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TWO SECTIONS

# Township faces arbitration with its employees union

#### By Joe Lugara Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee's first regular meeting of the new year brought a seldom-talked about union to the microphone.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees is headed toward arbitration with the township. The union, which represents about 38 clerical and public works employees, filed for arbitration Dec. 28, following the interpretation of a grievance by Committeeman Steven Goldstein.

According to AFSCME staff representative Carole Lanni, the union felt it was denied the opportunity to meet with the Township Committee to discuss certain aspects of Goldstein's interpretation of their page-and-a-half-long grievance.

The grievance covered several issues, including the question as to whether Christmas Eve should be considered a holiday. There was also some controversy as to the number of holidays as totaled by Goldstein. AFSCME submitted the grievance to Township Administrator Richard Sheola on the heels of the Township Committee's rejection of its contract proposal. "I've been in this role eight years, and this is the first time I've had to appear here," Lanni told the Township Committee. "Why is the committee unwilling to talk? The township wouldn't talk to us, and now we're going to arbitration, which will cost the taxpayers \$1,000. I hope this isn't the beginning of an adversarial relationship."

Committeewoman Clara Harelik denied that the committee refused to meet with AFSCME representatives. She said the union did not specifically request a meeting with the Township Committee, and that any errors — such as the total number of holidays — did not, in and of itself, necessarily imply the need for a meeting.

Goldstein agreed, calling the situation a misunderstanding. "They didn't ask for a meeting in their grievance. Whoever reads the grievance has to decide if a meeting needs to take place. In that case, it's only a matter of, 'Do I need more information from them?' "

When Sheola used the term "cutting to the chase" in regard to Lanni's complaint, the representative responded, "That's the problem — 'cutting to the chase.' We feel we're being ignored." Lanni eventually agreed to submit a list of Goldstein's perceived errors to Sheola in writing. No date for an arbitration hearing has been set yet.

## The dream continues



Rabbi Mark Mallack of Temple Beth Ahm leads marchers in a candlelight vigil from the Jonathan Dayton High School to the vestibule of Town Hall on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Members of the Springfield Clergy Association and the community shared songs and prayers for nonviolent social change.

## FMBA bound for arbitration Petition to be filed this week

## By Joe Lugara

Staff Writer

With no formal negotiation session with the township since September, Springfield firefighters claim they are most likely headed toward arbitration.

"We've sincerely tried several times to settle this without going to arbitration," said Frank Fiorelli, vice president of the Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57. "We don't want to go to arbitration."

David Fox, attorney for the FMBA, confirmed that a petition to initiate compulsory interest arbitration will be filed this week.

Fiorelli said the union's last meeting with Township Administrator Richard Sheola Sept. 28 — in which Sheola reportedly focused on the union's proposed 24-hour shift — has

not resulted in another meeting, and that any discussion on the matter with Sheola since then has been "informal — in passing."

"We've tried numerous times to negotiate and come up with something substantial," Fiorelli continued. "We've gotten nothing in the way of a formal proposal. If the Township Committee wants to save money as they claim they want to, and have a good relationship with us, why not speak to us? Why put us in the position of having to file for arbitration?" Fiorelli said the FMBA has asked for, but has never received, a written proposal from the township.

Union representatives from both the township's fire and police departments have expressed their displeasure in having to negotiate with Sheola. Township Committee members Clara Harelik and Steven Goldstein have assumed the roles of negotiators in talks with the Police Department.

Asked about having Harelik and Goldstein — or any other two Towhship Committee members — assume the negotiating duties with the FMBA, Mayor Sy Mullman said, "I have no problem with that." The mayor added that he's waiting for the results of the township-instituted study of the Fire Department by Tridata Corporation before going back to the bargaining table.

Tridata's study will provide information on stich issues as shift recommendations and staffing. The study issomewhat similiar to that performed by Carroll Buracker & Associates on the township's Police Department last year.

## School book faces public perusal

By Joan M. Devlin and Kirsten Matthew

Mountainside Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller sent a letter to the parents of all Deerfield School sixth-graders last week in which he admitted the district failed to conduct a state-mandated meeting with parents on school curriculum at the beginning of the school year.

At the Jan. 9 Board of Education meeting, parents Brian Addition and Gary Hennings took the fleor to protest a booklet the district uses in its health classes, Kinney read graphic passages from the book, called "Growing to Maturity," which board members purported never to have seen before.

Describing the resource as a "how

Life program and includes an excerpt from the New Jersey Administrative Code which allows for parents and guardians to provide written notice to school administrators in order to exclude their children from instruction in Family Life education if it "conflicts with his or her conscience or, sincerely held moral or religious beliefs."

In a second letter, dated Jan. 11, Schaller took responsibility for the inadvertent oversight by the Board of Education to schedule a statemandated meeting with parents this fall to review the sixth-grade health

## Borough's teen birth rate nil

t curriculum. An informational meeting with parents was set for 7 p.m. last d night in the Deerfield Media Center,

after presstime. Board President Patricia Taeschler admitted last week that "a breakdown in communication" had occurred between the board and parents and said "the board didn't actually evaluate the book."

"We were questioning whether this book was a part of the approved curriculum. It might have been on the approved list," Taeschler said.

The board president noted that See CURRICULUM, Page 10

## Pool tees to escalate this season

By John Celock Staff Writer

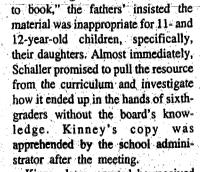
Mountainside residents who plan to join the community pool this summer may have to pay more.

Borough Recreation Director Sue Winans said the pool fees will go up to help pay for routine cost increases associated with pool operations.

The new fee schedule, which has to be approved by the Borough Council, calls for resident families to now pay \$205 instead of \$195 and non-resident families will now pay \$575 instead of \$525. "It is to keep up with the pace," Winans said of the increases, which will fund the pool's \$245,000 annual budget.

The community pool is operated by the Recreation Department as a utility. As such, the pool's budget comes out of revenue raised from membership fees and concession stand payments. No taxpayer money is involved.

Councilman Keith Turner, chairman of the council's Recreation Committee, said he is in favor of the proposed increase in pool fees. "I think that it is important to keep up with the times." See ANNUAL, Page 9



Kinney later reported he received Schaller's letter, dated Jan. 10, the next day. The letter outlines the topics of study for this semester's Family

## By Joan M. Devlin

### Staff Writer

Statistics can prove or disprove almost anything.

The Mountainside Bureau of Records and Vital Statistics must keep a record of all births within the borough, along with the ages of the mothers. According to Deputy Borough Clerk Sharon Pele; there were no births to underage mothers, ages 11 to 14, for the past three years in Mountainside.

Mountainside's uniqueness from that of surrounding areas was one of the points that came out of the Jan. 9 Board of Education meeting. After hearing objections from parents Gary Hennings and Brian Kinney regarding a booklet used in the sixth-grade sex education curriculum, board member Frank Geiger noted, "Many 14-year-olds go home to take care of their babies after school, in many districts." Hennings then responded, "Maybe, but not in Mountainside, and that's why we live here."

See BIRTHS, Page 10

## Bricks pave way toward history book

### By John Celock Staff Writer

Mountainside residents now have the opportunity to leave a piece of themselves in the borough.

The borough's Historic Preservation Committee has created an engraved brick program. According to committee member George Benninger, the program's coordinator, the engraved bricks are being sold to fund a new book on the history of the borough. All bricks will be used to create a new walkway to the historic Hetfield House on Constitution Plaza.

Benninger said the new book would serve as a continuation of the first book on Mountainside's history. The first book, written by Jean Harvey, covered the years 1895 to 1945.

Councilman Glenn Mortimer, liaison to the committee, said the book is being produced to honor borough residents. "A lot of the folks who made the history in the past 56 years, are still with us."

The Historic Preservation Committee is currently in the process of sketching a preliminary plan for the book. Current plans include locating an author and publisher for the hard cover book.

When the committee began discussing ways to fund the creation of the book, members decided to ask the Borough Council for its assistance. Mortimer said it was Councilman Keith Turner who first suggested the brick sale. Turner said he came up with the brick sale program from ideas he observed in other communities. He thought it was an idea that would allow residents to commemorate their lives in the borough with a lasting presence.

"I've had family living in Mountainside for years and I'm sure that my parents would like have their name in the walkway," Turner said,

Benninger said that after Turner proposed the brick program, committee members began to plan the logistics. Mortimer said he also searched the Internet for potential brick ideas.

"Glenn Mortimer is a dymnamic member of the Borough Council and he got samples and saw how it would enhance the Hetfield House," Benninger said.

Mortimer said the vendor chosen for the projects has completed several other projects in the area, including ones in Summit and Westfield. He noted that a sample brick is on display in the Hetfield House for residents to see what they can purchase.

"I'm all for the brick program. It is a great idea that we can get something done, without spending taxpayer money," Mortimer said.

In addition to funding the book on the borough's history, Mortimer said additional funds may be used to pay for sev-See JUNE, Page 9



The Mountainside Community Pool awaits the upcoming season, when residents and non-residents may be asked to pay more to dive in. The hike in membership fees will help foot increasing operational bills. The pool's operating budget is currently \$245,000.

## District's growth spawns need for building principal and staff

#### By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

Growth has been occurring at an unanticipated rate in the Mountainside School District, and due to the upcoming school expansion and the soon-toreopen Beechwood School, more personnel will be needed.

"Because of the predicted large kindergarten enrollment — we are looking at at least 60 new children and it may be 70 — we must have new first grade and kindergarten teachers to accommodate this," Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said during the Jan. 9 Board of Education meeting.

Schaller, who also serves as principal of Deerfield School, is searching for a building principal to work at either Beechwood or Deerfield, depending on the need, during the 2001-02 school year, when Beechwood School is completed. "I will be floating between schools to a certain extent, and need someone to be where I am not. Dr. Keshish will become Director of Curriculum, which has always been her area of expertise," he said, referring to Deerfield Assistant Principal Elizabeth Keshish.

"The building principal position would be one of potential growth. The school does not plan to be opening officially until 2002 and I am looking at the matter from all sides: full-time versus part-time," said Schaller.

Several other positions also will need to be filled. A Supervisor of Special Services will be needed for a 12-month position. The applicant must have full certification for special education and knowledge of regulations relating to special education. A part-time special education position will be available to assist the Supervisor of Special Education. The position entails classroom consultation and case management and evaluation; the same certification is required. Substitute teachers are also needed for the next school year. No projected salary figures were available yet, as the district's budget is not complete.

Schaller predicted an increase to a projected 673 students in the 2001-02 school year — 59 more than this year. "Mountainside is atypical and is experlencing great growth," said the administrator.

The changes are flexible, and according to Schaller, will all be positive because the school district is expanding and growing. "We are at this time also thinking of totally revamping the curriculum, and this is just in the planning stages."

At the meeting, board member MaryBeth Schaumberg, who is the liaison to the PTA, reported back to the board on the surveys regarding population which the PTA had conducted so far. "We have about 2,300 inquiries sent out to the See SURVEY, Page 10

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## for Stanley's location

Drugstore, bank headed

Staff Writer It looks like a Commerce Bank and CVS drugstore are on their way to Springfield, but not at the expense of

Black's Lane. A preliminary site plan application for the development, targeted for the corner of Springfield and Morris avenues on the site of Stanley's Restaurant, was passed by the township's Planning Board last month.

According to Jeffrey Lehrer, attorney for Site Development Inc. of Mt. Laurel, "five or six" alternate site plans had been presented to the board. Board members repeatedly stressed the importance of keeping Black's Lane, a short one-way street running north to Academy Green, free of any traffic generated by the development.

Lehrer said the new plan will keep "the entrances and exits essentially where they are now — moved maybe by 30 or 40 feet." Current access to Stanley's Restaurant is from Morris Avenue and the Morris/Springfield Avenue intersection.

Although the board approved both the preliminary site plan and a resolution memorializing the imposed conditions, Lehrer said the decision is still subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation due to the fact that both Morris and Springfield avenues are state highways. NJDOT representatives met with Site Development Inc. in Trenton Jan. 9, but the attorney said he has not yet been informed of the DOT's decision. If the NJDOT does not approve the preliminary site plan, Lehrer said another alternate plan will have to be brought before the board.

"I think the state's beginning to wake up to too much inning and outing," said Springfield Committeeman Gregory Clarke, who also serves on the Planning Board, of the chances for DOT approval. Traffic Engineer Joseph Staigar said plainly back in

## Correction

In the Jan. 11 article "Racy sex ed curriculum booted," Brian Kinney was the Deerfield School parent who read a passage from the book "Growing to Maturity," not Gary Hennings.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, write Editor in Chief Tom Canavan, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union 07083, or call (908) 686-7700, ext. 329, weekdays before 5 p.m. The decision is still subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

September, "The state will look at limiting access."

As far as the Planning Board is concerned, Black's Lane served as the development's primary obstacle. Board Chairman Richard Colandrea expressed his concern directly in September when he referred to Black's Lane as "not a fully developed street" and "partially residential." He also cited the township's plan to construct affordable housing in the area. "I read this application as a major thoroughfare being made out of Black's Lane," he told the developers at the time.

Black's has also been the target of a proposed historic district, a notion put forth last year by the Springfield Environmental Commission. The commission's formal proposal to the Township Committee included not only Black's Lane but the entire area, including both Church Mall and Academy Green.

The proposal, which contains memos from both Eleanor Gural, the commission's chairwoman, and Margaret Brandrowski, president of the Springfield Historical Society, identified the historic importance of several locations in the immediate region. Black's Lane, Gural wrote, contains "two, possibly three, houses that appear to have some age and history behind them." Brandrowski wrote that the foundation of one of the township's original schools is believed to lie beneath the blacktop of Black's Lane and Church Mall.

The construction of the drugstore and bank will require the demolition of the existing Stanley's building. Lehrer described the territory as containing four lots — identified as 7, 8, 9 and 10 — and turning them into three lots. One lot is unoccupied, one contains a doctor's building targeted to be demolished, while a third lot is occupied by 16 Black's Lane, a two-story building the developer plans to retain. Lot number 10, the final and largest lot, is occupied by Stanley's and contains 2.6 acres.



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For information on the discussion, call the library at (973) 376-4930.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club hosts Men's Night Out at 8 p.m. at the Sun Tavern, Route 22 West, Mountainside. For information and to RSVP, call Jim Pisano at (908) 389-0455.

Monday

• The Mountainside Recreation Department sponsors

line dancing from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. at the Beechwood School gym on Woodacres Drive.

The cost is \$16 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents. Participants should wear comfortable clothes and leather-soled shoes. For information, call the Recreation Department at (908) 232-0015.

• The Springfield Board of Education meets for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave. • The Mountainside Public Library Board of Trustees

meets for a monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the library on Constitution Plaza.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the committee room at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. Tuesday

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its lunchtime video series with "Stand By Me" at noon. Participants should bring a lunch. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

## Garbage company runs afoul on insurance, attorney says

#### By Joe Lugara Staff Writer

A vehicle owned by a Union Township resident was damaged in Springfield Dec. 18 by a garbage truck owned by a sanitation company which may have been uninsured — the same sanitation company used by Springfield for its regular trash collection.

Alaina Sulkowski was visiting her mother on Marion Avenue when a truck belonging to Monella USA Sanitation of Clifton struck her 1989 Jeep Cherokee, resulting in what she described as more than \$8,000 worth of damage.

"I went into the house with my child, and when I came out I saw the truck hit my car head on," Sulkowski said. "The driver said to me, 'I guess I wasn't paying attention.'"

Sulkowski said her car was facing the wooded end of the dead-end street. She described the truck as having backed up down the block, coming forward again and striking her car, "leaving pieces on the street. It literally ripped the front end off when he pulled the truck off it."

Sulkowski's description is corroborated by a Springfield police report in which the driver, Jose Roman Jr., of Newark, stated he "backed down the street to the end so the workers could collect the garbage." The report then described Roman as proceeding forward. The driver claimed that sun glare prevented him from seeing Sulkowski's vehicle until the last second. The Jeep was towed to Dobb's. Auto Body.

Sulkowski said she called the police from her mother's house, and that one officer responded to the scene. "My mother wanted the driver tested for driving while intoxicated, but the officer said, 'That's not necessary,' "Sulkowski recalled. She said that the officer told her that a report would be prepared in a few days, and gave her the operator's insurance code number — but not the name of the insurance company.

Sulkowski said she had to call the sanitation company herself, and did not learn about the company's uninsured status until three days later, when the insurance company finally contacted her. She added that she had to personally go to the Springfield Police Department to have tickets issued for careless driving and for being uninsured.

"I went to the Springfield Police Department, and they said there was no investigating officer assigned to the case," Sulkowski said. "So I had to make a complaint myself, to get the tickets issued."

Township Administrator Richard Sheola said he contacted Monella recently. "One person I spoke to there knew nothing about it, and the receptionist told me their insurance had never been cancelled," he said. The administrator added that he was not able to get in touch with either Monella's corporate secretary, David Ludwig, or co-owner Barbara-Usa.

Calls to Monella from the Echo Leader have not been returned. A receptionist, however, denied any knowledge of the accident, and said that the insurance had not lapsed or been cancelled.

"Contractors have to provide a certificate of insurance

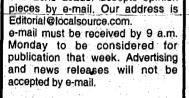
or a certificate of renewal," Sheola pointed out. "They have to contact us — they have to send us a notice that their insurance has either been changed or dropped." He said that no such notice had been received from Monella.

However, Sulkowski's lawyer, John Antonas of Kenilworth, said that Monella's insurance agent, Conover Buyer, confirmed to him that Monella's insurance had lapsed Nov. 27, and had not been reactivated by the time of the accident. Antonas said he is expecting documentation from Conover to be forwarded shortly, and that Springfield's attorney, Bruce Bergen, is looking into the incident. He did not know whether or not Monella was currently insured.

Debbie Perillo, claims representative for Conover, denied specific knowledge of Monella's Dec. 18 insurance status. She did, however, challenge the amount of damage to Sulkowski's car, calling it "minimal" and "slight front end damage."

Sulkowski said that her mother's next door neighbor is a witness to the accident. Two sanitation collectors who had been riding with Roman were not aboard the vehicle at the time of the collision.

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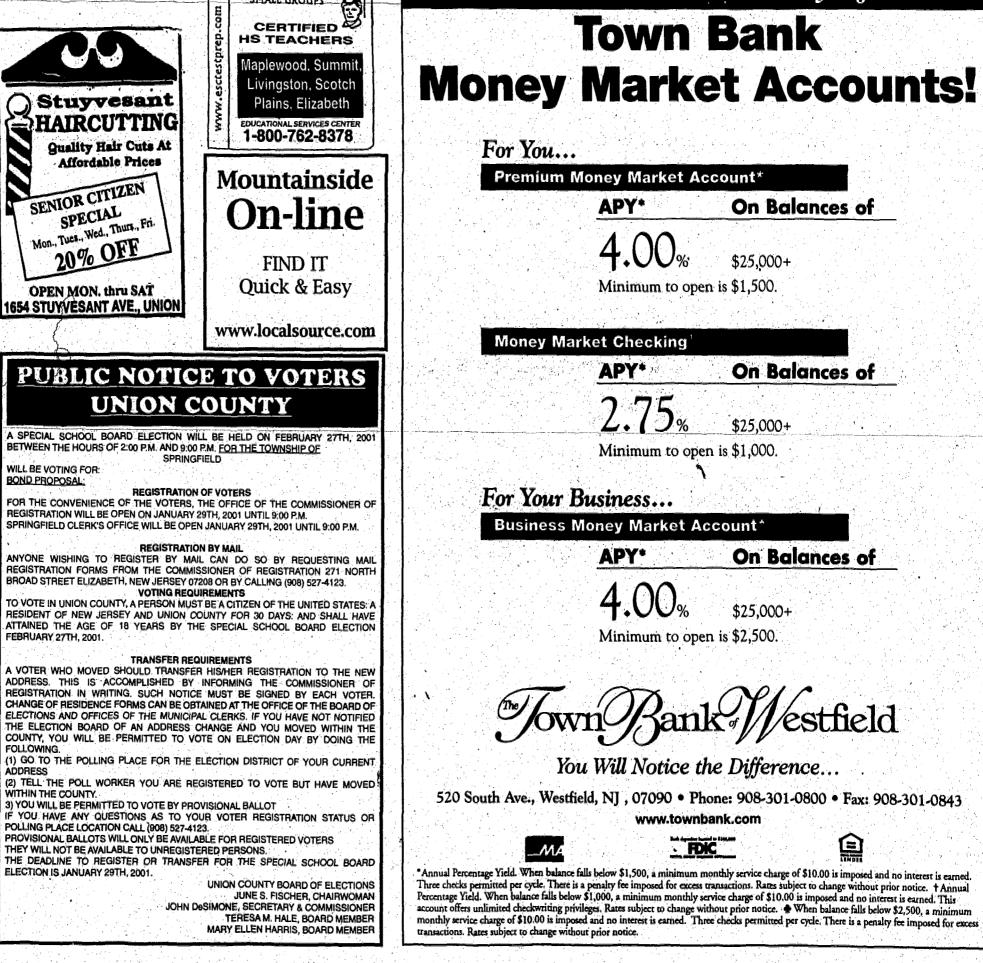
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Holocaust survivor Jay Sommer, center, describes his life's journey to Jonathan Dayton High School students, from left, Alexis Saidel, 17, Scott Hollander 16, and Kim Terhune, 16. Sommer asked students to take responsibility for their future with great dignity during an assembly at the school last week.

## Holocaust survivor conveys story of persecution to high school students

#### By Joe Lugara Staff Writer

"As a human being, you acquire certain experiences that become part of your personality," Holocaust survivor Jay Sommer told an auditorium full of Jonathan Dayton High School students in Springfield Jan. 11.

Describing himself as "73-plus years old, 26 years old and six years old," Sommer said, "It's all a package. You don't throw away anything.'

Sommer, whose journey in life took him from the small Czechoslovakian village of his birth to a forced labor camp outside Budapest to a refugee camp in Italy to the borough of Brooklyn and eventually to a National Teacher of the Year Award and a ride aboard Air Force One with President Ronald Reagan, doesn't dwell on the ugly facts of the Holocaust. Despite the loss of most of his family and his own narrow escape from Nazi persecution, Sommer keeps his talks focused on the upbeat and simple theme of triumphing in the face of adversity.

Now a master of 10 languages, Sommer told the gathering how deprived he felt when, at the age of eight, proverty forced him to drop out of school.

"In order to run away from poverty, we left the village, but poverty follows you wherever you go," Sommer said. "It's a wonderful friend."

Challenging the notion of "Jews being lazy," Sommer developed into an exceptional mechanic. "Hitler took away my freedom and my family but not my knowledge," he said. "Your knowledge can't be taken away. Knowledge stays with you for life."

After spending seven months in a forced labor camp, Sommer took a chance and escaped with a friend to Budapest. Stopping at a printing shop in Budapest, hoping to secure false papers, Sommer discovered the following day that the printer had betrayed him to S.S. officers. "Totally petrified" and literally running from bullets for two hours, Sommer eventually found himself at a farm, where he was fed and given a job. He remained at the farm for four months, before being forcibly taken in by the Russian Army.

he developed a love of the country's culture. He stated that Italy's willingness to open its doors to refugees such as himself "renewed my spirit."

Although he had picked up several languages along the way, Sommer knew not a word of English at the time of his arrival in the United States. Delighted to discover public education, he learned English at a public school in Brooklyn, earning his high school equivalency diploma within the year.

"I thought, 'My God, how do I repay America for this?' " Sommer said he asked himself. "And I answered, 'You become a teacher.' "

"Kids like you have given my childhood back to me, which was taken away from me," he told the assembled Dayton students. "Despite my tragedy, so many wonderful things have happened to me - being a teacher, giving back to America."

In 1981, Sommer was chosen as a National Teacher of the Year out of a list of more than 150,000 teachers. The awards ceremony brought him to the White House. Sommer was eventually appointed to the National Commission on Excellence in Education, established by President Reagan — the only teacher on the commission's 18-member panel. His appointment enabled him to travel about the country, gathering information for a report titled "A Nation at Risk."

Sommer taught high school Russian, Hebrew, Spanish and French for more than 20 years in New Rochelle, N.Y., the town in which he currently resides. He earned his B.A. in Russian from the Brooklyn College School of General Studies, an M.A. in Spanish and Spanish literature from Hunter College and a second M.A. in Russian language and literature from Fordham University in 1965. The culmination of his academic career came when he completed his course work toward his Ph.D. in comparative literature from New York University. He is currently a visiting professor at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University. All this from a man who had to run from S.S. officers

with bullets whizzing past his head.

## Hoover campaign arrives in borough

#### By John Celock Staff Writer

A Mountainside resident is leading a campaign to bring George Washington to the children of America.

Borough resident William Sanders is the founder and executive director of the Portraits of Patriots program. The program's mission is to place the first president's portrait in elementary school classrooms throughout the United States. In addition, the program is encouraging schools to place more Washington-related material in the social studies curriculum.

"It is a project from the heart," Sanders said of the program.

Sanders said he started the program several years ago as an extension of work begun during the administration of former President Herbert Hoover, 71 years ago.

"In 1930, which was two years prior to the 200th anniversary of the birth of Washington, a presidential commission was put together to study ways to commemorate the event," Sanders said.

Sanders said the commission discussed several types of projects, and in 1932, Congress appropriated money for a portrait of Washington to be placed in every classroom in America. In addition to the placement of portraits in classrooms nationwide, Sanders said portraits were also placed in council chambers and courtrooms as well.

According to Sanders, the Washington portraits began to come off the classroom walls during the 1960s. He said he does not know why the portraits began to come down during this decade.

"You can't walk into a school in New Jersey and see a portrait of Washington today," he said.

In 1999, the 200th anniversary of Washington's death, Sanders began the program to place the first president's portrait in all New Jersey schools. The program grew from a statewide one to a national one within several months.

Currently, a bill is pending before the New Jersey Legislature, which appropriates money for portraits to be placed in each of the state's 602 school districts.

At the Borough Council's Jan. 2 reorganization meeting, Sanders officially presented Mayor Robert Viglianti with a Washington portrait for Borough Hall. It is to replace the one Sanders saw in historical photos of the council.

Members of the council have said they are pleased with Sanders' program and his gift to the borough.

"He is active in the community and a dedicated citizen. He is dedicated to Mountainside and it is nice to see citizens make that kind of presentation," Councilman Thomas Perrotta said.

Sanders said he is working on the Washington portrait program because he thinks the former president sets many examples for Americans.

"The man sets so many fine examples of love of country. It is a great thing for kids to grow up with," he said.

Sanders said he has noticed that history books today have approximatly 10 percent less Washington-related material than the history books of the 1960s. In addition, Sanders pointed to statistics which show that 60 percent of fourth-graders nationwide did not know why the Pilgrims came to America and 7 percent did not know what happened in Philadelphia in 1776.

"There is not a kid in this country that should not understand the principles that this country was founded on," Sanders said.



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

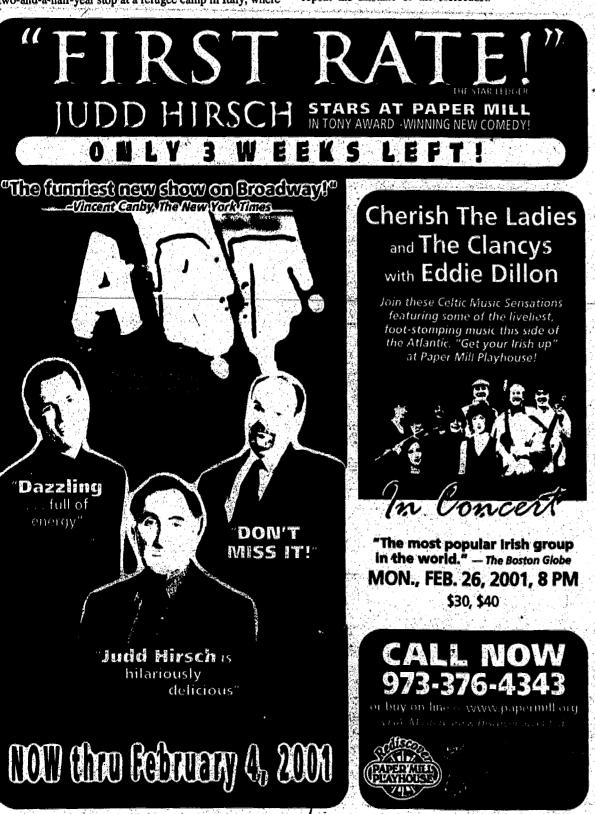
Borough resident William Sanders presents Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti with a framed portrait of President George Washington at the Borough Council's Jan. 2 reorganization meeting. Sanders is leading a campaign first started by President Herbert Hoover to place the Founding Father's portrait in elementary school classrooms throughout America.



Dryly describing his experience in the hands of the Russians as "not the best thing that happened to me," Sommer, after being thrown onto the front lines, became an interpreter as a result of his natural talent with language. But he escaped again, before the army was able to transfer him to Moscow.

Sommer's route to the United States was delayed by a two-and-a-half-year stop at a refugee camp in Italy, where

"I wanted to be something beyond a permanent victim," Sommer said. "You have to rise above your circumstances. Please have dreams. Dreams become reality." He encouraged students to "take responsibility for your future with great dignity. When you meet someone, try to find something you like about them rather than something you don't like. That's the only hope for the world. Otherwise we'll repeat the mistake of the Holocaust."



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## EDITORIALS

# No room for irresponsibility

A breakdown in communication between the Mountainside Board of Education and parents of Deerfield School students was brought to light by Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller and board President Patricia Taeschler last week.

In a Jan. 11 letter sent to all district parents, Schaller admitted that the board had inadvertently failed to schedule a meeting with parents in the fall to review the sixth-grade health curriculum. By state statute and school policy, the board is required to conduct a comprehensive overview of the district's curriculum each school year.

An effort by this newspaper to obtain a copy of the book — deemed public information by a state public records law and the federal Freedom of Information Act — was refused by Schaller Friday afternoon. Schaller's actions demonstrate that he believes the people do not have a right to know what is happening within their public schools.

Schaller should not forget that residents of Mountainside are paying to support the schools and his salary. It is their vote in school elections that makes them the ultimate educational bosses in the borough.

Board of Education members have diligently spent time at this year's meetings tweaking and changing the district's policy manual. Why was this particular policy overlooked?

Taeschler admitted that parents did not receive proper notification about the curriculum but could not explain why. Schaller admitted that "we are the cause of the problem" but didn't elaborate on how the oversight occurred.

We have serious questions about the board's ability to manage its own protocol. Administrators should have been aware of their requirement to present an overview of the curriculum to the public. There is no room for such irresponsibility when it comes to the education of Mountainside's children.

## Roses and thorns

Roses — to Mountainside Borough Councilmen Thomas Perrotta and Bill Lane for their willingness to pursue more services and programs geared to the increasing number of young families in the borough. Such a growth trend cannot be overlooked.

Thorns — to Springfield Deputy Mayor Gregory Clarke for the prepared statement he read during the Township Committee's Jan. I reorganization meeting in which he padded salary tabulations for the township's public safety officials. FMBA and PBA members had no opportunity to respond to Clarke's allegations, which were later called "a cheap shot" by the vice president of the FMBA Local 57.

Roses — to Mountainside Borough Councilman Keith Turner for pledging to equip all borough police cars, schools and Borough Hall with life-saving defibrillators. Turner has



## Mountainside is better in 2001 than last year

Editor's note: The following are excerpts from Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti's State of the Borough address delivered at the Jan. 2 reorganization meeting of the Borough Council. This is the second of two parts.

The following is an update of this past year's construction progress:

• Municipal parking lot at the library was completed, Cost was \$196,500, using a \$180,000 grant from NJDOT.

• Reconstruction of a section of Mill Lane and Lawrence Avenue was completed at a cost of \$122,000, using a \$90,000 grant from NJDOT.

• Reconstruction of Wood Valley Road is complete, except for sodding. Work is being done using a \$120,000 NJDOT grant.

• Four tennis courts were resurfaced; approximate cost was \$35,000.

• Work has been completed in improving manholes and sanitary sewers to reduce runoff water infiltration and inflow. This work reduces the amount of extraneous water that enters the sewer system and surcharges the lines. The cost was approximately \$153,600.

• Improvements were made to the HVAC system in the library meeting room. The cost was approximately \$28,500.

Repairs were made to the electrical service at the library. The cost was approximately \$1,200.
A handicapped ramp was constructed at the exit of the court room.

## From The Mayor's Desk

### By Robert Viglianti

The cost was \$9,500, and a grant of \$7,800 was received from the Union County Community Development grant program.

• Renovations to the firehouse are almost completed. This work included a new gas boiler, structural improvements and general renovations. The gas-fired boiler cost \$45,700 and the general renovations cost about \$100,000.

Some additional grants and improvements have been received and include the following:

The borough has received a \$105,000 grant from NJDOT for section two of Wood Valley Road from Old Tote Road to Central Avenue.
A grant of \$100,000 has been received from Union County for an ADA-accessible restroom in the Community Room, an exercise room for seniors and others in the Community Room, computers for classes for seniors and an ADA-accessible door at the Mountainside Public Library.

Development grant for \$20,000 has been obtained for an automatic ADAaccessible door at the front entrance of the Municipal Building. This project is under design.

The following street projects are on the list that we hope to complete during the year 2001: Robin Hood Road, Bayberry Lane, Greenwood Road, Tanglewood Lane, Sylvan Lane, Prospect Avenue, Watchung Avenue at Library Road, Sunny Slope from Ledgewood to Belair Parkway, Hillside Avenue from the New Providence Road to Mountain View, a section of Queen's Lane, a section of Nottingham Way, a section of Friar Lane, Woodacres Drive, Turnabout Circle, Woodacres Court, Chattin Court, Old Tote Road from Knollwood to Poplar, Old Tote Road from Knollwood to Wood Valley.

The following various intersections are also part of the project: Grouse Lane/Fawn Ridge, Forest Hill Way/ Deer Path, Chapel Hill/Ackerman Avenue, Ackerman Avenue/Outlook Drive, Wood Valley Road/Creek Bed, Dunn Parkway/New Providence Road, Cedar Avenue/Holly Hill, Holly Hill/Old Farm Road, Willow Road/ Summit.

We also expect to repave the firehouse parking lot.

In addition to the above work, we hope to complete about 10 assorted storm drainage improvements in variments to reduce extraneous flows due to storm water infiltration and inflow into the sewer system.

We presently have applications before the New Jersey Environmental Protection Agency for permits for repairs and improvements along several stream beds in town. As soon as all the permits are received bids will go out and construction will commence. This should be by late spring. Last year, the community pool had

the highest membership in its history. I have received numerous compliments praising the construction of the pool and the professionalism of the staff.

Mountainside did very well in 2000. As a homeowner, you saw your property values reach an all-time high. You are seeing upgrades in improvements to your borough's facilities. You have seen increases in recreation, police protection and other community services.

Mountainside is better in 2001 than last year. However, we must not stop. We must always look to the future providing for our children, caring for our seniors and recognizing that our younger and middle-aged residents expect a progressive community with an excellent school system for their children, and that all residents deserve a fair tax rate.

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suggested that the Borough Council seek state grants in order to fund the program.

Roses — to the Springfield Board of Education for its tenacity in reintroducing the district's \$3.4-million bond referendum for track and field rehabilitation. The referendum question will be put before voters again on Feb. 27, since board members feel the unusual weather conditions of Dec. 12 contributed to its defeat. We agree. Voter turnout was a mere 13 percent.

Roses — to Mountainside Borough Councilman Paul Mirabelli for his election to the presidency of the Borough Council Jan. 1.

Thorns — to the suspect who was arrested by township police late last month for posting bias handbills in the windows of local restaurants and businesses. Hate crimes such as these tear at the fabric of our society and should never go unreported. We applaud the businesses for reporting the incidents to the Springfield Police Department.

Roses — to Mountainside Borough Councilman Glenn Mortimer and the Historic Preservation Committee for their commitment to launching the borough's engraved brick program. The revenue from the program will pay for a book on the history of Mountainside from 1945 to the present. Such a book will educate borough residents about this important period.

Roses — to the nine Mountainside police officers who were recently commended by Police Chief James Debbie for their professional handling of incidents last year.

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ous sections of the borough.

Finally, we hope to complete some additional sanitary sewer improve-

#### A Republican, Robert F. Viglianti is serving his fourth term as mayor of Mountainside.

## What does it mean to be 'liberal wacko?'

What are we at the *Echo Leader*? "Liberal wackos," according to a scribbled message on a recent subscription invoice. Looks like the *Echo* is down one subscriber.

The label — which, by the way, was addressed to the editorial staff in general, and not to me specifically was given to us by a Springfield resident.

What she said exactly was this: "Due to the liberal wackos on your editorial staff, you can keep my copy to line your birdcage!!" All caps. Underlined. Two exclamation points.

I needed a good laugh that day to lift my spirits. That little message was just what the doctor ordered.

Why would words like that cause me to crack my first smile in about eight days? Because it's important to Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara Staff Writer

generate a response from your audience. The very fact that you've generated a response is significant, even if they hate you.

In any business in which you have an audience — if you're a fiction writer or a journalist or a painter or an actor or a vocalist or whatever — if you don't earn a response, you've failed. Not just failed, but flopped. If they look at your paintings and say, "Well, that's nice," and just saunter on, you should be in another business.

Same thing is true of a newspaper. If they call you a liberal wacko, or a conservative wacko, or a wacko period, then you're stirring them up, and that's good.

Just how we stirred this particular reader is a mystery. That's the frustrating part. Her complaint was vague, to say the least, and while we all enjoyed being called liberal wackos, we wondered what touched it all off, and whom it applied to specifically.

Mind you, I'm not looking to raise hackles just to raise hackles. But if you've read this column before, I'm sure you'll be aware that I hate handguns. If you've read me before, you'll know that I think the National Rifle Association needs at least a grammar school education. If you read me as recently as last week, you'll know that I think people who believe in UFOs are bored and/or cuckoo.

These are all genuine feelings, and if they mark me as a liberal wacko, then okay, I'm a liberal wacko — in this woman's estimation. Judging her response strictly on logic, our subscriber critic is a conservative. I'd like to say "conservative wacko," but I won't.

The managing editor and the reporters at the *Echo Leader* love the label. We're mystified by exactly what it refers to, but we're tickled to death about it. When they're calling you names, you're doing your job.

Save a tree! Save the grass! No gunfire in the streets! Liberal wackos! See you next week.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Kindergarten registration upcoming

To the Editor:

Decifield School announces its registration for 2001-02 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be held by appointment March 5, March 6, March 8 and March 9. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Parents are requested to call Susan Nugent to make an appointment for the screening that will be conducted by kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist. Barbara Komoroski, Deerfield's guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

Parents should call Deerfield School at (908) 232-8828, Ext. 213 to receive forms that should be completed and returned at registration. Children being registered should be 5 years of age by Oct. 1, 2001. A birth certificate and proof of residency need to be presented to Mrs. Nugent at the time of the appointment. Gerard A. Schaller, chief school administrator Our political horizon looks ominous

To the Editor:

Does it surprise anyone to see how viciously the Democrats reacted to a Bush victory?

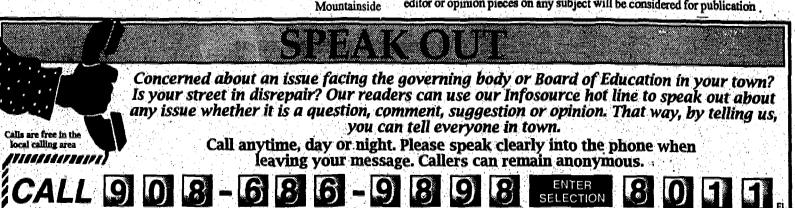
The Bush win is a result of the "rule of law," as the courts adjudicated. There is no reason for anyone to claim the election was "stolen" as the sore losing Dems claim. All America has won.

An Al Gore presidency would be a disaster and President-elect Bush will at least forestall what is ominously on our political horizon.

Joseph Chieppa Mountainside

## Our policy on letters and columns

The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication



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Marcia Langer

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Benjamin Saberin "My girlfriend did. I saw it too. It was kind of lame."



"I did watch it. I thought it was a farce."

## **Board vacancies exist**

Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti has announced that he is seeking borough residents who are interested in filling one of several volunteer board vacancies.

At the Borough Council's reorganization meeting Jan. 2, the mayor announced that he is seeking appointees to fill vacancies on the Board of Health, the Local Assistance Board and the Local Ethics Board.

Interested residents are encouraged to contact either Viglianti or the Borough Council member who serves as liaison to the particular board. Residents can call either the mayor or a council member through the clerk's office at (908) 232-2400.

The council liaisons are as follows: Councilman Keith Turner, Local Assistance Board and Local Ethics Board; and Councilman Werner Schon, Board of Health, Shade Tree Commission and Local Ethics Board. The mayor urged that Mountain-

side residents who are interested in

serving in one of these volunteer positions should contact clerk's office as soon as possible.

## Volunteers needed

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross. 321 Elm St., Westfield, is currently looking for people to become volunteers. The Motor Works Program, which provides local residents with transportation to medical/professional appointments, is looking for drivers. Drivers are needed Monday through Friday, and hours and days are flexible.

Clerical and data entry volunteers are also needed. Volunteers can do as little or as many hours/days as they would like. No previous experience is needed, and training will be provided.

The Red Cross is also seeking individuals to instruct CPR, First Aid, babysitting and lifeguarding classes. Interested individuals should call Health and Safety Director Linda Johnson at (908) 232-7090 to find out

more details or to set up an interview.

**NEWS CLIPS** 

## District conducts survey

During the next few weeks, the Mountainside School District will be conducting a resident survey.

This brief survey is a follow-up to a similar survey mailed last year. Its purpose is to provide school administrators with the most accurate information possible regarding future incoming students. In order for the information obtained from the survey to be valid and therefore valuable, it is necessary that a very high rate of return be obtained.

In order for this goal to be met, this survey will be performed on a door-

## Mountainside residents earn fall dean's list

Mountainside residents Elizabeth C. DeAnna and Jamie P. Oels have been named to Quinnipiac University's dean's list for the fall 2000 semester. De Anna is a health science/physical therapy major while Oels is majoring in occupational therapy.

to-door basis, wherein every home will be visited by a volunteer who will ask for the resident's cooperation in answering a few simple questions. It is anticipated that this surveying process will take place approximately every two years. At this time, the district is seeking

volunteers to help with this effort. Those interested in becoming part of this communitywide project can call the Deerfield School Office or complete and return the form that was sent to every homeowner. Forms can be sent to school with a student, dropped off in the main office, or mailed to: Resident Survey Volunteers, Deerfield School, Central Avenue, Mountainside, 07092.



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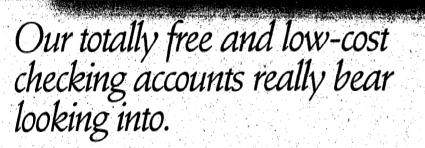
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## Hilltoppers gain early acceptance

More than a dozen students accepted to colleges

#### By John Celock Staff Writer

Several members of the Summit High School Class of 2001 do not have to worry about where they will be a year from now.

High School Guidance Director John Schnedeker said approximatly 35 students have decided to take advantage of the early college admissions program.

Under the early admissions program, high school seniors have the option of applying earlier than other students. With this program, students who participate are informed of a potential acceptance decision in December, instead of waiting for the traditional acceptance dates in March and April.

Under the program, students who choose to apply early do face one difference from students who go through the regular admissions process.

Traditonally, students who do not receive an acceptance letter in December under the early acceptance program have the final admissions decision deferred to the spring. Schnedeker said this is no longer always the case.

"More and more schools are not deferring the applications; they are rejecting them. There are now three outcomes and the possiblity that you will be rejected," Schnedeker said.

Schnedeker said that his office does not always recommend the early admissions to Summit High School students. He said the decision on whether or not to make the recommendation is based on how far along the student is in their college search.

"If you start on your research early, you can be in the place to apply early to the schools," he said.

Schnedeker said that students who do not apply early, do so for various reasons. He cited the two most common reasons as students who have not completed their college research and students who prefer waiting until their fall semester grades are announced.

"We encourage each student to be aware of the impact of their decision," Schnedeker said.

Of the 35 students who have applied early decision this year, Schnedeker said approximately half have been accepted in the process. He said the numbers are average for Summit High School in recent years.

Schools which have been applied to by Summit High School students in recent years during this process include: Georgetown University, Hamilton College, Boston College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



About 35 students at Summit High School are taking advantage of the early college admissions program. Students who are accepted under an early admissions process are bound to attend the school and must sign a form stating that they will withdraw applications to other colleges they have applied to.

Photo By Jeff Granit

## **OBITUARIES**

## Thelma Rozett

Thelma Rozett, 87, of Murray Hill, formerly of Summit, died Jan. 7 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Rozett lived in Murray Hill for 50 years. She was a claims specialist with Kemper Insurance Co., Summit, for 15 years and retired in 1973. Earlier, Mrs. Rozett had been employed by BH Frumpkin Inc., a family-owned business that specialized in dry goods and notions, in Summit. She received a bachelor of arts degree in 1935 from Beaver College in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Rozett was a founding member of Temple Sinai in Summit and a member of the Hadassah of Union County.

Surviving are a daughter, Joanne Bowman; a son, Robert; a sister, Frances Rachlin, and six grandchildren.

## William Geitz -

William Geitz, 77, of Florham Park, formerly of Summit, died Jan. 2 at home.

Born in Woodbury, Mr. Geitz resided in Summit before moving to Florham Park 15 years ago. He led one of the largest independent oil companies. Union Texas Petroleum, for about 20 years as a chairman and chief executive officer and retired in 1985. After his retirement, he managed a resort hotel on St. Kitts, a Caribbean island. As part of his duties in the oil company, Mr. Geitz traveled Hotel, he and his wife, Laura, became co-owners. He also was chairman of the board. Mr. Geitz served in the Navy during World War II and navigated a troop transport ship during the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

During the June 1944 Allied Invasion of France, he navigated an LST, a 325-foot landing ship and made a record 27 crossings between England and France, carrying soldiers, tanks and equipment and returning with wounded soldiers. It was reported that the vessel on which Mr. Geitz served is the only one of its kind still afloat and operates as a ferry between Long Island and New London, Conn.

After the war, he enrolled at Washington College, Chestertown, Md., where he received a degree in liberal arts. During his business career, Mr. Geitz served on the college's board of governors. He also received a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Delaware. He began his career with Mobile Oil and later served as vice president of Allied Chemical's specialty chemicals division.

Also surviving are a son, Michael; a sister, Marjorie Estilow, and two grandchildren.

## Willy McKinley

Willy McKinley of Bayville, formerly of Summit, died Jan. 6.

Born in Summit, Mr. McKinley lived in Summit and Princeton before moving to the Multiply-Impaired two brothers, Thomas McKinley and Jody Schum; four sisters, Jennifer and Erin, Jaime Schum and Jill Schum, and his grandparents, Virginia Peterson and Eleanor and William McKinley Jr.

## Joseph Boulos

Joseph Boulos, 80, of Maplewood, formerly of Summit, died Jan. 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Egypt, Mr. Boulos lived in Boston, Newark and Summit before moving to Maplewood in 1978. He was an engineer with AT&T in Newark for 15 years and retired in 1985. Earlier, Mr. Boulos had been the managing director of railroads throughout Egypt. Mr. Boulos received a degree in mechanical engineering from Caire University in 1942 and was ranked seventh for academic achievement in Egypt. He was a member of the Engineering Association of Egypt.

Surviving are his wife, Lily; two daughters, Suzan Abadir and Sonia Fanous; a son, Tony-Magued Boulos, and eight grandchildren.

## Helen Mercuro

Baldacchini.

Helen Mercuro, 86, of Millington, formerly of Summit, died Jan. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Miss Mercuro lived in Summit and South Orange before moving to Millington nine months ago. She was a fabricator employed by John Herslow, Sillcocks and Miller Co., Berkeley Heights, for 10 years and retired 28 years ago. Surviving is a sister, Vera

## d Dominick R. Belfatto

Domick R. Belfatto, 94, of Mountainside died Jan. 9 in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

Born in Newark, Mr. Belfatto moved to Mountainside in 1954. He was a plumber employed by Schrenell and Co., Irvington, for 30 years and retired in 1983. Earlier, Mr. Belfatto

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worked for John E. Joyce and Co., Newark. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Plumbers, Local 24.

## Seymour Bloom

Seymour Bloom of Springfield died Jan. 9.

Born in Newark, Mr. Bloom moved to Springfield in 1950. He owned B&B Delivery Service, Millburn, for 35 years and retired in 1987. Mr. Bloom was a member of B'nai B'rith in Springfield and the Elfin Unger Post Jewish War Veterans of Springfield.

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## Summit Diner to go down in Super Bowl history

### By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

Attention all Summit sports fans: on Super Bowl Sunday, you will see something very familiar in the pregame show, via CBS Sports — the city's very own Summit Diner.

The show will be hosted by former Giants quarterback turned announcer Phil Simms, and sportscaster Greg. Gumbel. Called "The All-Iron Team," the segment will include a 20-minute skit inside the Summit Diner.

Co-owners Jim Grebaris and John Anastos could not be happier, as they are both aware that millions of Americans will be watching, not to mention fans all over the world.

"The plot is humorous, and shows rough types of customers sitting in the diner — all of whom are actors — criticizing Bill Parcells, Phil Simms and other famous sports figures, when those guys walk in the door of the diner; the customers stop and start praising them," said Grebaris. "It is all in good fun."

When CBS and its crew filmed the segment, they arrived at the diner two days last month, Dec. 20 and 21. The first shoot brought Bill Parcells. The next day, Simms and Gumbel had their chance to film. Professional actors played the parts of other famous sports figures each day and Grebaris became a patron of the diner and sat in the background one of the days. Hamburgers were served to each of the actors.

Co-producer of the show, Al Szymanski commented, "We needed a place dripping in character. Our program is rough and ready, and that is exactly what the Summit Diner is."

Well, sort of. Although the diner has been in existence since 1929, and Grebaris and Anastos have co-owned it since 1964, the patrons are not the dirty-fingernail types that Szymanski had the actors portray. The cast included a rude waitress, a chef with a stained hat, and other roughs.

In fact, the customers usually wear ties and suits and carry briefcases, the co-owner said. "Even women come here," said Grebaris, laughing. The owners don't mind the type-casting for the show, as their business is terrific, and they said everyone in Summit viewing the show will know what they are really like.

When asked how the Super Bowl producers found the Summit Diner, the answer was simple. "They found our web site listed on the Internet. Also, we are part of njdiner.com, which is a group of businessmen who help the homeless and the hungry through a club called Other Fellow First Foundation," Grebaris said. "It was started by diner owners two years ago and we are proud to be part of it."

Part of what the OFFF does is collect canned food for distribution through the New Jersey Community Food Bank, solicit contributions through the web site, and sell merchandise celebrating diners.

When asked what the celebrities were like when they came to the Summit Diner, both Anastos and Grebaris insisted they were all "regular, downto-earth guys." Said Grebaris, "Bill Parcells was here the first day of shooting, and he is a real nice guy." Anastos said exactly the same words about Simms and Gumbel, and added, "I am very excited and will be watching the show all day."

The owners do not know the exact time of the pre-game show, but thought it would be in the middle of the afternoon, with the kickoff at 6 p.m. "This is perfect because we both work on Sundays from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., when the diner closes," Anastos said. "We will have time to get home and watch the show."

Grebaris lives in Bernardsville with his wife, Michelle, and two children; Peter, 14, and Georgina, 13, and he said the entire family will be watching. Anastos lives in New Providence with his wife, Nancy, and their two daughters, Kirsten, 18 and Megan, 16. "We will all be watching also," said Anastos. Grebaris laughed and said they couldn't buy better publicity for any price. The diner hasn't changed much since 1929, and that is the way they want it. Many loyal Summit fans wouldn't have it any other way.

Daily specials are old-fashioned home cooking, like corned beef and cabbage, grilled steak and baked ziti. Soups are made fresh every day by chef Tommy Mixas. Ten employees alternate hours, and both owners help out: they cook, serve and work the register when necessary. Both men put in well more than 40 hours, but Grebaris is philosophical. "At least when we do get home, we don't take the work with us, like lawyers, for instance. We can just forget the place. Yes, I still like the job."

Summit Police Chief William Schneller walked in the diner for a late lunch just as this interview ended. When asked about the food, he said enthusiastically, "It's great. I eat here every day."

Photo By Ruthanne Wagner

During the Super Bowl pre-game show Jan. 28, the 72-year-old Summit Diner will be featured during a 20-minute skit. Co-owners John Anastos and Jim Grebaris are thrilled that millions of fans around the world will see the local landmark.

## **CLUBS IN THE NEWS**

## Guard to study Africa

The program at the Summit Area Old Guard meeting Tuesday will focus on Africa. The guest speaker will be Willis H. Logan, director of the Africa Program of Church World Service and Witness, National Council of the Churches of Christ.

Logan associates with the principle agencies and governments throughout the continent. He has been special assistant to the General Secretary of the All-Africa Conference of Churches in Nairobi, executive director of the City College YMCA and project director of the American Committee on Africa. Logan's talk, which was arranged by Old Guard Program Chairman Arthur Bauer, will provide an interesting and unusual insight into Africa. A. question-and-answer period will follow the presentation. Members are encouraged to invite guests.

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Weekly sign ups

The Old Guard is an organization for retired men. Its members come from Summit and 25 neighboring communities. Meetings are conducted weekly on Tucsdays at 10 a.m. at the New Providence Municipal Building. In addition to weekly meetings which feature talks on interesting subjects, Old Guard members participate in sports such as golf, swimming, fishing and tennis as well as bridge,

theater and trips.

monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church. Coffee and social begin at 9:45 a.m.

This month's meeting topic will be a discussion about the benefits of long-term care insurance.

Reservations are still being accepted for the Carribean cruise scheduled for April 21 to 28. Day trips are being planned to see the Tim Gillis Jamboree Feb. 18; the Broadway show "Contact," with dinner in Little

## Fortnightly Club lunch

The Fortnightly Club will host a noon luncheon Wednesday at the clubhouse, 214 Springfield Ave.

Carol G. Titus, a professional storyteller and retired educator, will speak. She is also known for having coordinated the annual Storytelling Festival at Waterloo Village. She has a vivid imagination — you may find yourself in some of her stories.



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Membership is open to all retired men. Information is available by calling Bob Regan at (908) 464-5329; at the web site at www.summitoldguard.homestead.co m; or by writing P.O. Box 386, Summit, 07902-0386 for a free descriptive folder.

## AARP meets Monday

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The Summit Area Chapter of AARP conducts its regular monthly meetings at 10 a.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. Its next regular meeting will be Feb. 26. The luncheon committee, headedby Mrs. George Montague of Summit, will include Mrs. Solomon Rubenstein of Fanwood, Mrs. Wayne Rutsky of Millburn, Mrs. Bruce Dickerson of Mountainside, and Mrs. Saba Balish and Mrs. William Pierson of Summit.

The cost is \$12 and reservations will be taken by Ann Dunn by calling (908) 273-3462. Kids

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## Springfielder robbed at gunpoint

#### Springfield

• A Springfield Avenue resident was robbed at gunpoint by an unknown suspect near the Morris Avenue Foodtown Jan. 10. The victim, who was not injured, was robbed of \$680 cash and \$600 worth of traveler's checks. The theft occurred around 3 p.m.

• Short Hills resident Joshua David Pollack was transferred to Springfield Police Headquarters by Millburn officers Jan. 10 on two outstanding warrants. He was released on bail.

• A brown backpack belonging to an Elizabeth resident was reported stolen from the gym floor of Bally's Total Fitness on Route 22 East Jan. 9. The bag contained \$100 cash, a bank card, the victim's driver's license, car keys and house keys.

• A Hillside resident reported the theft of their vehicle from the Bob's Store parking lot Jan. 8.

**POLICE BLOTTER** 

• A birth certificate and Social Security card belonging to a South Amboy resident were reported stolen from the Division of Motor Vehicles on Center Street Jan. 4.

#### Mountainside

• Plainfield resident Brian Jones, 33, was arrested by borough police Jan. 14 and charged with driving with a suspended license. Jones also had a warrant out of Highland Park in the amount of \$780. A court date was set in Mountainside for Feb. 22.

 Jorge Lopes, 18, of Newark, was arrested for driving with a suspended license Jan. 13. He was given a court date of Feb. 22.

· Elizabeth resident Vivian Alvarado, 23, was arrested by borough officers Jan. 12 for driving with a suspended license. She was stopped on

Route 22 West and Justin Place for not having an inspection sticker posted on her vehicle.

• Plainfield resident Francisco Demoscoso and Guttenberg resident Edilberto Londono were both charged with driving with a suspended licenses Jan. 11. Wayne Blanchard Jr. of Plainfield was picked up by South Plainfield police on a warrant out of Mountainside.

• James Nash, 66, of Newark was arrested by Westfield police on a warrant out of the borough Jan. 10. Another Newark resident, Rizal Gilmore, 26, was arrested by Edison Police on a Mountainside warrant. Bail for Gilmore was set at \$261. Robert Evans of Plainfield was charged with being an unlicensed driver after he was stopped by borough police at the Mountainside/ Scotch Plains border. He was released on his own recognizance and given a court date of Jan. 25.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



David and Diane Leibowitz of Springfield, will celebrate his sixth birthday on Jan. 26. Joining in the celebration will be brother Andrew and grandmothers Carol Grieco of Springfield and Gloria Leibowitz of Elizabeth.

#### of an odor of gas Friday. One motor June unveiling vehicle accident on Route 24 West, two calls for activated alarms and four of path expected medical service calls were also

(Continued from Page 1) veral improvements to the Hetfield House.

According to both Benninger and Mortimer, the Historic Preservation Committee has launched a severalpronged marketing campaign for the brick program.

Currently, there is no final deadline for when brick orders have to be placed. Benninger said the committee is hoping to unveil the new pathway at the beginning of June. He said sales for the brick program are progressing at a steady rate and he hopes to see more orders come in soon.

Mortimer said the final brick orders will be placed to the vendor to receive a bulk rate. For information on ordering a brick, call the Historic Preservation Committee at (908) 232-2400.

## Annual hikes reflect (Continued from Page 1)

The councilman said he is in favor of a small hike this year, following one in 2000, rather than having a large hike after several years of no increases.

"We are getting to the point of a cost of living increase annually," Turner said.

Turner said the additional revenue for the pool will fund several routine facility and equipment upgrades. In addition, the revenue derived from the fee increase will be used to fund additional social programming at the pool.

Turner noted that the additional activities will include the continuation of float nights and adult parties. More programming will be added so that non-resident members and resident members have an opportunity to get to know each other.

"We are trying to get a daily volleyball game started," Turner said, noting that basketball games have also been conducted.

Turner said he is interested in trying to focus on activities to assist both the resident and non-resident members of the pool. He supports having non-Mountainside residents utilize the facility and has seen an increase in recent years.

"Many non-residents join the pool because it is a better facility than their community's pool," Turner said.

According to Winans, Recreation Department statistics show that in 2000, 495 resident families and 265 non-resident families joined the community pool.

Councilman Thomas Perrotta said he finds a lot of out-of-town residents. coming to the borough's pool because Mountainside's pool offers more amenities.

"Comparing it to other pools, such as the ones in Westfield and Scotch Plains, we offer lower fees and more to do," Perrotta said, adding that a waiting list is being maintained for out-of-town members.

Scotch Plains resident Lillian Wiener is a longtime member of the Mountainside pool. She said she originally joined because it was closer to

her home than the Scotch Plains pool and it offered good swim lesson programs for her children.

Wiener said that while she can sympathize with borough officials over the rising cost of running the pool and maintaining current programs, she does not find this to be the appropriate time to raise the pool fees.

"I can understand that costs are rising, but I don't think that it is wise time to do this. Last year, with the weather, the pool did not have as large of an attendance as in past years," Wiener said, noting that her family's attendance rate went down last year as well.

Wiener said many out-of-town members of the Mountainside pool are debating whether or not to rejoin this year. She said the most common reason cited by her friends is that their children are older and they use the pool less than in previous years.

Wiener said her family also is debating whether or not to rejoin the pool this year. She said her family will make a decision after analyzing their altendance rate from last year and anticipated attendance this year.

Wiener said her son will be attending a camp over the summer, limiting the amount of time her family will spend at the facility.

Perrotta disagrees with Wiener about timing of the proposed fee increase. He said borough officials are trying to keep up with standard raises given to pool employees annually.

"I don't think that the increase is out of the ordinary. We are trying to keep up with personnel cost of living increases," Perrotta said, noting that the annual raises are tied to the Consumer Price Index.

In addition, Perrotta hopes Wiener and her friends do not leave the Mountainside pool. He has studied neighboring pools and finds the borough's facility to offer more amenities for a lower price.

"I was a pool member for my entire childhood and I will continue to bring my daughter to the pool," said Perrotta, who has lived in the borough for 30 of his 34 years.

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injuries were reported.

### Springfield

A saucepan filled with cooking oil touched off a cooking fire at a Robin Court residence Friday.

The pan, which had been left unattended, resulted in the kitchen's cabinets catching fire. Firefighters extinguished the flames with a hoseline and removed the saucepan to the backyard. The area was checked for fire extension, but none was found. Two foam extinguishers were used to wet down the charred wood around

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mountainaide Shade Tree Commission will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. on the sec-ond floor of the Mountainside Municipal Bidg., 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ. All are welcome to attend and participate at this meeting. Ruth M. Rees

Ruth M. Rees Secretary 2001 (\$5.00) U3338 ECL January 18, 2001

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, THAT THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RENT CONTROL BOARD WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMIT-TEE ROOM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILD-ING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2001 AT 7:30P.M. MURRAY FROMER SECRETARY U3382 ECL Jan. 18, 2007 (\$5.00)

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 PUBLIC NOTICE
 Public notice is hereby given that an Ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Springfield Board of Health at a Re-organization meeting held on January 10, 2001. The Board of Health will further consider the same for final passage on February 14, 2001 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Springfield Annex Build-ing, Springfield, New Jersey, at which time and place members of the public will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance.

 Marylou Fashano-Soltis Board Secretary

GENERAL ORDINANCE #BH01-200

PUBLIC NOTICE

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service call.

Be it ordained by the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that General Ordinance #BH01-2000 entitled as above be amended as follows:

• The department placed a ladder

truck on standby for the Union Fire

Department on a request for mutual

aid Jan. 10. There was one medical

• There were no calls Jan. 9.

#### Section 1

The following annual salary is hereby fix-ed for officers and employees of the Board of Health and shall be retroactively payable from January 1, 2001.

Board Attorney Jerrold J. Wohlgemuth \$1,500.00

### Section 2

This Ordinance shall take effect immedi-ately after final passage and publication according to law. Patricia Lynn President, Board of Health U3375 ECL Jan. 18, 2001 (\$19,50)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that deci-NOTICE IS REFERSE GIVEN that decl-sions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on Decem-ber 14, 2000 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

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two oclock in the atternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. Property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

An Ordinance by the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield to amend Ordi-nance #BH01-2000 of the Board of Health entitled "An Ordinance relating to salaries of officers and employees of the Board of

U3359 ECL Jan. 18, 2001 (\$6.00) TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J. TAKE NOTICE, that the Workshop Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. The Tuesday Meeting will be held in the Caucus Room, Municipal Building. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI Township Clerk U3381 ECL Jan. 18, 2001 (\$5.00)

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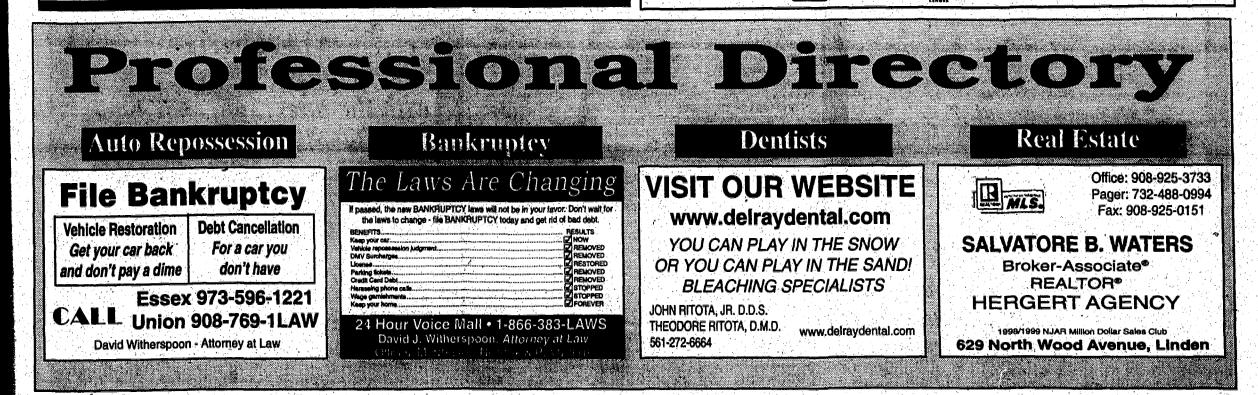


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## Curriculum meeting 'inadvertently' missed

(Continued from Page 1) while teachers do have some discretion in introducing new resources in their classrooms, the district must follow certain state mandates regarding what curriculum is introduced to different grade levels.

The last time the health curriculum was reviewed in the Mountainside School District, Taeschler said, was during the 1997-98 school year, when a diverse group of clergy, parents, administrators and parents reviewed the health curriculum.

Taeschler added that only two

parents turned out to protest the Family Life resource last week. "They don't think this should be taught in school at all," she said. "The parents think that we're giving children information that encourages them to have sex."

"Most children in today's society are watching sitcoms and movies and they're seeing men and women under the covers," Taeschler countered.

Stressing that "it is very important that parents have the opportunity to opt out" of Family Life curriculum,

Taeschler said the parents were outraged because they never received notification about the new resource.

Schaller admitted on Friday that the district failed to conduct the statemandated meeting with parents at the start of the school year. He also said the district never sent a letter to parents advising them of the district's intent to use the resource in the health curriculum this year.

Schaller refused to release a copy of the book to his newspaper until last night's scheduled meeting - once all parents had an opportunity to review its contents. The administrator called the book "in good taste," and confirmed that it was first introduced into the health curriculum three years ago, before he arrived in the district.

Schaller said the book was removed from the classroom immediately. "We're not going to be doing any more with the resource until the parents have a chance to look over it." An anatomy and physiology sec-

tion on the human body was substituted for the sex education curriculum until further notice.

## Births to underage mothers low countywide

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The Union County Planned Parenthood Association keeps no statistics on the issue of children having children, and Overlook Hospital in Summit declines to give information about births to children and adolescents, considering these births confidential if, in fact, they occur.

Headquartered in Westfield, Health Officer and Registrar Bob Sherr oversees the health departments for six communities: Westfield, Mountainside, Springfield, Roselle Park, Fanwood and Garwood. Each office registers births and vital statistics for its own respective municipality.

Sherr was not surprised at the findings in Mountainside. "I would venture to say the other communities would be similar. We do not keep records of abortions or of cases of venereal diseases: that falls only within the jurisdiction of the New Jersey State Health Department," he added.

Kathy Wisniewski, registrar for the Springfield Health Department checked her records, and said, "With great relief, I can tell you we had no births for the past three years in the age group of 11 to 14 - none at all."

The most recent statistics available from the New Jersey State Health Depart-

ment, said spokeperson Chris Gage, are broken down only by county, not by municipality. Gage confirmed that in 1996 there were 16 births in the age group of 11 to 14 in Union County, and in 1997, there were 11.

State Health Department records on venereal disease cases are also broken down by county. According to the most recent figures on sexually-transmitted diseases for the 11 to 14 age group, there were eight cases of gonorrhea and 13 cases of chlamydia in 1999. "We don't know what towns, or whether boys or girls," Gage said.

## Survey will show incoming students

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immediate neighborhood, and should be getting more replies shortly." The door-to-door survey will help determine the number of new children entering kindergarten in the future.

Other budget matters were unanimously passed, with long-range facilities planning set for discussion at Tuesday's meeting.

## WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

**EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST** OUR HOPE AND PEACE." - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors: 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study: Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Music Program; Super Seniors 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

### JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. 973-376-0539. Mark Mallach. Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Dr. Scott D. Zinberg, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun.-Thurs. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are inducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Preschool, classes are available for children ages 21/2 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.

## LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4525, Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. 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 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Wor-ship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

they depart for classes. Service of Prayer and Healing held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. Please call and ask about our Adult Christian Education, Young Adult Ministries, Bible Studies, Small Group Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other opportunities to serve. If you have any ques-tions, interest in opportunities to serve others, or have prayer requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Markay at the Church Office: 973-376-1695.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest 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 which is to 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 weekly 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 lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastor Lee Weaver for more information at 908 277-1700.

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## ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-3044. SUN-DAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 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 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass -9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume Septem-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 5:30 PM anticipated Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Satur-days 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

## Newcomers plan party

The Newcomers Club of Summit. Berkeley Heights and New Providence will conduct its annual winter cocktail party this year Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

There is no cost to attend. Guests should bring their favorite wine or beer, and either an appetizer or dessert.

contact Jane Johanson at (908) 273-2343.

Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its lunchtime video series with "Stand By Me" Tuesday at noon. The third film in the series examines the issue of growing up in a small town.

Body," the movie focuses on four friends - sensitive Gordie, tough guy Chris, flamboyant Teddy, and of a missing teenager's body. Wantother and their community, the boys set out on a two-day trek that turns film is about friendship and the indeli-

series continues at noon Feb. 6 with "Steel Magnolias."

Participants should bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee

For information, call (973)

## **Catholic Schools Week**

Catholic Schools' Week will take

place Jan. 28 to Feb. 2 at Our Lady of Peace School in New Providence.

The festivities will begin with a 9 a.m. Mass Jan. 28 followed by an open house and coffee in the auditorium. Registration will take place Jan. 29 to Jan. 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

are welcome. "Celebrate Catholic Schools" is this year's theme.

School serves area children in prekindergarten through eighth grade.

## Shabbat program planned

Congregation Israel, 339 Mountain Ave., Springfield, will host a special program Feb. 9 and 10 to celebrate Shabbat Shirsa, the Sabbath of Song, and to remember the late Rabbi Israel Turner, the former Rabbi Emeritus of the congregation.

is part of the Springfield Jewish Experience, an outreach initiative open to non-members, unaffiliated Jews and the general public.

evening community dinner, Shabbat services and Kiddush, and a lecture by a musicologist, with a vocal music performance following the Kiddush.

person and \$18 per child for both the Friday evening dinner and Saturday program, including the Kiddish, lecture and musical program. The cost for non-members is \$50 per person and \$36 for seniors.

Sponsors are invited to the Friday and Saturday morning events for \$118 per couple. For reservations and further information, call the synagogue office at (973) 467-9666.

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## LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

## Mountainside hoop program is running

The Mountainside Recreation Department has a "Kindergarten: Introduction to Basketball Skills" program presently running at the Deerfield School gym.

This instructional clinic introduces the basic skills of dribbling, ball-handling, passing and shooting.

Volunteer coaches are needed and class size is limited.

Session 1 began Jan. 6 and will continue this Saturday and conclude Jan. 27.

Session 2 will run four Saturdays from Feb. 3 to March 3, with no program for Feb. 17.

The sessions at Deerfield go from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and the cost is \$10 per person, with a limit of one session per child.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration forms may be obtained weekdays at the recreation office, located at Borough Hall.

Checks should be made payable to: Mountainside Recreation Department.

More information about the "Kindergarten: Introduction to Basketball Skills" program may be obtained by calling the Mountainside Recreation Department at 908-232-0015.

## Summit Junior Baseball registration is now

The Summit Junior Baseball League is now registering players for its spring season.

The registration cutoff date is Feb. 1. The season starts April 7.

Player skill evaluation sessions, which are mandatory for all 4th, 5th and 6th grade players, are set for Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. for 4th graders and Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. for 5th and 6th graders.

A makeup session is scheduled for Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

All evaluation sessions will be held at the Summit Middle School gym.

Summit Junior Baseball League registration forms can be downloaded from the Summit Junior Baseball web site at www.summitnjsports.com or may be obtained by calling 908-273-6529.



The Springfield Rebels youth soccer team enjoyed an outstanding 2000 season, finishing their schedule with an undefeated record. Kneeling, from left, are Justin Russikoff, Brian Smith, Matt Butler, Tony Ramson, Adam Frank, Lucas Biebelberg, Chris Butler and Joel Loeshelle. Standing, from left, are Jay Williams, Alex Neubauer, Ryan Sabinski, Robert Rogers, Michael Miranda, Anthony Nietto, Matt Steiner, Milan Patel, Orlando Calvo and A.J. Tettamanti. Back row, from left, are coach Jeff Neubauer, David Shewitz and coach Bob Butler. Team members not in the picture include Jim Guarino and Jason Usdin.

# Summit boys' basketball is playing at a high level

Hilltoppers closer to qualifying for states

#### By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

SUMMIT — "One more win and we are in the state playoffs," is what Summit High School boys' basketball coach Eugene Maxwell said after his team won a 72-54 Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division matchup over Mount Olive last Friday night.

The Hilltoppers took a 34-25 halftime lead and never looked back, enabling them to improve to 7-2 on the season.

The state playoff cutoff date is two weeks from this Saturday — Feb. 3 — as Summit began the week as one of the top teams in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2. With the score 11-8, Summit standout senior point guard Ryan Carey scored on three consecutive drives, the last two coming on a steal and layup to put the Hilltoppers ahead at 17-8. pers went on a 6-0 run, highlighted by a layup from Carey off a Freeman steal to make it 46-29.

After Mount Olive's John Rehm nailed a three-point basket from the left wing, Sprinzen showed his moves, driving the baseline and putting up a nice reverse layup for a 48-32 score.

The Hilltoppers' Chris Jones then came up with a steal and rocketed a football pass down court to a wide open Freeman who put in a nice finger roll to make it 50-32 at the 2:18 mark.

With less than a minute left in the period, Dugan would nail another three-point shot to make it 54-35. Rehm answered back by getting fouled underneath and connecting on both foul shots to bring it to 54-37. Halonski would then close out scoring in the third, ripping a 10-footer to make it 54-39.

# Dayton boys' hoops falls to St. Mary's

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — "It's a great game for us to build on," Dayton High School boys' basketball coach Bill Berger said after his team lost to St. Mary's 56-44 Tuesday night in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play.

The Bulldogs, who played for the second straight game without leading scorer Matt Paz due to a wrist injury, played the 18th-ranked team in the state tough, falling only by 12.

It was the closest margin of victory for the Hilltoppers this season.

The loss dropped Dayton to 9-2, while Valley leader and two-time defending champion St. Mary's remains undefeated at 11-0.

After trailing by four at the half 22-18, Dayton hit a wall in the third period and managed only six points in the eight minutes.

St. Mary's junior forward Tauren Ogunnaike set the tone for the period when he took a pass from the right corner and then drove the baseline and slammed down a dunk to make it 24-18.

Then the Bulldogs' James Cariello hit a 10-footer off a nice feed from point guard Carmine Santarella. The Hilltoppers' Joey Hanks answered back by hitting a layup to make it 26-20.

After Dayton guard Mo Abdelaziz hit a fallaway jumper to make it 26-22, both teams traded scores to make it 28-24.

The Hilltoppers then went on a 10-0 run to end the period and give themselves a 38-24 advantage going into the final stanza.

"It was just a matter of turnovers, missed layups and foul shots," Berger said of his team's misfortune in the second half.

After a long outlet pass from Ogunnaike to junior guard James Massaro led to a layup with less than four minutes left in the contest to make it 45-27, Santarella answered back by nailing a "trey" from the right wing to get it to 45-30.

But it would be too little, too late as St. Mary's, with less than two minutes left, went on to score three more points on free throws to take a 51-38 lead.

"Our game plan is to pressure up and down the court," St. Mary's coach Anthony Colletti said.

The start of the game had each team feeling each other out, parlaying into a 12-7 score in favor of the Hilltoppers.

The Bulldogs received quality play from senior center Jeff Stapfer, who scored eight points in the second quarter to help keep Dayton in the game. Dayton will host St. Mary's Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

# Dayton goes over .500 for the very first time

When the Dayton High School hockey team took the ice at Montclair State University Monday afternoon to face Nutley, the Bulldogs did so with a record over .500 for the first time in their four-year history.

Dayton moved over the .500 mark for the first time with a dramatic 3-2 win over Bergen County foe Ramsey last Saturday night at the Bridgewater Sports Arena in Bridgewater.

With the game tied 2-2 with just over six minutes remaining in the third period, Dayton sophomore defenseman Jared Preston took a shot from center ice that found its way past the Ramsey goaltender.

## **High School Ice Hockey**

Dayton goalie A.J. Garciano, who had another outstanding game, stood his ground the rest of the way as the Bulldogs held on for the one-goal victory.

The win put Dayton at 5-4 heading into Monday's scheduled contest against Nutley. The Bulldogs were also scheduled to compete against Tenafly last night at Twin Oaks.

Senior John Laurencelle took a pass from sophomore Brett Berger in front of the net about four minutes into the game and slapped a shot past the Ramsey goalie to give Dayton a 1-0 lead.

## Springfield hockey team is victorious

Jesse Krumholz of Springfield sparked the Union County Devils to a 6-3 victory over a gritty squad from Essex County in junior hockey league play last week.

Showing great instincts, Krumholz repeatedly anchored himself near the goal crease, where he gobbled up errant pucks and launched five of them past a dazed Essex County goalie.

For the opposing Essex County team, Jason Epstein and Rick Webster skated impressively and demonstrated slick puck-handling abilities.

## Kean University soccer school to run on Fridays

Kean University will be hosting an indoor winter soccer school for boys and girls ages 6-16.

The school, which will run six consecutive Fridays from Jan. 26 to March 6, is designed to teach basic and advanced skills.

The camp will be run by Kean University soccer staff and will include lectures and demonstrations by guest coaches.

The overall philosophy of the school is soccer success can be best achieved through the mastery of the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, heading and shooting.

To achieve this, each session will feature drills that will enhance the skills of the players and there will be a team tournament that will run through the course of the program.

The Friday night sessions will run from 6:30 to 8 at the university's east campus indoor facility. The cost of the camp is \$89 per

child. More information about the indoor winter soccer school for boys and girls may be obtained by calling Kean men's soccer coach Tony Ochrimenko at 908-527-2936 or 908-527-2435. After Mount Olive center Eric Stein tallied for two of his team-high 23 points on a layup to make it 17-10, Summit center Alex Sprinzen closed out the quarter by scoring on a putback and was fouled on the play, setting up a possible three-point play. The senior nailed the free throw and the Hilltoppers led 20-10.

With less than five minutes before the half, the Marauders would go on an 8-0 run to bring the score to within six at 24-18. The run was capped by a Stein layup off a nice feed from guard Jose Panlillo.

Carey, who poured in a game-high 24 points, drove into the lane and put in a layup and was fouled on the play. Even though he missed the foul shot, he gave his squad a 26-18 advantage.

Then Marauder forward Kevin Halonski tallied for a free throw and a layup to bring it to 26-21. A three-pointer and a five-foot banker by Hilltopper forward Lamar Free-man, sandwiched between a Stein tap in, made the score 31-23.

Halonski would follow a Steven Joseph jumper to make it 31-25, but Summit's Dan Dugan would drain a "trey" from the left corner with two seconds left to give the Hilltoppers a 34-25 lead heading into the intermission.

"We knew we were quicker than them and had to take advantage of that," Carey said.

That was obvious in the third period when the Hilltop-

Rehm then came up with a steal, but his halfcourt shot at the buzzer came up short.

Jones opened the fourth quarter by blasting a three-point shot the from top of the key to make it 56-39. The Marauders then scored the next seven points to bring it to 56-45.

That's when things got a little tense, as Freeman was fouled hard by Marauder guard Noah Cramer. After some bumping and shoving, both were given technicals. Each team connected on its free throw to make the score 60-47.

With less than three minutes left, Freeman would put the game away by making a five-foot bank shot off a Jones assist. He then came up with a steal, feeding Dugan for a layup and a 66-49 lead.

Carey would put the final touch on the contest when he tallied on a layup with 28 seconds left to bring the score to its 72-54 conclusion.

"It's a big win for us, because it makes us 1-2 at home," Carey said. "We want to get some more wins at home." Besides Carey's 24 points, the Hilltoppers were paced by Dugan's 19, which included four three-pointers. Freeman chipped in with 15 and Sprinzen and Jones finished with seven each.

Summit's sixth win was a commanding 76-56 conference triumph against West Essex Jan. 9 in North Caldwell. Carey paced Summit with 21 points, while Dugan had 18, Jones 17, Freeman 11 and Sprinzen eight.

## Springfield Minutemen senior squad posts hoop win over N. Providence

The Springfield Minutemen senior basketball team downed New Providence 33-31 and then lost a close 46-41 decision to Roselle last week, while the junior squad fell to New Providence 51-24 and to Roselle 43-33.

Kenneth Suarez scored 14 points and grabbed five rebounds in the senior team's win over New Providence. Also enjoying outstanding games for the Minutemen were center Kevin Johnson with five points and seven rebounds, Ross Kivowitz with five points and three rebounds, Robbie Shabat with four points and 10 rebounds, Jesse Weatherston with four points, Mike Tiss with one point, Kevin Kleyman with five rebounds and Jake Floyd with a steady performance.

Kivowitz scored 14 points against Roselle, one of his baskets being a buzzer-beating three-point shot at the end of the first quarter. He also grabbed 11 rebounds dished out one assist and caused Roselle to turn the ball over three times.

Johnson scored 12 points and grabbed 11 boards, Tiss had eight points and three rebounds and made Roselle turn the ball over four times and Weatherston, Suarez and Kleyman played well.

Jake Floyed paced the junior team with 11 points and 10 rebounds against New Providence. Adam Hirst scored four points and had 10 rebounds, Kevin Jiang scored three points and grabbed seven boards, David Steinman scored three points and Alan Steinberg, Jesse Galinkin and Jordan Fish scored one point each. Danny Shabat, Kyle Seeley, Eric Dworkin, Steven Decter, Brandon Gincel, Danny DiCocco and Alex Silverman also gave solid efforts. Stephen Suarez scored 11 points, including a threepointer, in the junior game against Roselle. Galinkin scored six points and grabbed four rebounds, Floyd had five points and eight rebounds, Hirst had five points and six boards, while Jiang, Seeley and Steinman scored two points each.

Springfield teams were scheduled to play at Westfield last night and Saturday have games at home at Gaudineer School at 6:15 p.m. junior and 7:45 p.m. senior.

Springfield is scheduled to play at Cranford Monday at 6:30 and 8 p.m., at home Wednesday at 6:30 and 8 and at home Jan. 31 at 6:30 and 8.

The Springfield Council of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Contest held at Caldwell School on Jan. 7 was a success.

The winners included: William Fischer age 14, Kenneth Suarez age 13, Stephen Suarez age 12, Andrew Ghilino age 11, Joseph Pulice age 10 boy and Caitlin Quagliato age 10 girl.

They advanced to district competition that will be held in February. After Ramsey went ahead 2-1, Dayton tied the game near the end of the second period when junior Adam Cohen scored on a breakaway. Eric Decter and Berger assisted on Cohen's goal.

Through their first nine games, the Bulldogs were led offensively by Cohen (11 goals, four assists for 15 points), Berger (5-10-15) and Clay Boeninghaus (4-6-10).

Dayton reached the .500 mark for the second time this year by beating Newark Academy 5-3 last Thursday at South Mountain Arena in West Orange.

Cohen scored twice and Dean Kakounis, Laurencelle and Boeninghaus once. Berger had two assists and defenseman Ross Kravetz and Preston one. Decter played an outstanding game.

Garciano was tough to beat as he came up with 27 saves.

Upcoming: Tomorrow Northern Highlands, 9:30 p.m.; Sunday Tenafly at Englewood, 7:25; Wednesday Newark Academy at Twin Oaks, 7:45; Jan. 26 Mahwah, 9:30; Feb. 3 Ramsey at Sport-O-Rama, Monsey, N.Y., 7 p.m.; Feb. 5 Northern Highlands at Sport-O-Rama, Monsey, N.Y., 6:15; Feb. 11 Newark East Side, 4:15; Feb. 16 Governor Livingston, 7:15.

## Summit ice hockey continues to excel

The Summit High School ice hockey team continued its winning ways as it defeated Montclair 2-0 and St. Joseph of Montvale 2-1 to begin the week with an 8-2-2 record.

Summit's first game this week was scheduled against Toms River North Tuesday night at Warinanco in Roselle.

Keith Schroeder and Mike Sartorius scored power play goals in the third period and goalie Richard James made 20 saves to spark the Hilltoppers in their win against St. Joe's. James made 29 saves to record the shutout against Montclair, while teammate Matt Starker scored both Summit goals.

Ten of James' saves came in the second period as the Hilltoppers prevented Montclair from scoring on four power-play opportunities. Montclair was scoreless on seven overall.

Starker's goals came in the first period when Summit outshot Montclair by an impressive 13-5 margin.

Summit is scheduled to skate against Christian Brothers Academy today at 3:30 p.m. at Warinanco Rink in Roselle.

Upcoming: Today: Christian Brothers Academy at Warinanco, 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday Bayonne at Warinanco, 8:30; Jan. 29 Paramus Catholic at Ice House, Hackensack, 8 p.m.; Jan. 30 Don Bosco Prep at Warinanco, 8:30; Feb. 3 at Montclair, 6:45; Feb. 7 Clifton at Warinanco, 8:30; Feb. 13 Westfield at Warinanco, 8:30.

## Dayton and Summit girls' basketball began the week 7-2

The Dayton and Summit high school girls' basketball teams began the week with 7-2 records, while Governor Livingston stood at 6-4.

Dayton was scheduled to host St. Mary's of Elizabeth Tuesday, while Summit hosted Hanover Park and GL played at Hillside.

Dayton's seventh win was a 47-42 Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division triumph over visiting Brearley last Friday. Esther Aizenberg scored 20 points, Lyndsey Brahm 11, Steinman eight Tara Listowski four and Linda Agostinelli two.

Summit ripped Mount Olive 43-27 on the road Friday for its seventh win. Karen Jann scored 15 points and Ashley Holmes scored six and grabbed 13 rebounds to pace the Hilltoppers in the Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division triumph.

GL fell short in its bid for a seventh win last Friday, dropping a 53-42 MVC-Mountain Division decision to Rahway in Rahway.

## Auster, Smith place in IHC track for Summit

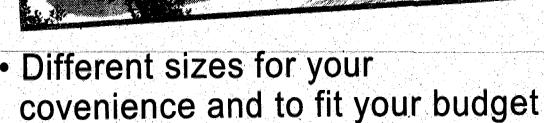
Summit's Matt Auster was sixth in the boys' 55-meter dash in 7.06 and Sally Smith sixth in the girls' 3,200-meter run in 13:56.17 at last week's Iron Hills Conference track championships at Drew University in Madison.



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