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Some athletic fields reopened

Meisel Park remains closed

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

The fields behind Jonathan Dayton High School as well as the ones by the tennis courts have been reopened. In the fall, these county-owned fields are used by Dayton's boys and girls soccer teams. In the spring, they are used for baseball and softball as well as for track. Springfield Athletic Director Dan Gallagher said,

"These fields, as well as Meisel Avenue Park, were closed by the county in August due to environmental testing.

Matrix Environmental and Geotechnical Services of Florham Park conducted the soil and under-

ground testing at the fields. High levels of three contaminants, including arsenic, lead and an insecticide, were found.

The discovered levels had exceeded the acceptable amount of the state Department of Environmental Protection's residential criteria, forcing the county to close the park.

"To be conservative, the county closed other county parks in the immediate area," said Norma Eichlin, senior project manager for Matrix Environmental. The soccer fields fell under this blanket, she added.

Prior to the reopening, the Dayton soccer teams had been using the Green Acres Park off of Morris

Avenue, on the border of Springfield and Union.

"We did everything we could to help the Board of Education use other available fields," said Mayor Sy Mullman.

In April, Matrix Environmental was contracted by the county, at a cost of \$76,000, to perform the soil tests. Arsenic was found in five locations of the park, lead at one location, and diethylin, an insecticide, at two areas.

A brief timeline shows that additional testing by Matrix Environmental was completed on Sept. 7. On Sept. 21, a preliminary report stating that the soccer fields were safe to use was sent to Union County as well as to the state Department of Environmental

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Practicing politics



Photo By Bob Hellrich

Andrzej Moczydlowski presents for arguments on Tuesday as students gathered at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield for a model congress. The event gave students practice in developing political skills in mock debates and public forums that gave them first-hand knowledge of how government works.

Cont unresolved

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

The long-awaited day of Oct. 29 came and went: Mountainside teachers met with a mediator from the New Jersey Public Employee Relations Commission but the dispute over a new contract has not been resolved.

Jeanette Maraffi, president of the Mountainside Education Association, said she was bound not to comment on any of the negotiations at this time. She did say they met until 1:30 a.m. in an effort to resolve the issues.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller was equally reticent about the meeting, but said another meeting was scheduled for Nov. 27, and that they would all meet again. A spokeswoman for the New Jersey Education Association, Mary Lou Mitchell, said "I think we are making progress; that is all I will say at this time."

Mountainside teachers have been working without a new collective bargaining agreement contract since June 30, and they are asking for salary increases.

The teachers have been on the job in every respect and when asked if he thought there was even a possibility of a strike, Schaller said emphatically, "That just won't happen. We will resolve this. I am sure."

Voters will decide two seats

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

With the coming of Election Day on Tuesday, one issue that has shaped the Mountainside Borough Council campaign is the borough's infrastructure project.

Republican incumbent Glenn Mortimer said the project, which will study each road in the borough to determine if it needs renovations or repairs, should be completed by early 2003.

"Every road needs to be reviewed," Mortimer said. "I'd like to see every road analyzed and then see what

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needs to be done and get it into our long-term planning."

He said residents should be deriving the benefits of the project early on, citing the increase in homeowners' property values.

He praised the progress of Borough Engineer Mike Disko, who had been contracted by the council to perform

the project. Using another contractor would not have resulted in a tremendous savings for the borough, he said.

"I doubt there's someone out there more qualified," Mortimer said.

Democratic challenger John Shackelford pointed out the possibility for the borough to have studied other

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Condition of township's parks and fields takes center stage for election

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

The condition of Springfield's parks and recreational fields is one issue that none of the Township Committee candidates can ignore.

"These facilities are just one of the issues that have been planted in the minds of voters. But the question remains: what exactly will each of the four candidates do about them?"

The closing of Meisel Avenue Park has prompted the county to call for soil tests, and for the township-owned fields and parks, upgrading and maintaining them has become a prominent part of the current campaign.

"We need a subdivision of the Recreation or Public Works Department whose focus is on maintaining the fields," said Democratic incumbent Clara Harelik.

She stressed the importance of maintaining parks, playgrounds, and the pool year-round, and making sure the playgrounds are equipped with safe, state-of-the-art equipment.

Harelik pointed out that as a former chairperson of the Springfield Environmental Commission, she had been responsible for putting together brochures that listed all of the parks in the township and described what was offered at each of them. She had also requested that the Recreation Department update the

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brochures and distribute them around town.

"I think if you look at our parks, compared to others in the county, we are definitely in the lower end of that in terms of upgrading," said Michael Montanari, a Republican challenger.

He pointed out that both the Union County freetholders and the Springfield Township Committee are comprised entirely of Democrats, stressing that it should be a better connection for communication.

One way to improve the parks, according to Montanari, would be to get the Recreation Department more involved with kids programs and keep vigilant contact with the county on the status of county-owned fields such as Meisel Avenue Park.

"I haven't seen one improvement to any recreation field in Springfield," said

William Holmes, the second half of the Republican ticket. "I've never seen the parks in that condition."

Over the past several years, Holmes has found a sense of general neglect concerning the township's recreation fields and parks. To concentrate on upgrading and improving the parks, he suggested combining the Recreation Department with the Department of Public Works.

"It really turns people off," Holmes said. "We're not talking about an astronomical amount of money to make the parks presentable."

Democratic incumbent Steven Goldstein said the best thing to do for general maintenance of the township-owned parks is to add more manpower to maintain them, but noted how this might raise taxes.

"For Meisel Avenue Park, we have to get together with the Board of Education and go to the county with a plan that is acceptable to the people in the town," said Goldstein. "I think whoever's on the committee has to sit with the Board of Education and come up with a unified plan."

He said this may be the only way to get the public more willing to support the upgrades and renovations at Meisel Avenue Park, noting the recent referendum voted down in April.

He also suggested seeking more grant money or corporate sponsorship to help pay for upgrades at Meisel Avenue Park.



Photo By Bob Hellrich

Students begin Red Cross program at GL High School

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Leslie Guyton and Neha Kaushik are two high school students who just wanted to volunteer their time and help others. After going to the Red Cross in Summit and talking to Alex Balish, youth service coordinator, they thought other students at their school might want to help too.

Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, where Mountainside residents attend, has a new after-school program this year, Red Cross Youth Services. Guyton, a senior, is the president, and Kaushik, a junior, is the vice president.

"They came to me in the summer asking if they could volunteer," said Balish. "Now they're in a leadership role because they're so motivated."

Guyton had started by volunteering at the Summit Area Red Cross, whose service area includes Berkeley Heights and Springfield. One of her duties was to drive senior citizens and other people who were no longer able to drive themselves.

"I volunteered at the Red Cross a bunch of times," she said. "I thought it would be a good idea to get others involved. I hoped that if I could help get the program started then in the future other students could be very active in it."

Kaushik has always been involved when it comes to helping people.

"Other clubs maybe do five hours of community service a week," said Kaushik. "I wanted to do more. I really wanted to do something that was like 20 hours a week. People hear Red Cross and they know that we're actually going to do something."

Currently, the club, which meets once a week, has 20 full-fledged members and about 50 other students who also help.

"I was surprised," said Kaushik. "Usually it takes a while for new clubs to get going but people started to come to the activities and donate materials."

Governor Livingston's branch is one of 26 Red Cross Youth Services branches in New Jersey. "People are always saying that kids do bad things and they put that in the paper," said Balish. "I want to show how kids do good things and put that in the paper."

"My goal is for the kindergartners to go through 12 years of this program," Balish continued. "I want to start one of these programs in every high school. I want the high school kids to mentor the middle school kids; the middle school kids to reach out to the grammar school kids."

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Township Committee to determine new policy on banners

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee must decide whether or not it will allow the Jonathan Dayton High School ice hockey team to hang a banner, displaying the team's schedule, over Mountain Avenue.

The request came from resident Neal Berger at a Township Committee meeting last month.

"I'm here to appear before the committee to approve a banner to be put across Mountain Avenue to designate the high school ice hockey team," said Berger. "The purpose being to promote spirit within the school."

Berger explained that it has been a rough year for the high school. He cited the tragic events of Sept. 11, the high school losing its football team, as well as some of its athletic

fields due to the Meisel Park closing.

"I just think it would be nice to give something back to the kids in the high school," he said.

Mayor Sy Mullman said there are a number of other banners that must go up, like Toys For Tots and the Farmer's Market.

"I also understand that one of those banners is supposed to come down at the end of the month," said Berger, "which is just about the time we are looking to have our banner put up."

The Dayton ice hockey team plays in conjunction with David Breasley High School in Xenithworth at the ice rink at Wainman Park in Elizabeth. Practice starts Nov. 15 with the first game scheduled for Dec. 1.

"Our recommendation was to put the sign

up on the fence in front of the high school," said Mullman.

"That would be nice," said Berger, "if someone could guarantee that if it's vandalized or ripped down that we wouldn't have wasted hundreds of dollars to make the banner."

Berger cited an incident a few years ago involving a Dayton basketball championship banner that was hung on the school and torn down.

"That's the problem," said Berger. "We are concerned that something is going to happen to that banner so instead of raising money all we've done is spent a lot of money."

One of the reasons he felt a hockey banner would be good is to promote the team's games, Berger said, hoping to increase the

number of people in attendance, creating more revenue.

"I hang plenty of signs on that fence that never moved an inch," said Mullman. "On the Fourth of July we put a sign on that fence."

Berger said that when Dayton had a football team, they were allowed to hang a banner with the team's schedule.

"It's their school and the sign should be in front of the school, that's my feeling," said Mullman.

Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik offered her solution.

"I do not want the message of the Township Committee to be that we don't support our local kids at our local high school," she said.

"Perhaps we can work out some sort of system that's on a first-come first-serve basis with a time restriction."

"What do I do with the basketball team and the soccer team and every other team?" asked Mullman.

Harelik said that is where the first-come first-serve policy comes into play.

"I do think the banner can go up," Harelik said. "Maybe it can't be up for the entire season. I think we can draw guidelines so that it's not abused."

The Township Committee will discuss the issue further and will let the public know the final verdict.

"Somebody has to recognize that the kids need something," said Berger. "It says a lot to them. If anyone knows or has kids in town, especially in the high school, whether it's athletics or education wise, the spirit is not very high. Especially with a lot of the things that have happened this year."

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Dayton fields reopen

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Protection. On Sept. 27, the DEP concluded that the results of the findings were below the restricted criteria. "All of the results showed no impact for those fields," said Eichlin. On Oct. 18, a report came back from Matrix Environmental to reopen the soccer fields. "It's long overdue," said Mullman. "They should have reopened it a lot sooner." "The kids finally get to use it again. It's a great thing," Meisel Avenue Park, however, will remain closed. The source of the contaminants still has not been determined, according to Matrix Environmental, and it is still being investigated. A chemical dye plant did not reside at the field. The use of insecticides that were sprayed in the area could also be the cause, said Eichlin. "Based upon the findings of the environmental studies, the soccer fields are safe to use but there will be continued testing of the 23-acre park site," said Sebastian D'Elia, Union County director of public information. The reopening of the soccer fields eases the overcrowding of other fields that were being occupied by recreation groups as well as the high school. "We're happy to get them back," said Gallagher. "The tests came back negative and they gave us the fields back."

Dems, GOP battle for two seats on council

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methods of funding the infrastructure project, citing a big percentage of the "extraordinary expenses" of the project being paid to the borough engineer. "It raises the issue of impropriety," said Shackelford. "We stated that we agree paving and sewer work needs to be done, but that the cost is questionable. We feel that the expense could be forgone by utilizing the county Improvement Authority, or at least look into it." He said there could be large savings for residents if the council had used this agency to fund the project. His running mate Steven Brocner agreed that the agency would have been a source for saving the borough money when it came time to fund the infrastructure project. "There's no question that we would have saved a lot of money by going with the county," said Brocner. "We would have saved \$600,000. To the best of everyone's knowledge, no open bidding ever took place." He said there was the chance that

public input and he did not recall seeing the issue discussed at an open public Borough Council meeting before the contract was awarded to Disko. "The infrastructure is basic maintenance that was long delayed," said Brocner. "I don't think anything spectacular has happened." Republican incumbent Werner Schon said he has seen first-hand how residents have benefited from the infrastructure project. He said many have complimented him on the quality of the borough's road and sanitary sewer improvements. "Our roads are the best around," said Schon. "This is not something new." He said the borough has a road improvement schedule which runs on a continual year-by-year basis, reinforcing the borough's continued efforts to maintain the roads and sewers. "Many of the improvements are from grant money that we applied for and we were able to get. That's how we keep our taxes down," said Schon.

Community service is integral to GL program

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One of the club's biggest activities is community service. "There's no chest where students donate pens and pencils and notebooks and supplies like that," said Kaushik. "Then we donate the chest to underprivileged schools all over the world that don't have those supplies." The Red Cross Youth Services program also will sponsor blood drives as well as helping out senior citizens. "We pick one day a month to go to a nursing home and give the ladies manicures or play Bingo with them," said Kaushik. "We keep them company." Alice Hadley, the school nurse, is the program's adviser. "It encourages and enables the students interested in

the Red Cross to participate," she said. "I think it's a great way to let the kids help out." Although the club is about helping others out, there's also plenty of other things that need to be done, including office work. "If you like using the phone then I'll get you on the phone," said Balish. "If you're good with computers, I have plenty of computer stuff for you to do. It's all about volunteering and helping out." Helping out is exactly what Guyton and Kaushik are doing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today
• The office of Leo Kaswimer, an orthodontist at 165 Mountain Ave., Springfield encourages trick-or-treaters to help those less fortunate by conducting a candy collection between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Kids can come into the office and trade their Halloween candy for cash at \$1 per pound. The staff is not expecting to stop until they reach a total of 500 pounds of candy. The candy will then be donated to needy families at the Aposte House in Newark. All children are invited to participate, including non-patients. For information, call 973-379-3803.

• The Foothill Club of Mountaintop meets at noon at B.G. Fields in Westfield. Guests are always welcome. For reservations, call 908-232-3626.

• Members are urged to bring food items for a Thanksgiving food basket to be distributed to a needy family in Mountaintop. A Christmas boutique also will take place at the meeting.

• "The Great Pumpkin Sail" takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. at Echo Lake Park in Mountaintop. There will be a storyteller/musician for entertainment while guests can enjoy hot chocolate and marshmallows and the lake will be ablaze with a striking mini-sea of Jack-O-Lanterns. The cost is \$5 per family of four and \$0.50 for each additional individual. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

• For information, call 908-789-3670.

• Temple Beth Ahm's, "Not Just Lunch," meets from noon to 2 p.m., at 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, for an exercise session and current events discussion. The program is open to members of the community, ages 55 and up.

• Admission is \$4. Call 973-376-0539. Ext. 11, for information.

• Anthony Coletta, professor of Education at William Paterson University, presents "Reducing Stress in Your Family While Building Self-Esteem in Your Children" at Holy Cross Church, 639 Mountain Ave., Springfield, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

To register, call 973-379-4525.

Saturday
• Volunteers are needed to help with trail maintenance projects at Trails Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintop, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Helpers can bring a lunch, mug for a beverage, shovel, pickaxe, and gloves, if possible. For ages 14 and up.

• Call 908-789-3670 for information.

• The Internal Revenue Service conducts a Problem Solving Day at 200 Sheffield St., Mountaintop, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will help taxpayers who need to resolve federal tax issues and cannot take advantage of weekly problem-solving service.

Taxpayers are encouraged to make an appointment by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1640.

Sunday
• From noon to 5 p.m., the annual mineral show and geology hike at Trails Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintop, will allow visitors to discover the fascinating worlds of rocks, fossils, and minerals. Exhibits, demonstrations, and guest speakers will be highlights of the event. Admission is \$1 per person. Children under 6 are free.

• Call 908-789-3670 for information.

• An afternoon of gospel music is planned for 2 p.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Stephanie Rose and the Move of the Spirit Praise Dancers will bring messages of peace and love to all audiences.

• Admission is free by ticket only and may be picked up at the Circulation desk.

For information, call 973-376-4930.
• Springfield Cares meets at 8 p.m. in the Sarah Baller Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Walter Maher, superintendent of schools, will join the group to discuss issues currently facing the township's schools. Springfield Cares is a new group formed last year to increase awareness and participation of township citizens regarding events and issues facing the community. For information, call 973-921-1090.

Monday
• A rosary/novena takes place at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountaintop, followed by a talk on assisted living by Pam Humenny at 8 p.m.

• The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center at Jonathan Dayton High School, 138 Mountain Ave.

Tuesday
• The Springfield Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., offers its Lighthouse Video Series with "Midnight in Savanna" at noon. The film focuses on the characters and events of the story portrayed in "Midnight in the Garden of God and Evil."

• Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Call 973-376-4930.

Wednesday
• The Springfield Library Board of Trustees conducts its regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountaintop Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Upcoming Nov. 10
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will sponsor "Origami Holiday Decorations" with Deanna Kwan from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 973-376-4930, Ext. 32, to register.

Nov. 12
• The Springfield Public Library will host "Harry Potter Game Night" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The program is for children ages 7 to 12. Pre-registration is required. Call 973-376-4930 for more information.

Nov. 13
• The Mountaintop Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Nov. 14
• The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will conduct its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall. Boxes will be filled for "Operation Christmas Child," a benefit for children of war-torn countries of the world. For information, call 973-376-0210.

Nov. 16
• St. James The Apostolic Church, 41 South Springfield Ave., will offer an elegant wine and holiday boutique from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday at 3 to 10 p.m. Guests can enjoy quality merchandise, a secret santa shoppe, and holiday crafts and gifts. Admission is \$5. Children 12 and under are free.

• For information, call 908-851-9566.

Nov. 17
• The Mountaintop PTA Holiday Craft Day will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. A variety of crafts will be on hand for students to make part in creating, including gel candles, soap taking part, Thanksgiving centerpieces, wallhangings and more.

• The price of most craft making will be \$5 or less. All children are invited, admission is free. For information, call 908-233-6774.

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Springfield stays vigilant against terrorism with EMS awareness course

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Even before the tragic events of Sept. 11 Springfield Emergency Management had course dates scheduled to train its emergency respondent units to the awareness of terrorist threats.

The Springfield Office of Emergency Management is providing area police, fire, EMS and other emergency respondents with a comprehensive awareness course.

The course is designed to provide participants with a general understanding and recognition of terrorism, weapons of mass destruction and defensive considerations, as well as control issues associated with these types of criminal incidents.

"The Fire Department is no longer expected just to put out fires," said Fire Chief William Gras. "We need the skills to deal with threats."

The course will teach participants what to be aware of, what seems out of place, what the warning signs are, and recognizing what to do in a terrorist event.

"We're going to be trained beyond just being able to identify these things," said Gras.

The course, which is scheduled to start early this month, already has the entire Fire Department, both paid and volunteer, as well as a significant number of Auxiliary Police members signed up.

The Springfield First Aid Squad will also participate. "We have a few members signed up," said First Aid Capt. Elizabeth Britzen.

In order for someone to take the course, they must be an emergency respondent worker and have written authorization from their department.

"I was hoping that other agencies would be plugged into this," said Gras. "We all work in this together."

There is a federal and state mandate for emergency workers to be able to identify and be prepared to respond to potential terrorist events.

"The course had been planned for months and was a topic of discussion for years," said John Cottage, Emergency Management coordinator. "But it has taken new meaning now."

This is not the first weapons of mass destruction course offered to Springfield emergency respondents. In July 2000 a basic awareness level course was offered at Union County's John Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

This new course, however, is much more complex. "The fact is everybody's always known this stuff could happen, there's been an awareness," said Cottage. "This course is more extensive. It gives more information."

The course is a 16-hour program and is the product of the joint efforts of the Louisiana State University's

Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education, the New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology and the United States Department of Justice.

Participants completing the course will receive continuing education course credits from Louisiana State University.

"We will be trained to protect ourselves," said Gras. "If we go down we're not much help to the victims."

New Jersey is a very vulnerable area because of the state's location and the heavy chemical industry. Although the primary participants of the course will be Springfield emergency respondents, the course, depending on how much room is left, will be opened to other emergency units outside of Springfield.

"The Fire Department is the first on the scene," said Gras. "We need to broaden our skills and stay on top of it."

Schools looking to address parking problems

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

The issue isn't really safety when it comes to drop-offs and pick-ups at Springfield and Mountanside public schools, it's more an issue of convenience.

"The only ongoing problem and I'd put the problem in quotes," said Springfield Board of Education member Robert Fish, "is that all of the schools were built at a point in time when people walked or rode their bikes to school. They are not designed to handle the number of single-passenger student deliveries that have become the norm."

Deerfield School in Mountanside has noticed a similar situation. "The biggest problem is the afternoon pick-up," said Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller. "The parking lot is so full and congested, parents try to park on the side where the curb is painted yellow."

Deerfield is currently the only school in Mountanside. It houses grades kindergarten through eighth. Schaller said that with Beschwood School opening in September and kindergarten through second grade moving from Deerfield to the new school, it will help to alleviate the problem.

Springfield Board of Education President Stephen Fischbein said one of the reasons the situation at James Caldwell School is so bad is because of the streets on both sides and the lack of a parking area.

"Parents have expressed concern," he said. "The problem is with a small number of parents who don't adhere to the rules," said Fish, "such as pulling into the driveway at Caldwell in direct defiance of the crossing guard."

Caldwell Principal Kenneth Barnabe said he passes out a minimum of three safety parking notices per year to parents. There is also a building safety committee in place.

"Safety is always an issue at Caldwell School," said Barnabe. "We are always emphasizing the safety that is exercised in the drop-off and pickup of children."

Fischbein pointed out how the Thelma L. Sandmeier School seems to be the best of the three lower level schools when it comes to drop-offs and pick-ups.

He said the biggest problems are at Edward V. Walton School and Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School.

"The problem with Walton is the parking lot is also the drop-off area," Fischbein said. "They're fighting for spaces while people are leaving."

Fish said the Board of Education as well as school officials are always open minded when it comes to suggestions as to making the drop-off and pickup situation more ideal.

However, Fish said, some of the suggestions are simply not feasible, such as buying the houses and property surrounding certain schools, only to tear them

down and build a bigger parking lot.

"It's not a safety issue," said Fish. "We have crossing guards and we are working very closely with the Police Department and the school administration."

Fischbein spoke of a committee, consisting of Board members, community members and school administration members, who are looking for solutions to the problem.

"At Gaudineer the principal is directing traffic because so many people drop-off," said Fischbein. "It appears that no one walks anymore."

Gaudineer Assistant Principal, Lisa Ferrate spoke on why the principal is directing traffic. "The larger concern is student safety," she said. "That's one of the reasons he's out there in the morning."

Ferrate also pointed out that there is a police officer also outside during the morning drop-off. She added that the main cause of the problem is the increase in the number of parents who do not carpool and drop only their children off in the morning.

"We can't make them not do that," she said.

Currently, Walton is really the only school where a solution can be offered.

"The only place with enough land to do anything about it is Walton," said Fischbein. The committee is looking into modifying the parking lot, explained Fischbein, turning it into three areas: a drop-off area, a parking area and a bus area.

The drop-off area would feature persons coming to the car and walking the children to the building.

The funds to do this would have to come from a referendum, said Fischbein, which also is being examined.

Walton School PTA President Laura Delia suggested some type of temporary sticks to deter parents from parking on the grass at Walton or extend the parking lot onto the grassy area behind Walton where some parents are parking. She said the PTA has been diligent in giving out their own parking notices, explaining to parents where they can and cannot park.

Barnabe said that in today's world where there are a lot of crazy people out there and he understands why parents drop their children off instead of letting them walk.

He knows the question will arise with all the excess traffic: Will people be inconvenienced?

"We're not going to raise convenience and sacrifice safety," Barnabe said. "Instead of leaving 15 minutes earlier in the morning, you'll have to leave 20 minutes earlier."

Regional Editor Mark Hrywna contributed to this report.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Springfield Cares meets at Civic Center

The next meeting of Springfield Cares is Sunday at the Sarah Bailey Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield at 8 p.m. Walter Mahler, Springfield's superintendent of schools will join the group to discuss the issues currently facing the township's schools.

Springfield Cares is a new group which was formed last year to increase the awareness and participation of township members regarding events and issues facing the community.

Evening Group will meet on Nov. 14

The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will conduct its next meeting on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall at which time boxes will be filled for "Operation Christmas Child," run by Franklin Graham. These individual boxes benefit children in war-torn regions on the world. There will be a short business meeting to make plans for the annual Christmas dinner after which refreshments will be served. For information, call 973-376-0210.

Newcomers Club has variety of activities

The Mountanside Newcomers Club has a variety of upcoming activities. Nov. 11 will be a day for the family to go to the movies. Join the club to

see "Monsters, Inc." at a local movie theater. Call Margaret DiPalma for time, location and to RSVP at 908-518-0134.

Who says it's too early to think of Santa Claus? Make sure Dec. 16 is free for a Santa Claus visit to your home. Call Jean Marie Morgan at 908-518-9409 for more information and to RSVP.

The kids are not the only ones events are planned for. On Monday, the ladies will be going to the movies to see "Riding In Cars With Boys." To RSVP, call Heather Pisano at 908-389-0455. The men will be meeting at the Sun Tavern on Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. Call Jim Pisano to RSVP at 908-389-0455.

The club is planning a Couples Dinner on Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Spanish Tavern. Call Lori Goldberg to RSVP at 908-232-6362.

The Mountanside Newcomers Club Inc. is a social organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to its new members, to help them meet others, and to make them feel welcome and a part of their community. Membership is open to new residents or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a baby, or change in employment or marital status.

For membership information, call Monica Boening at 908-928-0321.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Holmes and Harelk

As a community defined by certain pressing issues, Springfield will soon be faced with an important decision on Election Day.

Democratic candidates for the Township Committee face an interesting challenge from two Republican candidates who have stressed that Springfield needs immediate change, citing the need for a two-party system that will not turn a deaf ear to the community's concerns, which includes the status of parks and recreation facilities and the way local government communicates with the public.

With her strong problem solving skills, comprehensive background on various boards, and ambitious initiatives for the township, Democratic incumbent Clara Harelk appears ready to serve another term on the Township Committee.

Central to her previous campaign was the need to improve communication between township officials and the public. In her first term on the committee, including a year as mayor, she has been integral to the start of various newsletters, brochures, and mailings that have increased the level of interaction between the public and the township government.

Before serving on the Township Committee in 1998, she served on numerous boards and committees within the township. As an attorney with her law practice in Springfield, she is able to bring those unique problem-solving skills to her position as a committee member. Her vast professional and civic experience, as well as her past achievements, demonstrate her ability to listen to people, address their concerns and find with potential solutions.

To provide a two-party government system will allow for a more diverse exchange of ideas, more of a likelihood that a dissenting voice can bring a different perspective to any discussion or decision. But providing a dissenting voice and a two-party government are not the sole reasons for electing a candidate, even though they are important ones to consider.

A newcomer to government politics, Republican William Holmes will bring a fresh approach to the committee's decision making, but more importantly, will be proactive in getting the township's parks and recreation facilities up to par.

Holmes appears ready to take the initiative on finding solutions for the parks situation in town and implementing them. He has experience with township government, serving on the Planning Board, which makes him familiar with how things work.

It is important that two-party representation is given a chance in Springfield, and Holmes appears set to bring his distinct brand of dedication and concern to residents.

Mortimer and Shackelford

Mountainside Republican candidates will once again see a challenge from the Democrats, who will try to shake the hold Republicans have held on the Borough Council for more than 100 years. In all of Mountainside's history, there has never been a Democrat on the Borough Council. Two-party government has always worked well for America and while one-party rule has done its job for Mountainside, the two-party system can work as well.

But having a dissenting voice is not the main reason one should be elected to serve the community. That decision stands on one's goals, ambition and perseverance.

Democrat John Shackelford has shown his interest and enthusiasm to make the community better and has demonstrated that with comprehensive research into the way the council operates, particularly concerning the borough's spending habits.

He also has been critical of the council's response to community input and has pledged to work toward listening to residents' concerns and lowering capital expenses. With his MBA, economic research activity and ownership of successful businesses, he has the far-reaching experience to make a positive impact on the Borough Council.

As a Republican candidate, Glenn Mortimer has the background and proven achievements to continue making progress for the borough as a member of the council.

He has shown a genuine interest in making the community better through his membership in various organizations, including the Library Committee, Board of Trustees, and Historical Preservation Committee. Plus, he has pledged to work on expanding the borough's recreation programs, upgrade the infrastructure project and work at keeping costs down.

His experience as a councilman has provided him with the tools necessary to make his next term even better.

"A jail cell is one of the best places to explain what a newspaper is all about."

—Allan Wolper, educator, journalist, 1999



PERFECT DAY FOR A HAYRIDE — The Mountainside Newcomers Club recently had a fun-filled day at Wightman's Farm in Morristown. Both the children and the parents enjoyed a hayride, pumpkin picking, doughnuts and cider, including, from left, Pat Kelleher, holding daughter Melissa, Morgan Kelleher, Julia Morgan, Mackenzie Lane, Morgan DiPalma, and Mom Margaret, holding her other daughter Victoria.

Best choices for state Senate, Assembly

This is a unique election year in New Jersey because all 40 seats in the state Senate and 80 seats in the Assembly are up for grabs. This situation occurs once every 10 years after the legislative districts are redrawn based on the population results outlined in the U.S. Census.

With district lines redrawn, candidates for the Legislature — whether they currently hold office or not — face the challenge of campaigning in and representing completely new districts. It could be said that because municipalities are grouped differently, there are no incumbents, since the districts they currently represent will no longer exist next year.

Perennial issues faced by our state legislators are the cost and quality of education, property taxes, health and auto insurance, safety and gun control, as well as tolls on the Garden State Parkway, a new one raised in this year's gubernatorial campaign. These issues not only reach deeply into the wallets of taxpayers, but their quality of life as well.

A new front to face our legislators will be an extension of public safety and how it relates to the Sept. 11 attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania and effects felt in the Garden State. Legislators will have to ensure funding is in place for emergency management, to combat bioterrorism and for other homeland security issues.

What's more, after years of economic prosperity, a budget crisis is knocking on New Jersey's doors, and the after effects of the World Trade Center collapse exacerbates the problem. In short, governing in New Jersey will not be an easy task.

The state needs legislators who have proven track records of

leadership and ideas that will return prosperity and security to New Jersey residents.

The 21st District includes Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield, Summit, Westfield and parts of Somerset, Essex and Morris counties. The choice in this district's Senate race is clear. Richard Bagter has an impressive legislative record while becoming one of the leaders in the Assembly and deserves to represent the people in the State Senate. This Assembly race provides voters with several newcomers to state government, including Republicans Eric Muñoz of Summit and Thomas Kean Jr. of Westfield. Although he only replaced the late Alan Augustine in the Assembly earlier this year, Kean has not wasted any time and has become an active legislator, presenting a number of bills. Muñoz served on the local governing body in Summit for several years before filling Kevin O'Toole's vacancy in the Assembly this year. During his years on the local council, the city built a new City Hall and began renovations to its downtown business district.

Finally, while the events of Sept. 11 continue to be on the minds of voters, they cannot feel apathy toward this election. Now more than ever, your vote means something. It is more than just choosing who you believe is the best candidate for the job.

For more than 200 years, America has enjoyed a democratic society in which everyone has had a voice. We sometimes take this for granted, as evidenced by low voter turnout, but we should no longer. Voting is the simplest form of participation in government. Celebrate our free society and take the time to let your voice be heard.

Badillo, Ruotolo and Sullivan

Voters have a choice this year, as in years past, in the freeholder election. They can choose to stay the course and continue the 9-0 hold the Democratic Party has on the board, allowing them to continue doing what they want and perpetuating the patronage and big government that suck dollars out of your pockets. Or, voters can finally put at least one Republican on the board to bring some bipartisan representation to county government. The need for two-party representation would be present whether it's all Democrats on the board or all Republicans. A system of checks and balances is the bedrock of our democracy that has been missing from Union County for too long.

Out of this year's field of six candidates for the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Republican Ricky Badillo of Roselle Park and Democratic incumbents Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth and Mary Ruotolo of Westfield deserve your vote.

As Roselle Park's 2nd Ward councilman for the past several years, Badillo has shown an enthusiasm to reach out and keep his constituents informed while addressing their needs and concerns. His track record has been encouraging and hopefully that will translate to the freeholder board. Besides the fact that the current freeholder board desperately needs some Republican representation, Badillo simply does a good job as an elected representative, listening to his constituents.

As vigilant as he says he will be as a watchdog, Badillo must be equally vigilant in avoiding potential conflicts in his votes as a freeholder when it comes to his former ties to the corrections officers' labor union.

Sullivan has been chairman of the freeholder board several times and has been among the few to take an active leadership role.

While Ruotolo may not be the most outspoken member of the freeholder board, she chaired the Fiscal Affairs Committee, heading work on the county budget. When she was first appointed to the board in 1998, Ruotolo may have been a novice, but she has matured during her first full term into a competent elected official.

The nine-member freeholder board must get away from its group-think mentality. Consensus and unanimity are good in certain cases, but the around-the-clock unanimity from this freeholder board is not realistic, nor is it healthy.

To disagree for disagreement's sake would not be productive but take, for instance, this year's biggest topic for the freeholder board, the transfer station proposed in Linden to process New York City's household waste. All nine members agreed to amend the county's solid waste management plan, but not a peep about the controversial aspect of it: who owns the property and who will benefit. Once some questions were raised about the entities involved in the land deal — the law partner of an influential state senator and the son-in-law of the local mayor — freeholders still stood by their decision, believing that their decision had nothing to do with that. The incumbents were among them, but one issue should not warrant being voted out of office.

Regardless of party affiliation, the deal must raise eyebrows. Where's the concern from the freeholders? It's just not there and that in itself raises serious questions.

Froehlich for sheriff

Few elected officials have been in office as long as Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich. A resident of Union and a longtime police officer in Elizabeth, Froehlich has served for eight terms as sheriff and seeks a ninth three-year term on Tuesday, which we believe he deserves.

The Sheriff's Office provides some services that residents might not notice right away. Such things as transporting municipal prisoners from the local lockup to the county courthouse are not things taxpayers might be familiar with or see every day but serve an important task.

There are other services from the Sheriff's Office that people may know better, such as children's fingerprinting programs, gun safety programs and identification cards for senior citizens. The Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program has aided municipalities throughout the county in completing smaller tasks such as litter removal and minor rehabilitation. Many of these programs offered through the sheriff have not just garnered national recognition but have served an important role in law enforcement and protecting citizens.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Clarifications needed for article

To the Editor:

I am compelled to write this letter to clarify information and quotes found in an article in your newspaper on Page 3 on Oct. 18.

The article, written by Joshua Zaitz, apparently was supposed to report about a meeting held by the Springfield Board of Education. Although the meeting was attended by several concerned parents, Mr. Zaitz decided to report only about the issues that I raised with the board. Unfortunately, Mr. Zaitz failed to accurately report the substance of the meeting and misquoted me throughout his article.

I went to the meeting to discuss four items:

1. The Oct. 1 Board of Education meeting. This is the only part of Mr. Zaitz's article that was reported correctly. I was disappointed that there was not better communication about the date and time of this meeting. I thought that a meeting being held to discuss the agenda for upcoming school activities should have been better publicized.

2. Funding for more lunch aides. I went to the meeting to express my concern that there are not enough lunch aides for the Walton and James Caldwell schools. My main goal was to see if the board would consider more funding for aides in next year's budget. In reporting this concern, Mr. Zaitz indicated that I stated the lunch aides and parents were bickering. I never stated that during my discussion with the board nor did Mr. Zaitz verify such a quote with me prior to submitting his story for print.

3. My next issue was drop-off and pick-up time in between schools. I know that the board has been examining this issue at the high school and I thought, perhaps, the issue could also be considered for the lower grade schools. My concern was that the current pick-up and drop-off times for the younger children is so tight that sometimes we have to leave one child waiting at a school while another is being picked up. Mr. Zaitz misreported my concern in a para-

phrased statement that I said a child was waiting outside. If Mr. Zaitz had undertaken any effort to check his facts, he would know that Walton never lets a child leave the classroom unless a parent/guardian has come to pick him or her up.

4. My last concern was the parking at Walton. Initially, I noted that Walton School officials have been trying many different approaches to get parents/guardians to park in legal parking spaces. Mr. Zaitz left this out of his article. He decided to make it sound as though I complained that the school had done nothing to alleviate the problem of illegal parking. To the contrary, I actually asked the board to consider putting up temporary sticks or cones on the grassy area in the back of the school or perhaps make that area suitable for more parking to alleviate the problem. Incredibly, Mr. Zaitz transformed my concern into a demand to ticket parents picking up their children at school.

Anyone present at the meeting can attest that Mr. Zaitz has attributed quotes and paraphrased statements to me that are mostly false. Indeed, Mr. Zaitz made no effort whatsoever to verify his so-called quotes with me prior to submitting his story for print.

Upon reading Mr. Zaitz's story, I immediately contacted you about printing a retraction for the story. As president of the Walton PTA and the corresponding secretary of the Caldwell PTA, my reputation has been tarnished by Mr. Zaitz's decision to paraphrase instead of directly quoting what I said at the meeting.

Although you have admitted that Mr. Zaitz should have verified his facts, the executive editors of the *Echo Leader* have refused to retract the story. Instead, you have directed me to write this letter in response.

After speaking with the managing editor on Friday, Mr. Zaitz claimed that my concerns were the only items brought up that evening. If I do recall correctly, we had about a five- to 10-minute discussion about the busing issues.

If the *Echo Leader* wants to maintain credibility in this community as a quality source of news for Springfield community events, it must be committed to reporting the facts.

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Phyllis Slocum, left, Principal Ted Stanick, Fran Magness and Lilia Bloom are ready for the new school year at the recent Summit Middle School Welcome Coffee. Around 100 parents were in attendance from the three grades.

Oak Knoll School presents Royal Boutique

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit will conduct its eighth annual "Royal Boutique" in T1-stall Hall on Ashland Road on Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Renewing this year are vendors We Wear It, designers of the jewelry.

Sports Minded Unlimited, with their collection of sports memorabilia, and plenty of toys, books, games, software, and doll clothing, to name a few items.

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OBITUARIES

Rose Alexander

Rose Alexander, 88, of Springfield died Oct. 19 in Union Hospital. Born in Belleville, Mrs. Alexander lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1953. She was a motoring machine operator with CR Bards Hospital Supplies for 13 years and retired in 1977.

Surviving are a daughter, Felicia Sunnino; a brother, Dominic Cleri; three sisters, Mary Gambino, Ida Wetzstein and Palma Lorenzini, and two grandchildren.

Marjorie Wellbrock

Marjorie Wellbrock, 92, of Springfield died Oct. 23 at home. Born in New York City, Miss Wellbrock lived in Brooklyn before moving to Springfield 33 years ago. She was a security analyst for U.S. & Foreign Securities Corp., Morristown, where she worked for 40 years and retired in 1974.

Miss Wellbrock was a 1951 graduate of New York University. She was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group 1 and the Springfield Women's Club.

Lee R. Barnes

Lee R. Barnes, 79, of Springfield died on Oct. 23.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Barnes lived in Germany, Miami, Fla., Connecticut and Queens, N.Y., before moving to Springfield 38 years ago. He was the owner-operator of Barnes Chevrolet, Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; a son, Robert; a daughter, Linda Engstrom, and a grandchild.

Grace Richardson

Grace A. Richardson of Summit died Oct. 25 in the Glenside Nursing Center, New Providence.

Born in East Orange, Mrs. Richardson lived in Orange, Livingston and Toms River before moving to Summit six years ago. She worked in the accounting department of Chubb Insurance, Short Hills, and retired in 1974. Earlier, Mrs. Richardson worked for New Jersey Telephone Co.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Anabro and Joan Richardson; a son, Kenneth; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Roger E. Medlin

Roger Edwin Medlin, 69, of Raleigh, N.C., formerly of Summit and Springfield, died Oct. 3 in an auto accident in Farnville, Va.

Born in East Orange, Mr. Medlin lived in Summit and Springfield before moving to Raleigh. He was an engineer with the meter division of Westinghouse Electric Corp., Raleigh.

before retiring. Mr. Medlin was an Air Force veteran. He graduated from Newark College of Engineering, now New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Mr. Medlin was a past president of Mid-Atlantic Alfa Romeo Owners Club and secretary of the National Alfa Romeo Owners Club. He was an elder at the Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, a docent at the North Carolina Museum of Art and delivered Meals-On-Wheels in Raleigh.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy R.; a son, Gary; a daughter, Cathy Eaton, and two grandchildren.

Aaron Goldberg

Aaron Goldberg, 67, of Boca Raton, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died Oct. 26 in the Father Hudson House, Elizabeth.

Born in Newark, Mr. Goldberg lived in Springfield and West End before moving to Boca Raton five years ago. He owned Pro Distributor, a business equipment distribution company, in New York City.



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EVENTS

Candy collection will help less fortunate

The office of Dr. Lee Kaswimer, an orthodontist at 165 Mountain Ave. in Springfield, is encouraging young trick-or-treaters to help others less fortunate by conducting a Halloween candy collection today and tomorrow, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kids can come into the office with their candy and trade it in for cash at \$1 per pound.

The candy will then be donated to needy families at the Apostole House in Newark.

Every child, including non-patients, are invited to donate, and the staff is not planning to stop collecting until they reach 500 pounds.

For information, call 973-379-3803.

dedicated to resolving long-standing problems. IRS decision-makers will be on-site to expedite solutions.

"This is a special day for taxpayers who need help," said Gregg Semanick, IRS spokesperson in New Jersey. "It's one more way the IRS takes that extra step to help taxpayers."

"People who can't make problem-solving appointments for our regular weekday service tell us they appreciate this extra opportunity to have their tax accounts straightened out," said Semanick.

Problem Solving Day will be conducted simultaneously at 43 locations nationwide. Information regarding other Saturday locations is available by calling 1-800-829-1040 or visiting the IRS web site at www.irs.gov.

Mineral show and geology hike Sunday

On Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, an annual mineral show and geology hike will allow visitors to discover the fascinating world of rocks, fossils and minerals at Trailside's annual mineral show.

Special exhibits, demonstrations and speakers will be highlighted throughout the day. Have the "mystery minerals" you've been saving identified by an expert, shop for unique, one of a kind mineral and fossil gifts and jewelry, take an interpretive walk led by a Trailside naturalist explaining the history and geology of the Watchung Mountains.

Admission is \$1 per person, which includes a door prize ticket. Children 6 and younger are admitted free. Call 908-789-3670 for information.

IRS conducts tax service on Saturday

The Internal Revenue Service will conduct a Problem Solving Day in Mountainside on Saturday, especially for taxpayers who need to resolve federal tax issues and can't take advantage of weekday problem-solving service.

In New Jersey, taxpayers or their representatives can meet with IRS employees at 200 Sheffield St., Mountainside, intersection of Route 22 and Sheffield Street, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Taxpayers are encouraged to make an appointment as soon as possible by calling the IRS toll-free number at 1-800-829-1040. Taxpayers can also visit the Saturday session without an appointment.

During the Saturday session, taxpayers or their representatives can meet individually with IRS experts

Photo studio celebrates 57th anniversary

Since 1960, Jo Jan Photographers in Springfield has been a photographic icon which has photographed thousands of wedding couples, families, Bar/Bat Mitzvah and communion children, business executives and politicians.

The studio began in 1944 in New York City where Joseph Merrill, the founder of Jo Jan, created the operation. It was known for more than 500 weddings to visit the four-story studio which was located on St. Marx Place and Second Avenue. The studio also was known as the leading New York studio that photographed special events for many of the city's radio stations. Celebrities including Danny Kaye, Eddie Cantor, Ed Wynn, Raymond Masey and Perry Como and

many others are found in the studio's archive files.

In the late 1950s, Merrill decided to move the studio to the New Jersey suburbs where a successful business was developing in Springfield, and many surrounding communities. The studio also had offices in Union, Kenilworth, Cranford and Westfield for approximately 10 years before moving to Springfield.

In May 1960, Merrill built his "dream" studio on the present corner of Short Hills and Morris avenues. The facility is equipped with three studios: two indoor studios and a special indoor/outdoor garden studio designed to guarantee bridal couples and families outdoor pictures in almost any kind of weather.

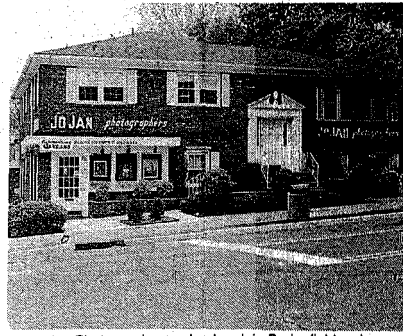
"It has been a landmark for many people. I am amazed at the number of people I meet who know who we are and where we are located. Many customers comment on how many times they have passed our building and notice the portraits in our window display. The long traffic light in front on the building gives people a chance to see our work," said Marc Merrill, current president of Jo Jan.

One customer recently commented, "You have been here forever!"

Marc Merrill also has had a successful career. His education began in New York with Arnold Eagle, a well-known cinematographer with ABC TV. Marc continued his education in business, marketing, art and photography.

Over the years, the business has developed other related services for customers which include video photography, picture framing, wedding invitations and calligraphy. In 1992, the studio developed an affiliation with Vista Travel American Express, located in Colonia. "I was always discussing honeymoons with clients and loved to travel," Marc also arranges travel plans for families and honeymoons and escorts groups on tours and cruises. "Our clients love the blend of photography and travel services," he said.

To continue its 57th year celebration, today, the studio is offering "free" family portrait sittings through Dec. 31. Holidays excluded and appointments are suggested.



Jo Jan Photographers, a landmark in Springfield, celebrates its 57th year today. The studio is offering 'free' family portrait sittings through Dec. 31. Holidays are excluded and appointments are suggested.



Inside, Jo Jan has a wide selection of photography and photo framing services.

NEWS CLIPS

Used clothing drive benefits class of '02

A used clothing drive will be Nov. 24 to benefit Project Graduation for Governor Livingston High School's class of 2002.

The public is urged to bring their wearable, used clothing to the Community Center at 29 Park Ave. in Berkeley Heights from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on that date.

Items to be collected include all clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, hats, gloves, scarves in addition to table

linens, curtains, bedspreads, towels, and stuffed animals. Pillows and blankets will not be accepted. Items should not be torn or stained and must be delivered in tied plastic bags.

Temple meets for 'Not Just Lunch'

Temple Beth Ahm's new program, "Not Just Lunch," will meet Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. for an exercise session and current events discussion. The program is open to members of the community ages 55 and older.

The charge of \$4 includes a dairy lunch. Transportation will be provided if required.

Call 973-376-0539, Ext. 11, for more information and registration. The program is funded by a grant from the Groux Foundation for Senior Care.

Holiday boutique features fine crafts

An elegant wine and cheese holiday boutique will offer quality merchandise, a Secret Santa Shoppe, and

an assortment of holiday gifts and crafts.

The event takes place Nov. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m., and Nov. 17 from 3 to 10 p.m. at St. James The Apostle School, Springfield, 41 S. Springfield Ave. Admission is \$5 adults, and includes complimentary glass of wine/soda. ID required for alcohol. Children 12 and younger are admitted free.

For information, call 908-851-9566.

Volunteers needed for work at Trailside

Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation.

Interested parties can meet at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452

New Providence Road, Mountainside.

If possible, bring a lunch, a mug for a beverage, a shovel, pickaxe, and gloves.

Volunteers should be ages 14 years and older.

Call 908-789-3670 to preregister.

Attention churches and social clubs

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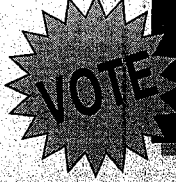
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- Initiated city-wide study to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety
- Adopted new Master Plan to preserve open space and protect our neighborhoods



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Co-ed basketball league gives players chance to sharpen skills, teamwork

The summer co-ed basketball league began during the summer of 1999. The basketball league is one of the many programs provided by Youth Services, a department of the city of Summit, located at the Johnson Center at 2 Walnut St. The coordinator for the basketball league is Renee Green. Her assistant is Jason Holmes. They are both members of the Johnson Center staff.

The program is designed so that all youth, male and female, between sixth and 12th grades, can keep their athletic skills sharp over the summer. Talent on all levels is welcome. The

basketball camp teaches basic training, conditioning, and different techniques, as well as the disciplinary aspects of the game. Each year, the basketball camp has had an enrollment of 60 to 75 youth. Next year, tryouts for a traveling team of 12 to 15 players will be open to everyone.

This year, the summer session began June 30 with games played Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

"The Day of Tournaments," which consisted of the play-offs and the championship game, took place Aug. 4. An awards banquet was conducted

at the Johnson Center on the evening of Aug. 10 for all participants and their parents.

Each player was awarded a certificate of participation. The Red Team was the winning team this year and each of its teammates received a prize for outstanding achievement. The Red Team players were John Alpizar, Travis Marchell, Tony Johnson, Latoya Simpson and Kevin McNeil.

For more information concerning Youth Services, including the basketball program, call the director Barbara Perkins at 908-277-2370.



Pausing for a moment before the tournament begins for the Summer Basketball Program is Renee Green, seated, Jason Holmes, center, and several students who participated in the program, including, from left, Kevin McAvey, Joe Rea, James Johnson, and Shabazz Green. Renee Green is a Johnson Center staff member and coordinator of the program. Holmes is also on the staff of the Johnson Center and helped out Green.

Program offers youth grief support

RAINBOWS, a local organization that offers grief counseling and support programs for children and teens, will be offering a program at Temple

Sinal, 208 Summit Ave., beginning Nov. 27, 7 to 8 p.m.

The program will run at the same

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Summit College Club reflects on beginning of bully-detering program

The Summit College Club launched its 2001-02 program theme a general membership meeting and formal dinner Sept. 30 at the John residence in Scotch Plains.

Based upon the recently released national report of the American Association of University Women, "Home Halls," the program theme was developed on the assumption that allow early childhood bullying and using leads to the illusion that violence represents an acceptable standard for adult behavior.

Program Vice President Marie Simone, a former school principal, objected a possible later connection with other forms of violence and the setting of women so prevalent in today's society. She mentioned that her professional experience as a

school administrator, fear for their own personal safety while in school is listed as a concern by more and more of today's students.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Evelyn Ortner, founder and executive director of The Unity Group, which is based in Millburn/Short Hills. Sharing her intense experience in the field of battering and other forms of abuse to women and children, including both physical and mind control, Ortner clearly defined the prevalence, nature and results of battering women, as emphasized by the statement made in 1996 by Surgeon General Koop that battering represents the greatest threat to women's health in America today.

Ortner, who formerly served in the Department of Health, Education and

Welfare during both Reagan's and that of the Bush administrations, emphasized difficulties in prevention and treatment of the problem, as well as the tendency of public leaders, administrators and enforcement officials to brush aside any cognizance that it exists, rather than to deal with it in a constructive and beneficial way.

Greater general awareness has been emphasized by current, new initiatives, not the least of which are those undertaken by the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation established by the cosmetic company's founder in 1996. The group was urged to watch the first documentary underwritten by the Foundation, whose campaign trademark is "Break the silence on violence against women," when it is aired on PBS in October. Check

www.marykay.com for local listings under the heading: "Breaking the Silence — Journeys of Hope." In this New Jersey area, WLIV will air the program at 10 p.m. on Oct. 29.

On behalf of the Summit College Club, Ortner was given the Foundation's "Pin of Hope," a gold heart with silver wings, as a token of support and gratitude for an enlightening presentation. A lively discussion followed over an informal dinner.

The Summit College Club Branch of the American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. Of

38 New Jersey branches, Summit is one of the largest in membership and top-ranking in giving to the AAUW Educational Foundation. Every year, Summit College Club provides thousands of dollars for national fellowships and local scholarships for young women. Programming educates club

and community members regarding the worldwide efforts of women to promote peace and economic well being for women and their families.

For information concerning membership in the Summit College Club, call Peggy Alexander at 908-277-2625.

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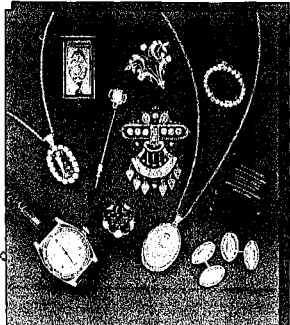
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To My Summit Friends and Neighbors,

The election for Summit Common Council is Tuesday, and before the campaigning concludes, I want to thank all the many new friends I've made in the last six months — at the train station, at the city dump, at the post office, in our neighborhoods, at coffees and teas and candidate debates. We've all been through a lot in the last six weeks, but let me tell you something from the heart: We live in one of the great small towns in America, and I've never been more proud to say so.

I'm the Democratic candidate for the Council's At Large seat, and this is a moment candidates typically regale you — one last time — with their views on the issues. I'd love to tell you there are earthshaking differences in how the candidates view the issues. There aren't. I do have concerns about the downtown project, which is behind schedule, over budget, badly managed and a safety hazard, especially to our seniors; the incumbent Republicans feel the project's doing fine.

But that aside, we all want the best for Summit schools. We all want to reduce our mushrooming municipal debt and keep a lid on property taxes. We all want to conserve Summit's precious open spaces.

Where we differ is our approach. There is a widespread perception in Summit today that our city government is autocratic, unfriendly and inflexible. This is hardly surprising in a town that's been run by a single party since 1922: Summit politicians don't have to listen to you because they've never had to worry about being tossed out of office. For 79 years they've stifled every attempt to people our government with independent voices. When I first explored the idea of running for office, for example, city officials told me if I'd just change parties and become a Republican candidate, I could win without any significant opposition.

As a working CEO, I know this is no way to run a railroad. I stand for government that's open, flexible and responsive to your needs. For too long Summit council members have been chosen in back rooms. I want to throw open the doors of government and let in new people with new voices and new ideas. In three debates this fall, the Republican candidates for Council failed to mention a single new idea to improve our government — not one. I want to institute online permitting to make City Hall easier to navigate. I want to hire a grants person to bring in outside monies. I want to change the culture of City Hall to make it more customer-friendly. I could go on.

On Tuesday, for the first time in memory, you have a voice, and a choice, in who runs our city: A tired political machine, or fresh, independent voices brimming with energy and new ideas. I'd like you to vote for me on Tuesday. If you do, I promise you, I'll work my hardest to make you proud.

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Mountainside police arrest two for stolen vehicle on Route 22

Mountainside
Tammie McCauley, 27, and Joseph Selobty Jr., 32, both of Branchville, were arrested on Route 22 East Monday at 10:41 p.m. for possession of a stolen motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia. Selobty was also wanted by the Somerset County Sheriff's Department, according to police.

On Saturday at 7:38 p.m., Oreste Hernandez, 25, of Elizabeth was arrested on a warrant in the amount of \$1,168.

• Beyonques Nassiri, 51, of Fau-

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wood was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Route 22 West on Sunday at 2:49 a.m.

• On Sunday at 11:02 p.m., Raheem Stevens, 18, of Newark was arrested on Route 22 East for being in a stolen vehicle.

Springfield
On Oct. 15 at 6:20 p.m., Regnard Lewis, 45, of Hillside was arrested on

Mountain Avenue for a fraudulent insurance card.

• Cesar Bances, 29, of Springfield was arrested at the Department of Motor Vehicles office on Center Street for tampering with records on Oct. 19 at 3:54 p.m.

• A Warren resident reported that the headlights on his vehicle were stolen while parked on Fadem Road on Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

• On Oct. 20 at 1:09 p.m., a Leak Avenue resident reported a small portion of asphalt was damaged as well as landscape rocks moved when a

truck ran over a portion of his property.

• A Mountainside resident reported bowling balls, compact discs and his wallet stolen from his vehicle on Route 22 West on Oct. 21 at 2:12 p.m.

• On Oct. 21 at 9:42 p.m., a Union resident reported his driver side rear window damaged, driver side door and lock damaged, the ignition damaged and two psychics stolen during an attempted vehicle theft on Route 22 East.

• On Oct. 22 at 1 a.m., a Wallington resident reported his vehicle parked

and locked at the Holiday Inn on Route 22 West, when he returned to his car later that evening the windows were open and his cell phone was missing.

• A Union resident reported the stolen from his 2000 BMW on the Morris Turnpike on Oct. 22 at 3:00 p.m.

• A rented vehicle from Newark Airport was reported to be damaged from an attempted vehicle theft at the Holiday Inn on Route 22 West.

• On Oct. 25 at 9 a.m., Kumar

Rajinder, 40, of Newark was arrested at the Department of Motor Vehicles office on Center Street for fraud.

• Singh Balwinder, 24, of Irvington was arrested for providing false information to the police at the Department of Motor Vehicles office on Center Street on Oct. 25 at 9 a.m.

• On Oct. 25 at 5:05 p.m., Sergio Alarista, 29, of New Brunswick was arrested at the Motor Vehicles office on Center Street for tampering with records and possession of counterfeit identification.

Starting a TREND



Mountainside's Deerfield Elementary School second-graders and six Governor Livingston High School TREND organization members participated in a joint program for Red Ribbon Week on Oct. 24. The Turning Recreational Events in New Directions members met with second-graders to discuss making choices in their lives and choosing not to do drugs or alcohol. Jason Thomas, center, awards Peter Goggi, left, and McKenna Kutsop, right, with red ribbons. TREND Student Advisor Cliff Lauterhahn, rear, oversees the presentations.

Firefighters answer call for accident

Springfield
On Oct. 20, the Springfield Fire Department answered a call at 9:03 a.m. to Morris and Maple avenues for a motor vehicle accident; 1:43 p.m., Route 78 East milepost 47.5, car fire; 2:07 p.m., Overlook Hospital on mutual aid for smoke on the second floor; 2:44 p.m., Lawrence Road business for an activated fire alarm; 3:32 p.m., Troy Drive apartment complex for a medical service call.

• Oct. 22, 9:02 a.m., New Brook Lane residence for a medical service call; 10:55 a.m., Hillside Avenue residence for a medical service call; 1:36 p.m., Mecker Street residence for a medical service call; 7:52 p.m., Laurel and Sycamore for a possible leak fire.

• Oct. 23, 7:45 p.m., Mountain Avenue residence for a carbon monoxide detector problem.

• Oct. 24, 10:53 a.m., South

FIRE BLOTTER

Springfield Avenue residence for a lockout; 12:02 p.m., Town Hall for an activated fire alarm; 3:09 p.m., Route 24 East milepost 9.5 for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 7:03 p.m., Shanpike Road residence for an odor in the house.

• Oct. 25, 6:14 a.m., Janet Lane residence for a medical service call; 7:16 a.m., Rolling Rock Road residence for a medical service call; 1:38 p.m., Dayton High School for an activated fire alarm; 3:52 p.m., Route 78 East milepost 49.9 for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 4:54 p.m., Route 78 East milepost 48.2, for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 5:08 p.m., Morris and Meisel avenues for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 7:28 p.m., Town Hall for an acti-

vated fire alarm; 9:24 p.m., Laurel Drive residence for an odor in the garage; 10:48 p.m., Route 78 East milepost 48 for a car fire.

Friday, 6:45 a.m., Gaudincee School for an activated fire alarm; 7:30 a.m., Dayton High School for an elevator issue; 10:39 a.m., Town Hall for an activated fire alarm; 1:42 p.m., Forest Drive apartment complex for a medical service call; 7:51 p.m., Route 24 East at the 78 split for a medical service call.

Mountainside
• Oct. 23, 10:03 a.m., Sheffield Street office on an activated alarm.

• Oct. 24, 5:05 p.m., Route 22 East in the vicinity of the Elks Club on a brush fire.

• Friday, 3:06 p.m., Duhan Parkway residence on an activated alarm; 4:01 p.m., Forest Hill Way residence on an activated alarm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Supervisors and Regular Meeting of the Township of Springfield, held on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. respectively, have been rescheduled. The next Regular Meeting, 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19th, 2001, at the Municipal Building, 100 Main Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, P.M.C./M.C.
Township Clerk
10/24/01 ECL November 1, 2001 (ECL 27)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of LEE ADLER, Deceased
Pursuant to the order of James S. Lacer, Judge of the County of Union, made on the 14th day of OCTOBER A.D. 2001, upon the application of the undersigned as EXECUTOR of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the undersigned, under oath or affirmation, their claims and demands against the estate of said decedent or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

ALICE G. ADLER
EXECUTOR

ATTORNEY:
WOLFF & SAMSON
5 BUCKLER FARM RD
ROSELAND, NJ 07068
10/25/01 ECL November 1, 2001 (\$6.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

bulk variances for lot area (resulting 40 000 sq. ft. provided 30 750 sq. ft.) lot width 110' required, 58 000 provided; side width 24' required, 20' provided; parking stall 6' x 18' required, 6' x 17' provided; landscaping within parking area, maximum fence height to permitted 8' required, and preliminary and final site plan approval together with such other variances and waivers as may be required, all relating to garages known as Block 3923, L12, 278 South Somerset Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, and any other variances and/or waivers that may be necessary as evidenced by the application and plans on file or as may be modified at the request of the Board of Adjustment. This application is on file at 7:30 a.m. on November 13th, 2001 in the Municipal Building, 100 Main Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, and when the calendar is called you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All cases containing the application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivoli Blvd., Springfield, New Jersey.

MALY SHERMAN, Attorney for Applicant, J.M. AUTO SALES, INC.
10/25/01 ECL Nov 1, 2001 (\$16.50)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937 Title 54, Chapter 6, and the amendments and supplements thereto "An Act concerning unpaid taxes, assessments and other municipal charges and real property and providing for the collection thereof by the creation and enforcement of liens of the State, the undersigned Collector of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey will sell at Public Auction in the Town Hall, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, the 29th day of November, 2001 the property described and listed below. Said proceeds will be used for the amount chargeable against said lands on the 28th day of November, 2001 as computed and shown on the list. Said property will be sold in lots to such persons as will purchase same subject to the redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in case of excess of Eighteen Percent (18%) per annum. Provided that if any person at such sale shall offer to purchase subject to redemption at a rate of interest less than One Percent (1%) per annum, then such person may, in lieu of any rate of interest, offer a premium over and above the amount of taxes, assessments, and other charges, plus the highest premium.

Industrial properties may be subject to the Split Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23 et seq.) and the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 18:6-10a et seq.), and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:6-6 et seq.), in addition, the municipality is practicing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner of the property of the site.

The purchase price of any property must be paid before the conclusion of the sale by cash, certified check or money order, or the property will be resold.

Any parcel or real estate for which there shall be no other purchaser, will be struck off and sold to the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, at a fee for redemption at Eighteen Percent (18%) per annum, and the municipality shall have the same rights and remedies as other purchasers, including the right to bar or preclude the right of redemption.

At any time before the sale, the purchaser may receive payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs incurred by CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

The sale proceeds to be sent under the names of the persons against whom said taxes, assessments and charges are due, including interest to November 29, 2001 are set forth below.

Given under my hand the 1st day of November, 2001

Corinne Eckmann
Collector of Taxes
Township of Springfield

No.	Block/Lot	Location	Owner	Amount Due
1.	1077	34 Lewis Dr	Elsie McConey	2,289.21
2.	2014	7 Prospect Pl	James Loynd	6,618.84
3.	10217	100 Morris Ave	Springfield Real Estate Investments	24.69
4.	7157	15 Lyons Pl	Richard Frank	1,259.91
5.	10228	22 Morris Terr	Keyne Mingers	3,892.10
6.	11051	111 Troy Dr	William McCarty	8,280.93
7.	12031	31 Tucker Pl	Walter M. Porter	7,441.66
8.	20011	48 New Brook Ln	Steven T. Loritan & Heidi R. Olean	4,976.18
9.	20017	457 Meisel Ave	Esther Foley	4,553.10
10.	10238	54 Millbrook Dr	Julius T. Clark	1,388.89
11.	10231	68 New Brook Ln	Willy Gansman	6,648.87
12.	100372	145 Meadow Dr	Ellen V. Copeland & Mary Vitocsky	1,654.94
13.	10212	100 Morris Ave	Mylene Frank	1,655.62
14.	C0204	2120 Springfield Ave-2004	Raphaels Lobianc	1,470.85
15.	C0202	2120 Springfield Ave-2002	Stephon Rothchild	532.26
16.	C0204	955 So. Springfield Ave-2004		583.00

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor

This weekend is last call for teams fighting to get into the state playoffs.

As far as Union County goes:
Definites: Elizabeth, Plainfield, Westfield, Scotch Plains, Johnson, Summit and Roselle Park.
Probable: New Providence (needs to beat Rahway).
Needs help: Union (Passaic to upset Bloomfield).
 As many as eight teams qualify in each section as has been the case since 1998.

Here's a look at the top records in each of the four North 2 sections:

Group 4:
 Elizabeth (7-0), def. champ
 Montclair (7-0)
 Morristown (7-0)
 Plainfield (6-1)
 Westfield (5-2)
 Roxbury (5-2)
 Phillipsburg (5-2)
 Bloomfield (4-3)
 Union (4-4)

Group 3:
 Warren Hills (7-1), def. champ
 West Morris (6-1)
 Mendham (6-1)
 West side (6-2)
 Scotch Plains (5-2)
 Hackettstown (5-3)
 Clifford Scott (5-3)
 Shabazz (4-3)
 East Orange (4-3)

Group 2:
 Poquanock (7-1), def. champ
 Johnson (7-1)
 West Essex (6-1)
 Dover (6-1)
 Caldwell (5-2)
 Orange (5-3)
 Summit (4-3)
 Hanover Park (4-3)
 Madison (4-4)

Group 1:
 Cedar Grove (7-0), def. champ
 Mountain Lakes (6-1)
 Boonton (5-2)
 Whippany Park (5-2)
 Roselle Park (5-2)
 Belvidere (5-3)
 Verona (4-3)
 New Providence (4-3)
 Butler (4-4)
 Cedar Grove has eight straight shutouts.

WEEK EIGHT GAMES
 Friday, Nov. 2 (3)
 Elizabeth at Shabazz, 7 p.m.
 Gov. Livingston at Manville, 7 p.m.
 R. Park at Immaculata, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov. 3 (7)
 Roselle at Brearley, 1 p.m.
 Rahway at New Providence, 1 p.m.
 Bound Brook at Hillside, 2 p.m.
 East Side at Scotch Plains, 2 p.m.
 Hanover Park at Summit, 2 p.m.
 Linden at Plainfield, 2 p.m.
 Kearny at Westfield, 2 p.m.
 Johnson forfeit win over Dayton.
 Union and Cranford are off.

WEEK SEVEN SCORES
 Friday, Oct. 26 (4)
 Summit, 7, Mount Olive 0
 Elizabeth 28, Westfield 0
 New Providence 41, Manville 6
 Hillside 33, Roselle Park 9
 Saturday, Oct. 27 (5)
 Union 20, Linden 19
 Johnson 28, Gov. Livingston 6
 Roselle 38, Rahway 6
 Irvington 28, Cranford 15
 Plainfield 34, Scotch Plains 27
 Brearley forfeit win over Dayton.

WEEK EIGHT PICKS
 Elizabeth over Shabazz
 Gov. Liv. over Manville
 Immaculata over Roselle Park
 Roselle over Brearley
 Scotch Plains over East Side
 Summit over Hanover Park
 Plainfield over Linden
 New Providence over Rahway
 Hillside over Bound Brook
 Westfield over Kearny
 Last week: 7-2
 Season: 60-22 (.732)

UNION COUNTY
 1. Elizabeth (7-0)
 2. Plainfield (6-1)
 3. Westfield (5-2)
 4. Scotch Plains (5-2)
 5. Johnson (7-1)
 6. Union (4-4)
 7. Summit (4-3)
 8. Roselle Park (5-2)
 9. New Providence (4-3)
 10. Linden (2-5)
 Gov. Livingston (3-4)
 Hillside (3-4)
 Roselle (2-5)
 Brearley (3-4)
 Rahway (1-6)
 Cranford (1-7)

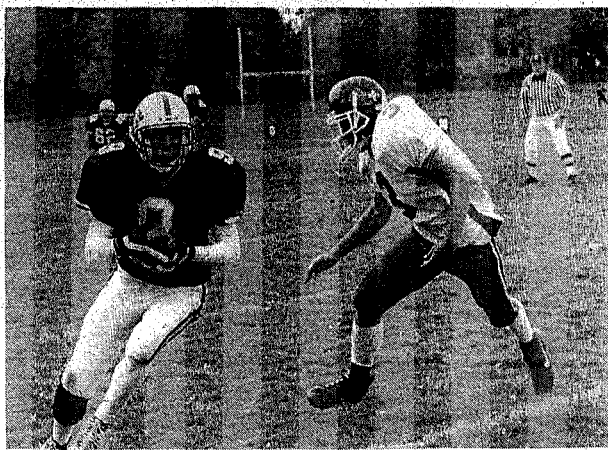


Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Governor Livingston High School senior defensive back Marty Moroney (No. 3) is in pursuit of Johnson junior wide receiver Johnathan Meli during last Saturday's Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division varsity football game at Clark's Nolan Field. GL was defeated 28-6.

GL football hangs tough against quality opponent

Highlanders will seek to even mark again

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

CLARK — A work in progress.
 The Governor Livingston High School football team hung in there against a better Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division foe last Saturday.
 Johnson worked hard to score a single touchdown in each quarter in dominating the Highlanders 28-6 at Nolan Field.

"We played hard against a very physical team," GL head coach Joe Hubert said.
 The Highlanders (3-4) can get back to the .500 mark this weekend as they will play a visit to Manville (1-6) to face the Mustangs in MVC-interdivision play.
 GL is scheduled to play at Manville tomorrow night at 7 p.m.
 Johnson was sparked by the play of standout junior half-back Mike Vicci, who scored all four of his team's touchdowns — three on the ground and one in the air.

Vicci was also the game's leading ground-gainer, rushing for 116 yards on 14 carries.
 Senior fullback Brian Dressel led GL with 65 yards on nine carries.

The Crusaders improved to 6-1 on the season and will have their record go to 7-1 after receiving a forfeit win over Dayton this weekend.

"We played a physical and solid football game," Johnson head coach Bob Taylor said. "This is what we wanted going into the off week and the playoffs."
 Things didn't start off well for Johnson as GL took the opening kickoff and scored a touchdown.

After starting on their own 30, the Highlanders got runs of three and 35 yards from Dressel to bring the ball to the Johnson 52. Senior running back Marty Moroney then picked up five more.

On a second-and-five from the 27, Moroney took a pitch left and raced untouched down the sideline, for a touchdown. The extra point was blocked, thus making the score 6-0 GL.

"We didn't get rattled," Taylor said. "We really stayed poised."
 Johnson remained calm by coming right back with a score of its own.

An eight-play, 70-yard drive was capped off by a 23-yard run from Vicci. On the play, Vicci broke up the middle, cut right and then sprinted down the sideline for the score. Matt Poskay booted the extra point to give the Crusaders a 7-6 advantage and the lead for good.

"When something goes wrong, our team has the ability to pick it up tough," Vicci said.
 The Highlanders then took the ensuing kickoff and

marched to the Johnson 19 before turning the ball over on a fumble.

"That turnover there really hurt us," Hubert said. "We had some things going, but then lost the battle of field position."
 After each team punted, Johnson took over on its own 20 with 10:52 left before the half.

The Crusaders then went on a 14-play, 80-yard drive that ate up 9:12 of the clock and ended on a Poskay-to-Vicci 17-yard touchdown pass down the right sideline. Poskay connected on the point after to give Johnson a 14-0 advantage.

The drive was highlighted by a 22-yard reception by Vicci as he took a swing pass-left and broke three tackles to gain a first down.

"Matt and Mike are playmakers," Taylor said. "When the pressure's on, they make the big plays."
 The Highlanders then took the ensuing kickoff on their own 34 and lost five yards on the next three plays. Two runs netted no yards, while a penalty moved GL back five. Dressel picked up 12 yards as time expired ending the first half.

"When you play an option team, you have to get your landmarks before you play well defensively," Taylor said. "Once we got our feet on the ground, we adjusted well."
 Johnson took the second half kickoff and went on a nine-play, 72-yard march that ended on another Vicci 23-yard touchdown run. The play was a carbon copy of Vicci's first touchdown, as he went up the middle, cut right and then ran down the sideline for the score. Poskay drilled the point after to give Johnson a 21-6 lead.

"We were working on the dives," Vicci said. "Our linemen got really good pushes."
 GL looked to get back into the contest early in the fourth quarter as it drove from its own 29 to the Johnson 36 before another turnover proved to be costly.

After junior linebacker Chris Winter recovered a fumble on the Johnson 39, the Crusaders went on a 14-play, 61-yard drive that culminated with Vicci's fourth score.

The 5-9, 155-pounder again took an inside handoff up the middle and cut right en route to the end zone. Poskay nailed the extra point to close out the scoring at 28-6.

"I'm really excited because this was a big challenge for us," Taylor said. "We haven't been able to get it back up to the championship level and play good football. I think we did it this game."

GL will play in a North Jersey, Section 2; Group 2 consolation game next weekend, while Johnson will be involved in the North 2, Group 2 playoffs.

The Highlanders' last scheduled game will be at Immaculata on Thanksgiving, Nov. 22 at 10:30 a.m.



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Governor Livingston junior defensive back Mike Fullowan (No. 23) tries to bring down Johnson junior wide receiver Robert Hydock, GL (3-4), is scheduled to play at Manville (1-6) tomorrow night at 7 in Mountain Valley Conference-interdivision play.

HIGHLANDERS FOOTBALL

CLARK — Governor Livingston (3-4) has an excellent chance to get back to .500 as it's scheduled to play at Manville tomorrow night at 7 in Mountain Valley Conference-interdivision play.
 Manville (1-6) is coming off a 41-6 loss at home to New Providence last Friday night.
 GL will play in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 consolation game the second weekend in November and then conclude its season at Immaculata on Thanksgiving, Nov. 22.

GAME SEVEN
 Johnson 28, Gov. Livingston 6

FIRST DOWNS: Gov. Livingston 5, Johnson 17
RUSHES-YARDS: Gov. Livingston 20-134, Johnson 47-261
PASSES: Gov. Livingston 3-6-0, Johnson 7-10-0
PASSING YARDS: Gov. Livingston 35, Johnson 77
FUMBLES-LOST: Gov. Livingston 2-2, Johnson 1-0
PUNTS-AVG.: Gov. Livingston 3-30, Johnson 2-30
PENALTIES: Gov. Livingston 2-10, Johnson 6-55

Gov. Livingston (3-4)	6	0	0	0	—	6
Johnson (6-1)	7	7	7	7	—	28

Gov. Livingston — Moroney 27 run, kick failed (GL 6-0)¹
 (First quarter: 4 plays, 70 yards, 1:57 used)
Johnson — Vicci 23 run, Poskay kick (J 7-0)
 (First quarter: 8 plays, 70 yards, 4:05 used)
Johnson — Vicci 17 pass from Poskay, Poskay kick (J 14-6)
 (Second quarter: 14 plays, 80 yards, 8:32 used)
Johnson — Vicci 23 run, Poskay kick (J 21-6)
 (Third quarter: 9 plays, 72 yards, 9:52 used)
Johnson — Vicci 10 run, Poskay kick (J 28-6)
 (Fourth quarter: 14 plays, 61 yards, 7:22 used)

RUSHING: Gov. Livingston — Brian Dressel 9-65, Marty Moroney 4-49, one touchdown. Mike Fullowan 3-11, Brian Deal 3-5, Scott Sheppard 1-4. Totals: 20-134, one touchdown. **Johnson** — Mike Vicci 14-116, three touchdowns. Dan Reis 24-99, Matt Poskay 6-31, Raymond Newman 2-12. Ray Angelo 1-3. Totals: 47-261, three touchdowns.
PASSING: Gov. Livingston — Scott Sheppard 2-5-0, 18 yards. Brian Deal 1-1-0, 17 yards. Totals: 3-6-0, 35 yards. **Johnson** — Matt Poskay 7-10-0, 77 yards, one touchdown.
RECEIVING: Gov. Livingston — Kevin Pritchard 1-18, Brian Dressel 1-17, Marty Moroney 1-0. Totals: 3-35. **Johnson** — Mike Vicci 4-41, one touchdown. Jonathan Meli 2-31, Robert Hydock 1-5. Totals: 7-77, one touchdown.

INTERCEPTIONS: Gov. Livingston — None. **Johnson** — None.
FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Gov. Livingston — None. **Johnson** — Matt Peitz, Chris Winters, Michael Smith.
SACKS: Gov. Livingston — None. **Johnson** — James Prokos.
 — JEFF WOLFRUM

Dayton girls' soccer at Butler in states

The Dayton High School girls' soccer team picked up some additional momentum before the state playoffs by starting the week with an impressive 3-0 win Monday at Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division rival Bound Brook.

The Bulldogs improved to 10-7-1 with the victory, its second 3-0 win over the Crusaders this season.
 Dayton, the fifth seed, is scheduled to play at fourth-seeded Butler in a first-round North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoff encounter.

In Monday's win over Bound Brook, standout senior sweeper Esther Aizenberg scored two goals on direct kicks, while sophomore goalkeeper Sara Stenman made eight saves for her ninth shutout.

Lyndsey Brahm also scored for Dayton. She had two goals in last week's 3-0 win over Bound Brook in Springfield.
 Here's a look at how North 2, Group 1 shaped up:
 North 2, Group 1: 1-Glen Ridge, 2-North Warren, 3-New Providence, 4-Butler, 5-Dayton, 6-Roselle Park.

First-round matchups: Dayton at Butler, winner at Glen Ridge, Roselle Park at New Providence, winner at North Warren.
Both GL squads in states
 Both Governor Livingston soccer teams made the states.
 The boys' are seeded ninth in North 2, Group 2 and will play at eighth-seeded Caldwell, winner to play at top-seeded Parsippany.

The girls' are seeded sixth in North 2, Group 2 and will play at third-seeded West Essex.
Dayton boys' victorious
 Although Dayton's boys' team just fell short of qualifying in North 2, Group 1, the Bulldogs did even their record at 7-1-1 after blanking conference rival Oratory Prep 3-0 in Summit last Thursday.

Mo Abdelaziz scored two goals and Carlos Soto one, while junior goalkeeper Mike Nitello made eleven saves for the shutout.

Springfield Minutemen top Perth Amboy

A 97-yard touchdown gallop in the second quarter by Springfield's durable Jimmy Guarino gave the Minutemen C Team the winning edge in last Sunday's 13-6 victory over Perth Amboy in youth football action in Scotch Plains.

The electrifying run brought the spirited crowd to its feet and put the Minutemen ahead by the score of 13-0 midway through the first half.
 An aggressive Springfield defense included fumble recoveries by Matt Loffa, Alex Silverman and Daniel DiCocco.

Springfield's defense held the Red Raiders when it had to after Perth Amboy scored its only touchdown in the fourth quarter.
 Matt Netta and Ercan Sjar attacked on defense, while Nick Netta and Niko Kavounis plugged holes in the Red Raider line.

Perth Amboy was forced to punt on its first drive. Springfield was then quick to reach the scoreboard first when Guarino, cutting off a jarring downfield block by running mate Silverman, scored on the punt return.
 Springfield quarterback Jason Cappa used Guarino to his team's advantage, particularly toward the end as Guarino's mugged ball-carrying kept the clock running and his team in possession.

Springfield Tornados first at Freehold

The Soccer Club of Springfield Tornados 8-and-under soccer team finished first at the Freehold Frightfest Tournament held Oct. 20.
 Springfield won its first game by a score of 1-0 as Zachary Haliczek scored the game's only goal with less than two minutes remaining.

Springfield's final game was a dominant 12-2 victory. Peter Yablonsky scored Springfield's first goal, while Haliczek netted a hat-trick, scoring three times.
 Other goals were scored by Brendan O'Reilly, Michael Djikq, John Balboni, Eytan Boelin, Brandon Moss, Nicholas Pearl, Evan Kurler and Andrew Homlish.

Also playing well for Springfield were Max Koutler, Christian Schmidt, Ben Hersh and Matt Lyna.
H.S. hoop teams sought for tournament
 Roselle Catholic High School seeks varsity boys basketball teams to complete a four-team holiday tournament for this December.
 Games will be played Dec. 27 and 29 at Roselle Catholic High School in Roselle. Call 908-245-9327.

AT THE LIBRARY

Gospel music takes center stage at museum

An afternoon of Gospel music is planned for Sunday, with Stephanie Rose and the Move of the Spirit Praise Dancers. The concert will be at 2 p.m. at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

The North Carolina-born singer was raised on Long Island, where she began singing at 10 years old. As the third youngest of nine siblings, Rose's inherent love of singing has propelled her to grace the stage with those who have been named the "best" in the industry. As a former lead singer in various choirs, Rose got her first recording opportunity when she sang with Donnie McClurkin on his first

CD. She has also sung with Craig Crawford and Greg Burge.

The music of Rose, gifted songwriter, writer and arranger, often contains elements of jazz, R&B, and pop. As a contemporary gospel singer, her mission is to "reach a variety of people through life giving words of inspiration and comfort." Through her musical journey, her aim is to bring the message of love and peace to all audiences.

Funding for this program is provided by the A. Leigh Balber Memorial Fund. Balber, a long-time resident, was active in all library issues. Because of his actions on behalf of the county library system and of local libraries in Essex County, the New Jersey State Library Association

awarded him its Library Service Award in 1988.

Admission for this concert is free by ticket only. Tickets may be picked up at the Circulation Desk of the Library. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Mystery Series continues with 'Savannah' video

On Tuesday, join the Springfield Free Public Library for its Lighthouse Video Mystery Series with "Midnight in Savannah" at noon.

This video by A&E outshines both the book and Eastwood's film. It focuses on the characters and events of the story portrayed in "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" as well

as the beautiful city of Savannah itself. Very realistic, deep, and compelling, this documentary video will make a trip to Savannah seem irresistible. The video is 100 minutes long. The series will continue on Nov. 20 with the Dick Francis mystery "Blood Sport," Dec. 4 with Agatha Christie's "Lord Edward Dies," and Dec. 18 with the Dick Francis mystery "In the Frame."

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

Children's programs

Quidditch anyone? Come play Hogwarts Trivia, learn how to make a

magical wand, and ride around on a broomstick just like Harry Potter. Join "witches" Amara Willey and Peggy Shaulka for a night of wizarding fun at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Harry Potter Game Night will be Nov. 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for children ages 7 to 12.

On Nov. 10, the Springfield Public Library will sponsor Origami holiday decorations with Deanna Kwan between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Children will learn to make three unique ornaments.

Registration is required for both programs. To register, stop by the Children's Desk or call 973-376-4930, Ext. 32.

The library continues its November children's programming for babies,

toddlers and young children, as follows:

• The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of languages through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 1 1/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program will be on today from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. No advance registration.

• Library Babies supports language-building through lap-sit games and other activities for babies and younger toddlers up to 18 months old in the comfort of a parent or caregiver's lap. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program is scheduled for Nov. 12 from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. No advance registration.

RELIGION

Intermarried families get taste of Judaism Nov. 18

Intermarried families who want to learn about Judaism in a non-judgmental setting are invited to "A Taste of Judaism — Family Style" on Nov. 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.

An entirely new type of program, designed especially for interfaith families, this event is planned to give families tools for future decision-making. It will include family projects as well as separate study sessions for parents

and children, all designed to share with them a little of the joy and the depth available within Judaism, noted Cynthia Plishtin, chair of PATHWAYS. Outreach to Intermarried Families of the United Jewish Federation of MetroWest, which is conducting the program jointly with Temple Beth Ahm. There will also be a special emphasis on the celebration of Thanksgiving.

The cost is \$10 per family for program and dinner. To register, call Lynne Wolfe, PATHWAYS director, at 973-884-4800, Ext. 192, or e-mail lwolfe@ujfmetrowest.org.

Date changed for blood pressure tests

The Springfield Recreation Department has been notified by the Westfield Board of Health that the date for blood pressure screenings at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, has been changed from the second Wednesday of each month to the third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2

p.m. For more information, call 973-912-2227.

The Springfield Senior Citizens are looking for members to join the "Young at Heart Singers." They meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Sarah Bailey from 2 to 4 p.m. They are also looking for card players to play Pinochle on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If anyone is interested or has a

question, call Theresa at 973-912-2227.

Health fair planned

The Roselle Park Board of Health, in conjunction with the Westfield Regional Health Department, is sponsoring a Health Fair for residents of Roselle Park, Garwood, Fanwood, Mountainside, Springfield and Westfield.

The fair takes place at Roselle Park High School, 185 W. Webster Ave., Roselle Park, Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.


The program will include the following free services: flu vaccine shot; physical consults; blood sugar screening; anemia screening; hearing and vision screening; local hospital screening exams; pulmonary function testing; body fat analysis, free samples and more.

HEALTH

Attention churches, social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

MOST WOMEN WORRY ABOUT SIGNS OF AGING ON THE OUTSIDE BUT WHAT ABOUT ON THE INSIDE?



If you're a woman age 35+, you probably think about staying healthy and feeling well especially as you get older. We can help. Dr. Deborah Bernstein of the Women's Health and Prevention Center has practiced internal medicine for 22 years and has a special interest and expertise in women's health, particularly after child bearing. She provides:

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A Letter to Summit Voters

There are a few times in our lives when we can make a major difference; when we can improve our community with one simple act. This election is one of those opportunities. Together we can make Summit a better place to live, work, raise children and retire.

In the past few years, elected leaders have lost track of their responsibility to hear all the voices in Summit and represent all the people. Our current leadership is making poor choices and implementing them badly.

Summit citizens from every neighborhood want to know why:

- Our taxes continue to rise without observable service improvements.
- Our schools are rated lower than those in neighboring communities.
- Our municipal debt has risen more than 200% in the last five years.
- The downtown improvement project is several months late and 20% over budget.
- People must struggle with Common Council to be heard on issues that affect them.
- People who organize sports and recreation programs for our children are left out of the Sports Advisory Group.
- Our public safety agencies are rated "adequate" in a time when they should be excellent.
- Our city government avoids working with other communities to manage regional problems like the deer population.
- We are constantly playing catch-up with city projects like schools, recreation fields, downtown improvement, traffic signals and other necessities rather than anticipating needs.

If you are asking questions like these, you can help answer them. Vote to bring new faces, fresh ideas and management excellence to our city government. Vote for the Democratic team.

You don't have to be a Democrat to vote for a Democrat.

But together, Democrats, Republicans and Independents can make choices that are best for our city.


If you are ever going to make your voice heard in Summit, November 6 is the day to speak with the loudest voice you have, your vote.

On November 6, we urge you to vote for:

- Jordan Glatt, At Large (All Wards)
- Michel Bitritto in Ward 1
- Miguel Velez in Ward 2

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