deka said he purchased it about four years ago. He and Paul outfitted it for racing and then seriously got into racing from there.

"Racing involves and satisfies the competitive level in any human," Deka said. "It requires a level of commitment and discipline. You also have to have the desire. Without the desire, you will go nowhere."

To help in moving up the ladder of competition, Deka put together an international crew. Paul Deka is the crew chief and Tom Beake, from England, is one of two trimmers.

Beake handles the gibo trim with Gly Overgard of Denmark and Keyport resident Bill Wright-Austrian. Victor Saap controls the main sail as the main-sheet trimmer. "I do a little navigating and try to keep the crew members focused," Deka said. "With the operations, they're younger and stronger than me. I defer to them."

Some people would think that with the season finished, Don Deka would have plenty of time to savor his crew's awards. But there's always next year.

"We'll be upgrading some equipment and working on the boat's bottom," Deka said. "It should be smooth, and clean, so it's nice and fair to race with."



To help in moving up the ladder of competition, Don Deka put together an international crew that includes his son Paul Deka, pictured here, as the crew chief of their boat, "Santana." The crew placed second in the Old Orchard Race and the Governor's Series and won the Duke Schumacher Race. All were in the Non-Spinaker Division.

Summit Lax Club meeting Tuesday

The Summit Lacrosse Club will be holding its registration meeting on Tuesday night in the Middle School - Muellers Gymnasium at 7:30. The Summit Lacrosse Club is open to Summit-resident boys in grades 2 through 8.

The club's philosophy and administration will be discussed and the club's board of directors will be available to answer any questions.

The board consists of: Leo Paytas, chairman; Peter Cordery, president; John Britt, vice president; T. Brett Haire, treasurer; Clark Lattin, director at large; Mary Ellen Phelan, director at large; Steve Jones, director at large and Jim Davidson, director at large.

Membership fees for the spring season are \$125 for grades 5-8 and \$75 for grades 2-4.

Scholarships are available.

Summit YMCA Basketball League is offered to area youths

The Summit YMCA Sports program invites boys and girls in grades 1-4 to join its new Youth Basketball League.

The Y will offer three divisions, which will include grades 1-2 - coed, grades 3 and 4 for boys and grades 3 and 4 for girls.

The league season will run for eight weeks from Jan. 16 to March 5. There will be two practice sessions and six games played on Sunday afternoons in the YMCA's new Hubbard Gymnasium.

No skills are necessary.

The YMCA staff will conduct player skill assessments for team formation on Jan. 9.

Registration for this program will take place on Sunday, Dec. 12 at noon at the Summit YMCA on 67 Maple Street in Summit.

Each division will be limited to 36 players, so early registration is suggested. The league fee is \$70, plus YMCA Youth Membership is required. The YMCA offers financial assistance.

More information may be obtained by calling sports director Lorie Zuchowski at 908-273-3330.

Springfield Recreation Department is in need of wrestling coaches

The Springfield Recreation Department is in need of wrestling coaches for the upcoming 1999-2000 season.

Anyone interested may call 973-912-2227 for more information.

Dayton squad had an outstanding season

The Dayton High School girls' cross country team completed an outstanding season by placing eighth in the North Jersey Section 2, Group 1 meet at Warrananco Park, Elizabeth.

Two days earlier, the Lady Bulldogs placed third in the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division race on the same course. Leading them was Julie Marx, who won the race.

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Marx's teammates came across the finish line nearly in succession. Lisa DeNicolo finished 18th, Allison Lau was 19th, Stacey Fishkin came in 20th, Jennifer Giamas placed 21st, and Lauren Montouri and Rachel Nehmer were credited with 23rd-place finishes.

The girls also placed eighth in the Union County meet and two runners, Lau and Giamas, placed fifth and eighth, respectively, in the freshman meet.

Dayton does well to post 3rd winning season of 90s Bulldogs best Bears in season-finale

The Dayton High School football team, under the guidance of first-year head coach Paul Sep, can be proud of a season that concluded with a three-game winning streak.

By virtue of closing with wins over Roselle, Kinnelon and Brearley, the Bulldogs managed a 6-4 season, just the third winning season the school posted in the 1990s.

Dayton finished 6-3 in 1991 and 6-3 in 1996, just missing making the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs each of those years.

Dropped back down to Group 1 in 1997, the Bulldogs were among the most improved teams in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 this season.

Dayton capped its first winning campaign in three years by besting visiting Brearley 18-15 last Thursday in the Thanksgiving Day Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division season-finale for both.

Brearley, which defeated the Bulldogs 30-29 last year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving at Ward Field in Kenilworth, finished at 5-5.

Dayton (6-4)

(H) Bound Brook 19, Dayton 12
 (H) Dayton forfeit win Manville
 (A) Dayton 34, Roselle Park 7
 (A) New Providence 42, Dayton 6
 (H) North Plainfield 28, Dayton 20
 (A) Dayton 18, Gov. Liv. 2
 (A) Johnson 28, Dayton 25
 (H) Dayton 26, Roselle 6
 (H) Dayton 40, Kinnelon 23
 (H) Dayton 18, Brearley 15

Records: 6-4
 MVC-Valley: 3-3
 Home: 4-2
 Away: 2-2
 Points for: 199
 Points against: 170
 Shutouts: 0
 Overtime: 0-0

It was Dayton senior tailback B.J. Jones who broke free for a 15-yard touchdown run with less than two minutes remaining that gave the Bulldogs the victory after Brearley had gone ahead 15-12 earlier in the fourth quarter.

H.S. Football

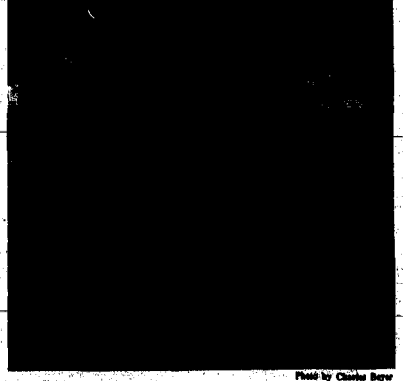
Dayton didn't score until the third quarter when senior fullback Matt Fischer bulled over from the one.

The Bulldogs took the lead at 12-7 later in the period when Keith Allen

picked off a pass and returned the interception 65 yards for a touchdown.

After Brearley senior quarterback Gerardo Roman scored his second rushing touchdown to give the Bears a 15-12 lead in the fourth quarter, Jones capped a fine varsity career by scoring the winning touchdown in his final high school game.

Jones carried the ball 16 times and gained 108 yards to lead all rushers. Dayton defeated Manville by forfeit and also beat Roselle Park and Governor Livingston.



Dayton High School senior running back B.J. Jones scored on a 15-yard run with less than two minutes remaining to lift the Bulldogs past Brearley 18-15 last Thursday in the Thanksgiving Day season-finale for both varsity football squads. With the battle of 5-4 teams going to Dayton, the Bulldogs finished at 6-4 and clinched their third winning season of the 1990s.

