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Planning Board rejects doctor's request to move office

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Dr. Jerrold Goldstein has a problem. There's not enough parking for his hormone replacement and weight loss practice at 475 Morris Ave., right by the residential streets of Short Hills Avenue, Baltusrol Way, Spring Brook Road, Park Lane and Lewis Drive. Goldstein has hired valets to park his patients' cars on those streets.

Now the residents of those streets have a problem, an overabundance of parked cars along the streets throughout their neighborhood.

Hoping to solve everyone's problem, Goldstein stood in front of the Springfield Planning Board Nov. 7 and explained how he would like to buy the building at 295 Morris Ave., where the old Money Store used to be, and move his practice there. Goldstein had a traffic engineer and planner testify on his behalf as to how, if he moved there, there would be enough parking in and around that location to alleviate the current parking problem.

"We're hoping that by buying this particular building with a lot more parking, that it's going to help solve the problem," said Robert K. Brown, Goldstein's attorney. Goldstein said this building is really too big for his practice, but that he's more than willing to purchase it to help

solve the current parking problem. Although the building does have more parking, Goldstein would need 40 spots at all times for his patients and staff. This lot does not provide that.

"This has been a difficult parking situation and now you're going into a much larger building," said Board Chairman Richard Colandrea. "What guarantees do we have that there's not going to be additional staff and this problem is not going to multiply by two?"

"The only way I can answer that very honestly is to tell you that physically and professionally we can't see more than we're seeing right now and provide what I consider to be good patient care," said Goldstein.

To deal with the still too little parking, Goldstein and Brown proposed that Goldstein's patients park in the public lots around the former Money Store area or in the empty jiney spots, at Duffy's Corner, when those spots become available after 9:30 a.m.

So now the merchants of that area have a problem. "I just feel that with the jiney service, in the parking lot that's in the back of my salon, that we have a problem with the parking," said Robert Bruce, owner of Robert Dominican Salon and Boutique at 270 Morris Ave. "If the doctor comes and he has 16 employees that are going to park

probably, in the jiney lot, they'll be no parking for anybody."

Other merchants in that area, such as James Wen, owner of Hunan Spring Chinese Restaurant at 288 Morris Ave., agree.

"My customers cannot park," said Wen, citing the jiney parking lot, right behind his restaurant, as the source of his problem. "We lost a lot of business already."

Bruce stressed that Goldstein has every right to park where he wants, but the lots where he is proposing to move are already crowded enough.

"We're in a bind now with the jiney," said Bruce. "If they'd move the jiney to the pool where it belongs, instead of on a public parking lot that all the taxpayers pay for, maybe it would be better for everybody."

Township Attorney Bruce Bergen spoke before the board on behalf of the Township Committee, saying how it is their feeling that it is not a good idea for Goldstein to move to 295 Morris Ave.

"I would suggest to the board that the application should be denied," said Bergen. "There has not been a showing of adequate additional public parking available to this business to supplement what's in the parking lot."

"We know that where Dr. Goldstein is right now there is a problem," said Brown, in his closing argument. "And because there is a problem that leads him to try to find other spaces in which to have his practice that would work, so that he wouldn't have this problem."

"There's been testimony that this facility will be sufficient for his use," continued Brown.

The board had an open discussion, sharing their opinions with fellow board members as well as the public. Then the application came to a vote in which the application was denied.

Goldstein said he is not going to appeal the board's decision. "It just doesn't pay," he said.

"The problem you fall into if you go into an existing medical building, allowed for medical use today, is that the laws change," said Goldstein. He explained that although he can be grandfathered into using the existing building for medical purposes, the building won't adhere to the new parking laws for medical offices.

"We're looking around right now," said Goldstein, whose lease on his current building doesn't expire for over two years. "We have no definitive plans now, though Goldstein still has a problem."



Photos By Barbara Kukulski

VETERANS DAY PRIDE — The Veterans Day program at Veterans Memorial Park in Springfield gave residents a special way to honor and remember those who served their country in wartime. Top, Bobbi Eisenberg of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary Post 273 and Hazel Hargrove of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 228 help place the memorial wreath. At left, Township Committeewoman and veteran Gregory Clark sings 'God Bless America,' while guest speaker Philip Kurnos of the Jewish War Veterans Post 273, right, gives the Veterans Day address.

Architect gives update on new firehouse

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Paul deSilva, the architect responsible for the design of the new Springfield firehouse, visited with the Township Committee Tuesday afternoon to answer their questions on the progress of the project.

"The plans are, in fact, ready for bidding," he said.

The bidding process will take place in a month, during which time a contractor will be selected.

"Can you start construction after the month?" asked Township Committeewoman Roy Hirschfeld.

"Given that we are in mid-November and we're going to take a month to bid it, which is mid-December, and then we will have to award the contract and sign the con-

tract and then the contractor is going to have to gear up, the earliest you're going to want to start putting the building up is February," said deSilva, stressing that weather is always something that must be considered.

"How long do you estimate this project will take, barring that there are no unforeseen circumstances?" asked Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik.

"It will take about a year," said deSilva.

The Township Committee, along with deSilva, and Fire Chief William Grus, said that eventually decisions must be made as to what colors the carpeting and other necessary interior commodities will be.

"We have some carpeting in the

building, not a heck of a lot, ceramic tiles, Corian countertop," said deSilva.

Hirschfeld asked if the garage doors on the firehouse will accommodate the size of any standard fire vehicle.

"Whatever fire vehicle you can find will fit in the firehouse," said Grus. The new firehouse will be erected where the former Schiabe Oil Co. stood, at the corner of Mountain and Tooker avenues, adjacent to the old Post Office.

The building will be 26,000 square feet and have 40 parking spaces, all of which sit on a 1.12-acre lot.

"When the project is actively under construction we will be having job meetings at the site once every two

weeks," said deSilva.

He continued by saying that he or a representative from his firm will be there and suggested that the Township Committee have some representatives there as well.

"I would like to keep the captains involved. Even if they have no say at the meetings I want to keep them there as part of the process so they can bring information back," said Grus, explaining that the captains can share what they learned with the other firefighters.

The Township Committee asked deSilva if he could go over the plans with them. He did, outlining just about everything from where the fire chief's office is to where the firefighters get changed.

Math scores decline, stability in other subjects

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

At the Mountaineer Board of Education meeting Tuesday night, the highlight of the meeting was when Guidance Counselor Barbara Komorski gave a talk with a slide presentation about the test scores in several categories.

A few parents and teachers attended the session, and before she began, one of the board members asked Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller if he was happy with them. "Yes and no," he said. "Happy with most of them, but unhappy with the math scores."

The new Terra Nova Multiple Assessment test was administered to students in grades two, three, five, six and seven last April. Just in, the scores reflect only the median national percentile — median meaning middle grouping, as Komorski explained to the Board of Education, which is different from the former Iowa tests.

In reading, language, math, science, and social studies, all were over the 80 percentile for grade two, in the high 70s for the third grade, and likewise in grade five. Grade six had high 70s to 83 in their median percentile, and grade

seven did best, with all subjects in the mid to high 80s and a 92 percentile in social studies.

Board member Frank Geiger said he was disappointed until Komorski explained that based on a nationwide average of those grades, the scores were considered excellent. She also reassured the board members that Deerfield School kept complete records of each individual child and the individual results, with both strengths and weaknesses, although this did not show on the Terra Nova tests.

Next came the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessments and the mathematics scores that troubled Schuller. Fifty-nine general education students in eighth grade took the test in March. In the highest level, the advanced proficient, were 18 students, or 30.5 percent, at the proficient level, 30, or 50.8 percent, and at the partially proficient level, 11, or 18.6 percent. This meant that 48 of Deerfield's regular students tested scored above the state standard in mathematics — not sufficient for the chief administrator.

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Drama students put on play of passion, intrigue

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Drama comes back to Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield in a big way when the cast of "Murder Takes the Stage" bring their special mix of talent and enthusiasm to this unique murder mystery.

The play is entirely student-run and will be showing in the Halsey Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Written by popular playwright James Reach, the play was chosen for its dramatic power and intricate, but fun plot twists.

"We wanted to try a 'Clue' type murder mystery and it seemed like a fun play to do," said Director/Producer Karyn Schlesinger.

She was particularly proud of how the students threw themselves into all aspects of putting the play together. Since September, they performed rehearsals Monday through Thursday after school. They did their own set design, made their own posters and promotional efforts. Others helped build the set and performed the necessary lighting and technical jobs, while some performed more than one function.

"That makes it that much more challenging, but also rewarding as well," said Schlesinger. "I feel like the students feel like they accomplished a great feat. They are very talented and responsible."

The plot revolves around the actors

and crew of a theater company who are preparing for an upcoming performance of a murder mystery, along with the arrival of ultra glamorous theater personality Hazel Lavenc. In true whodunit style, one of the cast members soon winds up dead while the actors are in the midst of performing.

Delving into their roles was something that came fairly easy to the cast members, who have a strong desire for performing.

"It's my passion, but I'll keep it on the side as a hobby," said Monica Schwartz, who plays the role of Jane Bond.

Schwartz describes the character as being similar to herself, contributing to the ease with which she fell into the role. Bond is a manager of the theater at which the play-within-the-play is taking place, and is in charge of overseeing all aspects of the production.

Schwartz, who has plans to be a doctor, has also performed in a range of plays at the high school and elsewhere, including "Burners," "West Side Story" and "Bye Bye Birdie."

Alex Garlen, a senior, is the technical director/stage manager for the play and counts his role acting experience as a cast member of "West Side Story." He now prefers to remain behind the scenes.

"For 'Murder Takes the Stage,' he is looking forward to using his talents with lighting and sound to create intriguing effects for the various scenes.



Members of the cast for 'Murder Takes the Stage,' a mystery presented by Jonathan Dayton High School's drama department act out a few key scenes, including, from left, Colby Tiss, Jessica Goldblatt, Monica Schwartz and Chris Phillips.

"It's fun to see your work physically on the stage, to see how a certain amount of lighting or sound can portray a certain scene," said Garlen.

He is also excited about this play in particular, since it will give him a chance to put his technical skills to the test.

"It's kinda fun because it's about a play," said Garlen. "Seeing how all the cast members react is similar to what really happens."

Building up the anticipation of the arrival of Hazel Lavenc will be central to the action of the script, as her presence promises to bring a series of drastic conflicts that will keep audiences riveted to their seats.

"She is a Hollywood drama queen diva," said Marie Fish, who portrays Lavenc. "Everyone must hate her, too. But it's fun because I've never had a part like this. It gives me a chance to let go and be whoever my

character is."

Fish, a junior, has been acting since the fourth grade in numerous school plays, including a production in California.

About the play, she said she is looking forward to revealing her character and playing a central part of the action.

"I think it's a very suspenseful show, and they'll be on the edge of

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Newspaper to publish early

Because Thanksgiving is celebrated on a Thursday, this newspaper will publish next week one day earlier, Nov. 21. The offices of this newspaper will be closed Nov. 22 and 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and we will reopen Monday, Nov. 26.

The deadlines for the Nov. 21 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — today, noon
- Letters to the editor — Friday, 3:30 p.m.
- What's Going On — Friday, 3:30 p.m.
- Display ads — Friday noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
- Sports news — Friday, 9 a.m.
- General news — Monday, 9 a.m.
- Classified advertising — Monday, 3 p.m.
- Legal advertising — Monday, noon.

We will return to our normal Thursday publication on Nov. 29. Deadlines for that edition will also return to normal. This includes:

- Letters to the editor — Monday, noon.
- What's Going On — Monday, 3:30 p.m.
- Display ads — Monday noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
- Sports news — Monday, 9 a.m.
- General news — Tuesday, 9 a.m.
- Classified advertising — Tuesday, 3 p.m.
- Legal advertising — Tuesday, noon.

We wish our readers and advertisers a Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

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Dayton puts on a show

(Continued from Page 1) their seats at all times." Fish said. The cast and crew members also include Colby Tins, Jessica Goldblatt, Ted Chellis, Harry Marks, Joe Peltano, Carol Heather Goldsmith, Dan Poltrock, Catherine Yuma, Keith Dworkin, Jill Kurzer, Chris Phillips, Matt Sauerhoff, and John Cortage, stage crew.

School officials aim higher

(Continued from Page 1) The GEPA comparison scores for 1999, 2000 and 2001 actually showed a decline in mathematics in the proficient and advanced proficient groups. The advanced students went from 42 percent, to 40.7 percent, to 30.5 percent in 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively.

"Our schools were very high compared with others nationwide," Komoroski said. "We will be checking on all the grade levels and working on each student's individual strengths and weaknesses." Assistant Principal Priscilla Church said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and group meetings.

• Nat Bodian, a veteran newsman and later, active in the publishing field, speaks before the Springfield Hadassah at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.

• Bodian will talk about his soon-to-be published book, "The Sourcebook of American Presidential Curiosities and Oddities."

• The event is open to all. For information call 973-376-7535.

• The Governor Livingston High School Highlander Band conducts its annual candy sale today through Sunday. The uniformed band members can be seen at various local businesses in Berkeley Heights and Mountaineer. They will also be canvassing the neighborhoods and making door to door stops on Saturday and Sunday, with proceeds benefiting the band's activities and expenses.

• St. James The Apostle School, 41 South Springfield Ave., offers 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 shoppie, and holiday crafts and gifts. Admission is \$5. Children 12 and under are free.

• Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, celebrates Interdenominational Sabbath with a special Klezmer service at 8 p.m. Prior to the service, at 7 p.m., will be an interactive program of story and song with featured guests.

• All are welcome to celebrate. For information, call 973-379-5387. • Jonathan Dayton High School's Drama Department presents its fall production of "Murder Takes the Stage" by James Reach, in Halsey Auditorium, 138 Mountain Ave., at 7 p.m. The play is a murder mystery for all ages filled with plot twists and turns.

• Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$7 for adults. For information, call 973-376-1025, Ext. 5188.

• The Mountaineer PTA Holiday Craft Day takes 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 take part in creating, including gel candles, soap making, Thanksgiving centerpieces, wall-hangings 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. • Award-winning children's entertainer Eddie Coker makes an appearance at 2 p.m. at the Edward V. Walton School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield.

• Coker is a spokesman for children's books at Borders and his videos are seen every day at Chick E. Cheese and he also has his own Disney show.

• Tickets are \$5. For information, call 973-912-2200.

• St. James The Apostle School, 41 South Springfield Ave., offers an elegant wine and holiday boutique from 3 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$5. Children 12 and under are free.

• For information, call 908-851-9566.

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• A 9:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by a pancake breakfast at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountaineer.

• "A Taste of Judaism - Family Style," is a special event for parents and children in intermarried families where one parent is Jewish, or for those who want to learn more about Judaism, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. The fee is \$10 per family, with dinner included.

• To register, call Linda Wolfe at 973-884-4900, Ext. 192.

• A program on making kindling kits takes place at 2 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer. The fee is \$2 per kit.

• For information, call 908-789-3760.

Monday

• St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City conducts an information night for seventh- and eighth-grade students and their families at 8 p.m. James School, 41 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Members of St. Peter's Prep faculty and staff, as well as teachers, coaches, and students, will be present to give information and answer questions.

• For information, call 201-547-6420 or visit www.stpetersprep.org.

• The Springfield Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the library at Jonathan Dayton High School, 138 Mountain Ave.

Tuesday

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

• The Mountaineer Borough Council meets at 8 p.m. for a work session in the conference room of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

• A special bonfire of Thanksgiving takes place at Jonathan Dayton High School, 138 Mountain Ave., Springfield, at 7 p.m. to celebrate a common time of Thanksgiving and to remember those lost in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

• Guests are invited to arrive at 6 p.m. for reflections and refreshments. For information, call 973-376-1025, Ext. 5300.

Wednesday

Nov. 24

• A used clothing drive will be at the Community Center at 29 Park Ave. in Berkeley Heights to benefit Project Graduation for Governor Livingston High School's Class of 2002.

• Items to be collected include wearable clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, hats, and gloves, in addition to table linens, curtains, bedspreads, towels, and stuffed animals. Items may not be torn or stained and must be delivered in tied plastic bags.

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop session in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 27

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

Nov. 27

• The Mountaineer Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave.

Dec. 6

• The Foothill Club will meet at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant for their Christmas luncheon. The program will feature special holiday music by a few members of the Governor Livingston High School Choral Group. Guests are welcome.

• For reservations, call 908-232-3626.

Ongoing

• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information, call 973-912-2227.

• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines within the last year.

• "Write Your Life Stories" is a writing group that meets regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Writing expertise is not required and sharing is optional. The meeting is facilitated by writer/teacher Zella R.P. Gelman. No registration is required.

• For information, call 973-376-4930.

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Church's role expands to meet continued growth

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

The beautiful, non-denominational Mountainside Chapel has been tucked away in the woods at the end of Spruce Street for over a century. Long before Mountainside was ever called a borough, and it is still in its pristine setting, but now it is a busy, 150-member church.

It had been organized in 1871 as the Locust Grove Baptist Sunday School, sponsored by a church of the same name in Westfield. Then, in 1879, when the church in Westfield discontinued its role of principal sponsor, the church school became interdenominational as a teaching center, with many prominent visiting ministers conducting services there into the early 1900s. In 1911, the name changed to The Mountainside Union Chapel, a fully active church with pastor as well as the teaching aspect for children.

Now, the pastor, The Rev. Gregory Hagg, with a background in teaching and pastoral care, heads the non-denominational Christian parish of devoted members, which he says is growing with many young families from not just Mountainside, but all of the surrounding area.

"Non-denominational does not mean liberal in theology; quite the

reverse," said the pastor. "Although we are ultra-modern in many ways, we do everything we can to communicate God's word and are all about Scripture. It is a Bible-based church and totally Christian." He said that most non-denominational churches are very conservative, and added, "We are among those. Everyone is always welcome, and basically, we just believe that denominations per se are not very important, but faith in Jesus Christ is primary."

Inside the plain rectangular building with a steeple is a modern sanctuary; seating about 200 comfortably, with provisions for a full band including drums, synthesizer, guitars and flutes. "Young people make up the band, but not all that young — except for our drummer who is 18, the others are in their 30s," laughed the minister. They also have the traditional organ and music that is a big part of their worship service at all times.

The choir sits behind the pulpit near the band and organ and the spacious sanctuary gives great acoustics. There is a wide theater-type screen pulled down which projects the words to the hymns. "We like to see heads uplifted when singing instead of bent down, although we also have hymns," said Hagg.

Very unusual is a large hand-

carved plain wooden cross, set at an angle and which gives the appearance of suspension, on the back wall. It is there by a hidden wire, and is revealed when the screen is pulled up.

Also as in the Baptist tradition, the church believes in full-immersion baptism, so the baptismal pool is also behind the pulpit, under the suspended cross. It is a very important ceremony held about once every six months. "Baptism is done as an integral part of our service and belief," said the pastor. Also in the Baptist tradition, he said he was ordained by the church itself, and has been pastor there for the past 11 years, starting in 1990.

Hagg went to Dallas Theological Seminary, a totally independent seminary, and holds a doctorate in Hebrew and Judaic Studies from New York University. "At one point I majored in sociology and intended to go into social work. But then I came to realize that the basic needs of mankind are spiritual, not physical," recalled the minister. He then entered the seminary and is very happy that he chose this path. "I have no regrets; I am very close to this congregation and its ministry."

He had served as pastor in a non-denominational church in Lubbock,

Texas, and then went to New York City to earn his doctorate. He also became a professor at a small north-eastern Bible college. "I always wanted to do pastoral work and education at the same time, so now I also serve as vice president of academic affairs at Somerset Christ College as well as being a full pastor here in Mountainside," said Hagg.

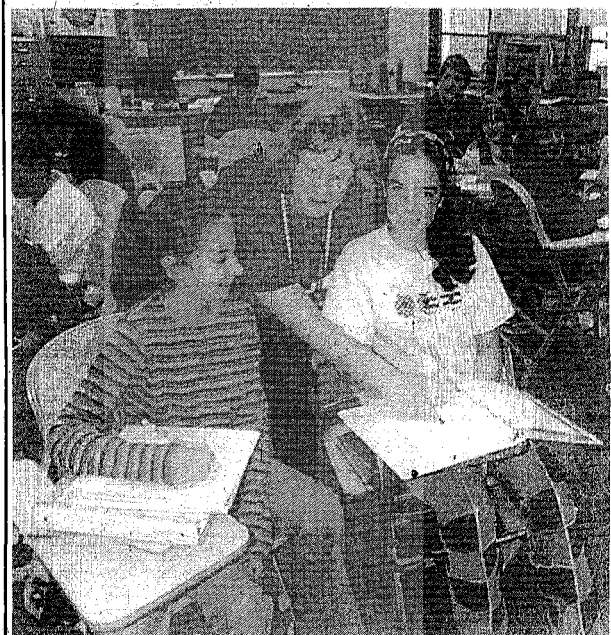
One of the reasons he is able to do this is because of his associate, Nick Campagna, now in seminary. "Nick is director of ministries and he is wonderful, doing youth work. He is invaluable to me," said Hagg.

Hagg and his wife, Linda, have two grown sons and one new grandchild whom they adore. They live in Mountainside at the parsonage provided them by the parish. About the future, he feels very positive. "The church is growing, especially since Sept. 11."

Besides the traditional Sunday service, the church offers a Wednesday evening prayer service, which is well-attended.

"I feel this is a transient area, with families coming and going. We are all happy that the younger members are coming back to church at this time, and hope it continues. When the world falls apart, where else can you go?" he added, rhetorically.

At the head of the class



Sharon David, left, and Meghan O'Shea identify what every prospective citizen should know about U.S. government in Teri Craddock-Ponce's seventh-grade civics class.

Testimony comes to end for Black's Lane senior housing

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Minor discrepancies played out even further as the seemingly never ending debate over the proposed senior housing complex at the end of Black's Lane looks to have finally come to a resolution at the Springfield Planning Board meeting on Nov. 7.

Max Sherman, attorney for K & K Developers, the company that is proposing the senior housing, stood in front of the board and explained that the new site plan complies with the changes the board had requested.

In a previous meeting, Robert Kirkpatrick, Springfield Engineer, and Robert Michaels, Springfield Planner, requested that Chuck F. Lee and Associates, the engineering company for the project, submit a letter stating all of the changes they have made.

That letter was submitted and copies were given to the board.

"We have revised the site plans in response to Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Michaels' comments," said Chuck F. Lee, engineer for the project.

Some of those revisions included: a crosswalk for the handicapped parking spaces, a survey plan incorporated into the site plan, providing the building dimensions on the site layout plans, providing ground elevations at all the corners of the building, obtaining agreements with the adjacent property owners, the addition of four catch basins situated throughout the property to help with the draining systems, and the elimination of half of the slope caused by the steep embankment along Main Street.

"I believe this plan is superior to

the previous one that we submitted," said Lee.

Kirkpatrick said he had a few comments on the site plan, stating that there should be a dropped curb by the garage which will be across the street from the site and a relocation of the one-way sign.

"The other comment I had, as you went through this list, was that you separated the landscape plan from the lighting plan but you did not show the lighting fixtures on the landscape plan," said Kirkpatrick. "I think they should be shown."

Lee said he will fulfill Kirkpatrick's request.

Donald Chapman, a licensed architect with The Chapman Studio in Summit who worked closely with the firm on the design of the site, spoke about the height of the building.

He said the building's height, by definition, is the high point minus the average of the grade. Doing those calculations will result in a building height of 43.78 feet, he explained.

"Is that within the area that the board has jurisdiction to give their clearance?" asked Sherman.

"Yes it is," said Chapman. "We're allowed 10 percent over the 40-foot allowance. So this is under 44 feet."

Kirkpatrick said he was satisfied with those calculations.

"What is the delay?" asked Board Chairman Richard Colandrea, in regards to the inability to obtain agreements with the adjacent lots, particularly Lot 6, a residential lot.

"We've been in contact several times with them," said Richard Allen, project manager. "Unfortunately, due

to an illness in the family and the hospitalization of the owner's wife, we haven't been able to set up a time to meet. What I have done is met with the owners' sons."

Allen said he has reviewed the plans with them, showing them the proposed improvements to the rear of their property.

"They have taken a consent form and are hoping to have that back to me in a week of two," said Allen. "They have brought it to their father to sign."

Allen explained the improvements that are being proposed to Lot 6.

"Essentially what we are doing is adding a drain just off the back of their property. It's filling in an existing low area," said Allen.

The board approved the site plan pending several variances including the fulfillment of the height variance, an affordable housing market plan to be submitted, the approval of the owner of Lot 6, and that the plan meets all of the township engineer's requirements.

Newspaper is drop-off point

Worral Community Newspapers, publishers of this newspaper, has begun collecting toys for children in the area who otherwise may not have a merry Christmas.

Worral Newspapers' 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, address has become a drop-off point for Toys for Tots, an effort of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to brighten the holidays of children who otherwise would not get toys on Christmas.

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EDITORIALS

The gift of giving

The act of giving is a selfless thing that makes us happy, in and of itself.

This holiday season, the spirit of giving has taken on a whole new meaning with the events of Sept. 11 forever fresh in our minds.

It's nice to see that sense of dedication on a smaller, but no less significant scale with the Toys for Tots program.

Once again, toys can be dropped off for needy kids and families at the Springfield Fire Department through Dec. 14. Some of the toys also will be passed to organizations that deal directly with the children whose parents died in the Sept. 11 attacks.

This is a terrific thing that the Springfield Fire Department is doing because it shows strong community involvement for helping those less fortunate.

The national toy collection drive started by the Marine Corps Reserves is one that continuously gives joy to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them Christmas presents, or in some cases, where one or more parent is absent.

Toys can also be dropped off at this newspaper office at 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, until Dec. 6. All items must be new and unwrapped. On Dec. 7, these toys will be delivered to the Picatinny Arsenal in Morristown, where the Marine Corps Reserve has a collection center.

Children's Specialized Hospital at 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside is also accepting donations of toys for the hospital's young patients. Each year, the children's rehabilitation hospital collects new, unwrapped gifts for children who will be spending their holidays in the hospital.

All items must be dropped off by Dec. 5 to allow for sorting, wrapping and distribution. Anyone who donates toys is asked to leave their name and address with the gift.

So start early and give someone less fortunate the gift of giving.

A reward for the ultimate sacrifice

A special congratulations should go to the Springfield and Mountainside veterans who recently received the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, which is the state's highest military award.

It's about time these veterans were rewarded for their service, for the dedication they showed for their country so long ago, a dedication that has found new meaning in the suddenly wartime climate we live in now.

Sacrifices are never easy to make, and these men joined the effort to keep the country safe in the ultimate sacrifice — fighting in the armed services during wartime.

These living legends were given the medal by the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs during an Oct. 17 ceremony at the Westfield Armory.

Each and every one of them have unique and inspiring tales to tell of how they fought and survived, places they had seen, and memories they've shared. This award is a terrific way to keep those stories alive and remember what the veterans did for our country.

All of these local veterans should be very proud of the role they played in helping to shape the history of wartime America.

A responsibility

While the Sept. 11 tragedy has brought about an outpouring of donations for the victims and their families, along with a resurgence in patriotic spirit, it didn't pay off last week in one of the most important ways — voter participation.

The Nov. 6 general election in New Jersey, which was led by the race for governor, attracted the lowest turnout of the electorate in almost 60 years. Less than half of registered voters statewide went to the polls. Slightly more than half of the voters in Union County came out to vote.

There are several explanations for this — and all of them have some validity. There were no federal positions on the ballot. Many citizens were too concerned about the aftermath of the terrorist bombings and the American military operation in Afghanistan to focus on state and county elections. The incumbent Democrats in county government were so heavily favored to win that many residents might have thought there was no point in voting in those races.

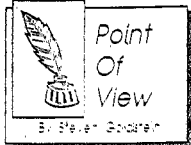
Unfortunately, those excuses just don't wash. Voting is not simply a valuable right, but a responsibility. It is the greatest right we have, and it should be cherished. During this troubled time in U.S. history, we should develop a new and greater appreciation for the liberties we have in this country. While the government does have flaws, the election process provides us with the means to fix these problems. There is always hope for a better tomorrow, and hope is vitally important to us now.



AN APPLE A DAY — The Pre-K 4 children from St. James The Apostle School in Springfield recently completed their theme on apples. Students sported hats they made, marched in a Johnny Appleseed parade in the gym, and then planted apple seeds, including from left, Estaban Garcia, Mariah Lambiase, Annie Quagliato, Skylar Schwartz, and Giovanna DeSordo.

We have learned the true definition of duty

At 9 o'clock in the morning on Sept. 11, my secretary came into my office and said, "Steven, an airplane just crashed into the World Trade Center." Not knowing any further details, I grabbed my bag and headed downtown to the United States Courthouse. Four blocks from the World Trade Center, where I had a court appearance.



What normally was a commute subway ride turned into a two- and a half-hour ordeal of gridlock. Not the kind of what was happening. When we finally emerged from the station at the Brooklyn Bridge, the mayor's helicopter was still on the ground. I had to wait for a taxi. I was asked why. All he said was, "Where's your car?"

I had never in my entire life been so late for court. The taxi took me to the courthouse. There were three judges on the bench at that time. The judge who presided over my case was a man I had never met before.

It was a very strange experience. The judge had seen a public display of fear like that was when I was a child, 15 years ago.

I could not know what had happened until I heard rumors that the Twin Towers had collapsed due to a terrorist bombing. I was surrounded a large number of people with about 100 other people screaming as the unthinkable was confirmed.

During the next couple weeks, we have often heard the question, what have we learned from this disaster? The answer is what I have learned.

I have learned that we Americans

have the most respect for the word "duty" of any nation on the planet. While the murderers' definition of duty is to kill people indiscriminately in the name of God, our definition is defined, not by words, but by actions.

We define duty by the firemen, policemen and ambulance workers who rushed to the disaster area to save lives, but lost their own.

We define duty by all the people from around the country who volunteered to aid in the rescue effort.

We define duty by all the citizens who have donated time, money and blood to aid their fellow man, not only Americans because over 30 nations lost people in this disaster.

We define duty by civilians bringing down an airplane, knowing of their own imminent death, in order to save the lives of others.

We define duty by ordinary office workers staying behind in a burning building so they could remain with a crippled friend who is unable to escape the flames.

We define duty by our local fire, police and emergency rescue crews who were on beck and call, waiting to provide assistance if necessary.

We define duty, by showing our solidarity with all those whose lives were lost, by praying and coming together for a candlelight ceremony.

Before the events of Sept. 11, there were those who would have us believe that when America looked into the mirror, she saw materialism, greed and selfishness. Who would now doubt for one moment that when she looks into the mirror now, she sees kindness, compassion, bravery, and a true love of mankind?

On this day, we mourn for those who have perished and celebrate the lessons they have taught us, of duty, honor, and bravery. May god bless their souls.

Steven Goldstein is a member of the Springfield Township Planning Committee.

No sense to chop down prized heritages

Tradition is a truly recent vintage. In 1904, the Rockefeller-Norway spruce tree to decorate Rockefeller Center in New York City.

And yet that is exactly what has happened. That old tree growing properly in Warsaw for all those years has been cut down to decorate a piece of city property.

Make no mistake about it. This is a commercial venture. Rockefeller Center is surrounded by stores, museums and libraries. And the more people who visit to "shop" and "pat" the tree, the greater the potential sales in those stores.

This tree decorating in the center of the Rockefeller Plaza all started out

As I See It

By Norman E. Rauscher, Correspondent

University of Michigan when in the midst of the Depression, workers on the developing project in the area put up a small tree to celebrate the work and their employment. Little did they realize that in the years to come that tree would grow from small to huge and that the tree would become a commercial symbol.

When the tree in its transformed state is placed by the center's skating rink, it will be adorned with thousands upon thousands of lights. And, if that weren't enough, the lighting will be a site of a TV extravaganza, complete with light snow and all the hoopla associated with a major event. Evidently, from at least one point of view, that of Rockefeller Center, it is a major event.

No one ever seems concerned that year after year perfectly good trees are chopped down for this four-week gawking. And, then what? Off to the match mill.

The Norway spruce selected this year is from New Jersey, a state that is

supposed to be environmentally conscious. We spend money promoting the protection of open and forested lands. In fact, we pay landowners not to destroy the land for building purposes.

It doesn't make any sense to chop down one of our prized heritages. That tree has survived storms, drought, hurricanes, snow, hail, sleet and the ravages of the passage of time. As in many facets of life, it could not withstand the stupidity of man.

Joyce Kilmer is turning over in his grave.

Norman E. Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent contributor to this newspaper.

No denying that NYC is capital of the world

Shortly after the terrible tragedy in September, Congress passed legislation authorizing \$20 billion in emergency aid. The bill gave President Bush almost sole discretion in how the money should be used. New York's two senators subsequently met with Mr. Bush and secured a commitment that the entire sum would be given to New York to help pay for its recovery efforts.

What is significant about this is that there was not even a whisper of protest from the rest of the country. You can be sure that just a few weeks before the terrorist attack there would have been outrage at the idea of giving New York 20 cents, let alone \$20 billion.

There is now a sudden outbreak of admiration and respect for New York. And not a grudging respect, but genuine. And there is a spillover effect for us here in New Jersey. It is estimated that half of the casualties of the World Trade Center disaster were Jerseyans. And hundreds of emergency personnel from our state have been, and are, contributing to the recovery efforts.

Sept. 11 was the worst day in American history. There were far more deaths than at Pearl Harbor. More even than on D-Day. And the citizens responded with courage, strength and dignity. New York — and New Jersey —

The Problem Solver

By Robert B. Lapidus

have been the butt of some good-natured humor through the years. Jokes about the rudeness and crudeness of New York's citizens.

Jokes about the oil refineries and the chemical odors along Jersey's Route 1. But more than that, there has been an absolute contempt expressed by some toward New York. Disparaging comments about its polyglot population. About its hurried way of life. About the libertine lifestyle that flourishes there.

True, in this area there has been a little paranozing about much of the rest of the nation. We tend to dismiss that part of the country between the coasts as "fly over country." But it is one thing to be paranozing, quite another to be contemptuous.

Whether the rest of the country agrees or not, New York is the capital of the world. It is the center of commerce, culture and entertainment. And it is also a place where there is strength in diversity. And a city where citizens don't flinch in the face of devastation.

Where people demonstrated a remarkable resiliency. Where people sacrificed their lives to help others.

So perhaps the rest of the nation will continue to look upon us with a

new perspective. Now, maybe even John Rucker will get it. Maybe.

Robert B. Lapidus is a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We cannot do it all on our own

To the Editor:

This past Sunday night, Springfield Cares got a chance to meet with Dr. Walter Mahler, the superintendent of schools, to discuss current issues facing our schools and town. It is thrilling to know that we have a superintendent who is focused on the best for our children. But the superintendent and the school board cannot do it alone.

We all need to ensure that the children of the town receive the best education possible. The group looks forward to continue working with Dr. Mahler on this.

Springfield Cares is not just about budgets and referendums; we are truly committed to helping improve Springfield. On Saturday, we are parading our first improvement project. With the help of the Jonathan Dayton staff and students we are going to refurbish the high schools team and training rooms. Nothing too fancy but every little bit counts.

If you would like to join us please call me at 973-921-1090.

Gary Buchman
Springfield Cares

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—Dorothy Thompson, Journalist, 1958

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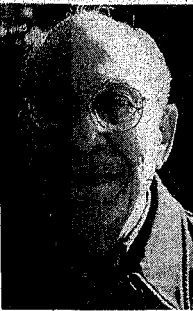
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We're asking How do you feel about the election results?



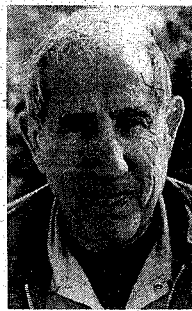
Henry Prelich
"My man didn't win, but that is okay, no complaints."



Milton Fox
"I am glad that McGreevey won; I am sort of liberal and I am from Mountainside — I think they should have at least one Democrat here."



Shari Dorfman
"Results were fine. My people all won so I am happy about that."



Abraham Atkin
"Yes, I am happy. My choices all won, both in the state and local elections."



Helping NYC's finest with a recent boot drive are members of the Springfield Fire Department. From left are Deputy Chief Donald Schwerdt, Firefighters Carlo Palumbo, James Sanford, Frank Fiorelli, Allen Bell, Captain Wayne Masiello, Firefighters Tom Blake, Joe Pepe, Joseph Popolo, Stewart Jurczak, Michael Mastroeni, James Beyer, Aldo Pagnotta, Captain John Pyar, Firefighters Marc Corea, Sal Cocuzza, David Maas, and Fire Chief William Gras.

Boot drive benefits WTC victims

On Oct. 20, the Springfield Fire Department had a boot drive to raise money for the New York City Fire Department's Widows and Orphans Fund.

The members of the Springfield unit raised more than \$10,000. One hundred percent of the funds will go to the widows and orphans of the World Trade Center attacks of Sept. 11.

Members of the Springfield unit gave a special thanks to Bill Braitsch of Arison for printing the banners for the fund drive to help the fallen NYC firefighters in the World Trade Center attacks.

"It was a great morale boost to see the fire chief and deputy fire chief partaking in the boot drive along with the rest of the Fire Department," said Firefighter Carlo Palumbo. "Our fallen brothers didn't lose their lives in this tragedy. They gave their lives to save others."

"I am extremely proud of the Fire Department," said Fire Chief William Gras.

HEALTH

Red Cross fall schedule

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled its fall courses/classes in lifesaving skills.

Adult CPR class will be conducted Nov. 27. The course teaches participants how to deal with choking, breathing and cardiac emergencies. It will also include training in automated external defibrillation. The course is from 6 to 10:30 p.m.

First Aid Basics class will be offered on Nov. 29 from 6 to 10 p.m. and teaches participants how to check the condition of conscious and unconscious victims and how to recognize and care for life-threatening illnesses and injuries as well as handling choking and breathing emergencies.

CPR for the Professional Rescuer, infant, child, adult and two-person CPR, class will be offered on Saturday. The course is intended for individuals who have the duty to respond to emergencies as job requirements, i.e. lifeguards, EMTs and health professionals. The course will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For those currently holding this certification but need renewal, a renewal class will be offered in December or the participant can attend a "challenge" class on Fri-

days. Call the chapter for dates and times.

All trainings take place at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. Advance registration is required and space is limited.

For more information, visit the chapter house, call the chapter 908-232-7090 or send an e-mail to johngson@crossnet.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 Pinnacol on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If anyone is interested or has a question, call Theresa at 973-912-2227.

NEWS CLIPS

Troop 73 talks about fun-filled fall events

Scouts from Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73 have started another Scout year. In September, the troop went white water rafting on the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania. The weather was warm so it was not too uncomfortable when some of the boys got wet. Somehow it never fails that when the troop goes rafting or canoeing, the scouts and their leaders get wet.

In October, the troop participated in the annual Munsee District Camporee at Watchung Reservation. The Camporee brings many of the troops from Union County together for a weekend of activities and fun. This year, Troop 73 tried something different for dinner on Saturday night. The boys made up the menu and it was slushabok. They got to eat and the wounded skewers made good firewood.

This month, the troop will go to a Devils hockey game. Later in the month the outing is a camping trip to Assateague Island in Maryland. The

troop will be hiking for six miles along the shore and perhaps see some wild horses.

The troop always welcomes new members. Boys over the age of 11 may join the troop and participate in the many outdoor activities. Anyone interested in obtaining information about Troop 73 can call 973-376-0671.

Toy drive at Children's Specialized Hospital

New toys and clothing are being accepted at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, now through Dec. 5 as part of its annual toy drive for the hospital's young patients.

Each year, the children's rehabilitation hospital collects new, unwrapped gifts for children who will be spending their holidays in the hospital.



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OBITUARIES

Daniel O. Sproul

Daniel O. Sproul, 86, of Merlin, Ore., formerly of Mountaineer, died Nov. 5 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Sproul lived in Mountaineer until 1981 when he moved to Merlin. He worked on Wall Street in New York in the methods and research department for Western Electric and for IBM. Mr. Sproul installed the first bank computer systems in the state of New Jersey. After installing the computer system at Howard Savings Bank, he worked for the institution in various capacities for 31 years until his retirement.

Mr. Sproul and his wife, Alice Carol Borden, were founding members of the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountaineer. He served in the Army for five years including service during World War II.

Also surviving are three daughters, Janet Mosher, Ginny Offenbacher and Cynthia Ralph; a son, Kenneth D. Sproul; a brother, David Sproul; and five grandchildren.

Joseph R. Morris

Joseph R. Morris, 90, of Springfield, died Nov. 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mr. Morris lived in Springfield since 1939. He was a security guard with Mass & Wall-ten, a paint factory, in Newark for 21 years and retired many years ago. Mr. Morris also was a special officer with the Springfield Police Department from 1960 to 1980. He served in the Marine Corps from 1929 to 1933 and again from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Morris was wounded in action at Iwo Jima in 1945. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Battle Hill Post 7683 in Springfield.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte; two daughters, Mildred Morris Quintones and Margaret Raab; a son, Louis Mac Donald; and a sister, Mildred Levante.

George R. Bollinger

George R. Bollinger, 78, of Summit, died Nov. 4 in the Glenside Nursing

Home, New Providence.

Born in Natrona Heights, Pa., Mr. Bollinger moved to Summit 41 years ago. He was employed by DuPont, New York City, for 35 years and retired as an accountant manager in 1985. Mr. Bollinger graduated from Cornell University in 1950. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and the Korean War. Mr. Bollinger was a deacon and elder with Central Presbyterian Church, Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; a son, George R. Jr.; a daughter, Susan Odell; a sister, Jean Wallenbaugh; and six grandchildren.

Dr. Vollmerhausen

Dr. Joseph Vollmerhausen, 84, of Summit, psychiatrist and associate dean, died Nov. 6 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Barmen, Germany, Dr. Vollmerhausen lived in Summit for 20 years. He was a psychiatrist in private practice in New York City and New Jersey and retired in 1994. Dr. Vollmerhausen was an associate dean of the Karen Horney Institute in Manhattan for many years, supervisor and training analyst in the medical division of the Post Graduate Center for Mental Health in Manhattan and a member of the teaching staff at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York.

He was a 1939 graduate of Fordham University in the Bronx and received his medical degree from the Long Island College of Medicine in 1943. Dr. Vollmerhausen served as a captain in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the Academy of Psychoanalysis and the New York State Medical Society.

Surviving are his wife, Claire; two sons, Dr. John Vollmerhausen and Robert; a daughter, Ruth Carey; three stepdaughters, Denise Rivolo, Cynthia Shevlin and Diane Webber; a brother, John; a sister, Gertrude Gerlinger; and nine grandchildren.

George 'Art' Meyer

George 'Art' Meyer, 80, of South Plainfield, formerly of Summit, died Nov. 8 in JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Netcong, Mr. Meyer lived in Summit and Sarasota, Fla., before moving to South Plainfield 40 years ago. He was a plumber and pipefitter with the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 24, Summit, for many years before retiring. Mr. Meyer served with the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II and was stationed in Ecuador and Panama. He was a member of the Traveling Seniors of North Plainfield and the Monday Super Seniors at Strike 'n' Spare Lanes in Green Brook.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Ellen; two daughters, Kathleen Yurkevich and Maureen Rizzo; a son, George; two sisters, Joanne Lawson and Irene Pierce; a brother, Jack; and five grandchildren.

Thomas J. Laspina

Thomas J. Laspina, 88, of Great Falls, Mont., formerly of Summit, died Nov. 8 at home.

Born in New York City, Mr. Laspina lived in Summit and Morristown before moving to Montana 20 years ago. He was a security guard with Bell Laboratories, Whippany, for 10 years and retired 26 years ago. Earlier, Mr. Laspina had been a delivery man for Brennan's Dairy, Summit, for 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Victoria; a daughter, Carmela; two sons, Joseph and Anthony; two sisters, Mary and Jenny Marinaccio; two brothers, Carmen and Anthony; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Luigi Cucciniello

Luigi Cucciniello, 86, of Summit, died Nov. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Avellino, Italy, Mr. Cucciniello moved to Summit 46 years ago. He was a utilityman for New Jersey American Water Co., formerly Commonwealth Water Co., Short Hills, for 21 years and retired in 1980. Before that Mr. Cucciniello was a laborer for Succolotto Construction Co., Summit, for four years. He was a sergeant in the Italian Army during World War II.

Happy workers



While many individuals are spending their autumn days jumping in piles of leaves, Morristown-Bearde eighth-graders in Bill Lamson's Middle School Science class are busily composting them. Working in the small yard behind MBS, Headmaster Laird Davis's office, the students, using manure and grass clippings in addition to shredded leaves, monitor their compost's moisture content, temperature and Ph levels several times a week, charting the process, to create nutrient-rich fertilizer. Michael Geitz and Charlie Forbes, both of Summit, work at aerating their compost pile with pitchforks.

Keatings honored Friday

Dan Keating, senior managing director of Bear, Stearns & Company Inc., and his wife, Janet, will be honored at The Valerie Fund's 10th annual Thanksgiving Ball Gala Friday at The Hilton Short Hills in Short Hills. This high profile black tie event has raised a cumulative total of \$1.6 million for The Valerie Fund.

The Keatings, formerly of Summit and Harding Township, are now residents of Manhattan, and had founded the ball after their son Eric was treated at The Valerie Fund's Children Centers for Cancer and Blood Disorders, Overlook Hospital. In 1989, Eric Keating was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma. Now 21, he is attending Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla.

The evening begins at 7 p.m. with cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres. That will be followed by dinner in the main ballroom, including live entertainment and dancing. The Thanksgiving Ball's silent and live auctions and off-premise raffle are filled with prizes.



Dan and Janet Keating

Reeves-Reed offers holiday house tour Dec. 6

People looking for decorating ideas for the holidays may tour five houses in Summit. Proceeds from the holiday house tour benefit Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave. Tickets \$25 (\$30 on the day of the tour), Dec. 6, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The fee for the tour and buffet luncheon at the Beacon Hill Club in Sum-

mit is \$50. Luncheon reservations must be received by Dec. 3. To find out more, call 908-273-8787.

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Borough police arrest Florida juvenile for drug possession

Mountainside
 The Mountainside Police arrested a juvenile from Florida on Route 22 West, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, for possession of marijuana, and with intent to distribute or dispense cocaine; also for underage driving while intoxicated. The arrest took place at the Echo Brook Rest Area in Mountainside.
 • On Sunday, at 7:55 p.m., police arrested William E. Perry, 33, of Plainfield for contempt of a judicial

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 order, an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside.
 • On Monday at 3 p.m., police arrested Jonathan Bingham, 18, of Westfield on a charge of criminal mischief and harassment. The arrest took place on Cedar Avenue in Mountainside. Court date has been set for Nov. 29 in Mountainside Municipal Court.

Springfield
 Carol Barbero, 42, and Richard Cairano, 42, both of Lyons Place, were arrested for simple assault outside their residence, Nov. 3 at 9:31 a.m. Cairano was also arrested for acts of domestic violence.
 • On Nov. 2 at 7:20 a.m., a Mountain Avenue resident reported that his 2000 Nissan was stolen from outside his residence.
 • A Wabeno Avenue resident

reported that the hood and passenger side front panel of his 1993 Mazda Protege was damaged when his neighbor fell on the vehicle while climbing out of an apartment window Nov. 2 at 10:13 a.m.
 • On Nov. 3 at 4:20 p.m., Jennifer Trezza, 37, of Jersey City, was arrested on Morris Avenue for identity theft and receiving stolen property.
 • A Troy Drive resident reported that his vehicle was stolen from outside his residence Nov. 5 at 4:12 a.m. Also reported stolen were several tools and money.
 • On Nov. 5 at 7:49 p.m., a Rahway resident reported that her driver door handle lock was damaged and clothing was stolen from her trunk during a motor vehicle burglary on Padam

• On Nov. 6 at 5:00 p.m., an East Brunswick resident reported that his 1999 BMW was damaged during an attempted motor vehicle theft on Route 22 East.
 • Sam Goody's on Route 22 East reported that a male entered the store and stole a mobile monitor Nov. 6 at 12:29 p.m.

• On Nov. 6 at 5:00 p.m., an East Brunswick resident reported that his 1999 BMW was damaged during an attempted motor vehicle theft on Route 22 East.

Units attend to Park Place chimney fire

Springfield
 On Nov. 6 at 8:55 p.m., all units responded to a Park Place condominium complex for a chimney fire.
 • On Nov. 5 at 4:02 a.m., the Springfield Fire Department responded to a Route 22 East business for an activated fire alarm. At 8:01 a.m., they answered the call of a Little Brook Road residence for a medical service call. At 10 a.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Center Street business. At 11:23 a.m., they responded to South Springfield and New Brook for an arcing wire fire. At 12:29 p.m., they attended to a medical service call on Mountain Ave. At 1:35 p.m., they answered the call of an Independence Way apartment complex for an activated fire alarm. At 2:53 p.m., all units responded to a Shunpike Road business for smoke in the building. At 6:54 p.m., they

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 attended to a Prospect Place residence for an activated fire alarm.
 • On Nov. 6 at 7:01 a.m., the Fire Department responded to Route 22 East for a motor vehicle accident with injuries. At 9:44 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Stonehill Road apartment complex. At 10:49 a.m., they attended to a lock-out at a Garden Oval residence. At 11:06 a.m., they responded to a Route 22 West business for a medical service call.
 • On Nov. 7 at 11:48 a.m., firefighters responded to a Shunpike Road business for a medical service call. At 2:08 p.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Mountain Avenue apartment complex. At 3:05 p.m., they sent a ladder truck to Union Fire

Headquarters on a request from Union County Mutual Aid. At 8:38 p.m., they answered the call of a Springfield Avenue apartment complex for an animal rescue.
 • On Nov. 8 at 8:53 a.m., the Springfield Fire Department responded to a Cottage Lane residence for a medical service call. At 10:06 a.m., they attended to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Route 22 West. At 10:51 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Briar Hills Circle residence. At 11:06 a.m., they responded to a South Springfield Avenue residence for a medical service call. At 6:12 p.m., they attended to an oven fire at a Forest Drive apartment complex.
 • On Nov. 9 at 9:42 a.m., the Fire Department responded to a Mountain Avenue school on an activated fire alarm.

Helping out



Without a corporate sponsor, Mountainside residents Meaghan Gelslinger, right, and Marial Carney, eighth-grade students at Our Lady of Peace School, decided to help out the Keogh quintuplets of Elizabeth with a diaper drive as part of their confirmation project in an effort to assist the family. Gelslinger and Carney have collected 10,000 wipes, 15,000 diapers, 2,000 bibbers and cash donations totalling \$200.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT 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 5, 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, together with the general laws of the State, the undersigned Collector of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, will sell at Public Auction on 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 properties will be sold for the amount chargeable against said lands on the 29th day of November, 2001, as computed and shown on the list. Said property will be sold in full for the purchase money subject to the redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case in 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 purchase price, to be subject to the right of redemption. Industrial properties may be subject to the Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 13:5-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is prohibited from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator 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 of 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 of Eighteen Percent (18%) per annum, and the municipality shall have the same rights and remedies as other purchasers, including the right to bid or to bid the right of redemption, with interest and costs incurred by the Township of Springfield. At any time before the sale the collector will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs incurred by CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.
 The sale properties to be sold and 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 this 1st day of November, 2001

No.	Block/Lot	Lessee	Tax Sale List - Township of Springfield	Owner	Amount Due
1.	1077	34 Lewis Dr		Ivana McDonney	2,789.81
2.	2014	7 Prospect Pl		JAMES LOYD	6,319.54
3.	402-17	100 Morse Ave		Springfield Real Estate Investments	24,685.25
6.	1105-1	111 Troy Dr		Kenneth Mackay	3,899.25
7.	1020-1	31 Towhee Pl		Walter M. Fowler	4,441.55
9.	2001-1	457 Melissa Ave		Eugene Felice	4,876.16
10.	2001-4	244 Minnow Rd		John T. Lentini & Heidi R. Olsen	4,883.12
11.	2802-26	54 Ruby St		James J. Copeland	1,385.99
12.	2903-19	815 New Brook Ln		Heidi R. Olsen	4,648.57
13.	3003-72	19 Jesse Meadow Dr		Eileen V. Clark & Mary Vlodsky	6,864.84
14.	30112 017	835 Springfield Av-304		Michelle Franck	1,208.62
15.	3003-24	835 Springfield Av-304			
16.	40012-172	895 So. Spring-		Rhaphaella Leiblich	1,470.55
17.	4002-03	829 So. Spring-			
18.	40012-284	895 So. Spring-		Shaghen Rotmanou	532.28
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PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on October 11, 2001 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 198 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.
 Robert Ross, 1850 Route 22, Block 3 A, Lot 8-A - Garage Addition with variance.
 Ruth M. Jones
 Secretary
 05-29

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 Materials from Nonresidential Primaries, shall be amended to replace the sentence beginning with "Collection and removal..." in full with the following:
 "At any location, within 200 feet of any property either party or fully within a residential, affordable housing, or PUD zoning district, collection and removal is not permitted between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m."
 (B) Section 22-3. SOLID WASTE COLLECTION REGULATIONS. Paragraph 22-3.2. Specifications of Operating Hours shall be amended to read in full as follows:
 "At any location within 200 feet of any property either party or fully within a residential, affordable housing, or PUD zoning district, collection and removal is not permitted between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m."
 SECTION II - RATIFICATION
 Except as expressly modified herein, all provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.
 SECTION III - SEVERABILITY
 If any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, sub-

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division, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.
SECTION IV - REPEAL
 Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the modifications of this ordinance is repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.
SECTION V - EFFECTIVE DATE
 This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.
 Kathleen D. Wisniewski do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, November 13, 2001, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on November 27, 2001, at which time and place any person of persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. A copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.
 KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, PRC/CMC
 05-29
 U7528 ECL Nov. 15, 2001 (563.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 22 - SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, TO CLARIFY THE LOCATION FOR LIMITED COLLECTION TIMES, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:
SECTION I - AMENDMENTS
 (A) Section 22-1. RECYCLING, Paragraph 22-1.4. Disposition of Recyclable

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EVENTS

Thanksgiving bonfire offers time to reflect

In light of the Sept. 11 disaster, a Bonfire of Thanksgiving will be conducted at Jonathan Dayton High School, 138 Mountain Ave., Springfield, on Tuesday. The bonfire will begin at 7 p.m.; however, residents can attend beginning at 6 p.m. for some reflections and refreshments. As the bonfire blazes, time will be taken to remember those who lost and gave their lives for others and to celebrate a common time of thanksgiving. Also honored will be police, fire, first aid and emergency management personnel from Springfield who serve each day. The community of Springfield is invited to be part of this special night of thanksgiving. For more information about this event, call at 973-376-1025. Ext. 5300.

St. Peter's forum Monday at St. James

On Monday, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City will be hosting an information night for seventh and eighth grade students and their families at St. James School, 41 South Springfield Ave., in Springfield. Members of the St. Peter's Prep faculty and staff, as well as coaches, students and teachers will be present to distribute information and answer questions about the school. Applications for the class of 2006 will also be available. Founded in 1872, St. Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory

school for boys located in historic downtown Jersey City and remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. The student body presently numbers 850 young men from almost 100 communities in New Jersey and New York and continues the rich tradition of academic, social and spiritual development that has been the hallmark of Jesuit education for four centuries. For more information call 201-547-6420 or visit www.stpetersprep.org.

Kindling kits at Tralslide Sunday

A program on making kindling kits will be offered Sunday at 2 p.m. at Tralslide Nature Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670. Keeping warm by an open fire has a lot of appeal, but getting the blaze going can be tough. Kindling Kits are easy to make, easier to use than crumpled newspaper, much prettier, and make great gifts. The fee is \$2 per kit.

'Murder Takes the Stage' this weekend

Jonathan Dayton High School's drama department presents its fall production of "Murder Takes the Stage" by James Reach. The show will be performed in Hriday Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The play is an exciting murder mystery set on a bare stage, represent-

ing a "Summer Theater." "Murder Takes the Stage" revolves around the actors and crew of the theater company who are preparing for an upcoming performance of a murder mystery, in addition to their dramatic reactions to the arrival of the glamorous theater personality, Hazel Lavigne. The show takes a drastic turn when the cast of the summer theater group is performing, becomes their reality when one of the cast members winds up dead. "Murder Takes the Stage" is a whodunit performance geared for all ages. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$7 for adults. For information call 973-376-1025, ext. 5188.

Highlander Band has candy sale in area

The Governor Livingston High School Highlander Band will be conducting its annual candy sale today, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The uniformed band members will be seen at local businesses in Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, New Providence and Stirling. They will also be canvassing the local neighborhoods and going door to door on Saturday and Sunday. This important fundraiser supports the band's activities and expenses. In the summer of 2000, The Highlanders were invited to participate in the Cavalcade Parade in Edinburgh, Scotland. They also performed by request at historic Stirling and Edinburgh Castles. Shortly the band will

traveling to Scranton, Pennsylvania to compete in the Atlantic Coast Championships also known as the Tournament of Bands.

Used clothing drive benefits GL Class of '02

A used clothing drive to benefit Project Graduation for Governor Livingston High School's Class of 2002 will be Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center, 29 Park Ave., Berkeley Heights. The public is urged to bring their wearable, used clothing to the community. 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.

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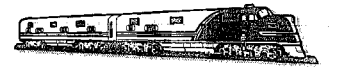
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Film centers on Orthodox marriage

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its fall International Film Festival with "Kadosh" today at noon and 7 p.m.

Directed by Amos Gitai in 2000, "Kadosh" follows two sisters in an Orthodox community — one in a loving marriage that the rabbi and synagogue elders are trying to yank apart, the other about to be forced into a horrendous marriage that she doesn't want. Rivka and Meir share an often tender relationship, but she has been unable to bear him a child, which is unforgivable to the elders. Meeny white, Rivka's little sister Malka is scheduled to marry an unappealing and mediocre scholar, although she insists that she won't go through with it. She's in love with Yankov, a dark-skinned Middle Eastern Jew whom the rabbis consider not Jewish enough. Malka's fate is sometimes ridiculously funny when it isn't just appalling.

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Intergenerational Shabbat will be Friday

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will celebrate Intergenerational Shabbat with a special Klezmer service on Friday at 8 p.m. Featured this year is the music of Sruli, Lisa and the Oy Vey Klezmer Band.

Prior to the services at 7 p.m. will be an interactive program of story and song with the featured guests. The special service is made possible through funding from the Grotto Foundation for Senior Care in partnership with the United Federation of MetroWest, the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey and the Waterstein Foundation for Geriatric Life.

congregation hear and sing prayers in a way that is both innovative and familiar. These melodies will continue to be enjoyed and sung as a part of the service throughout the year.

All are welcome to celebrate Jewish music and intergenerational Shabbat at Temple Sha'arey Shalom on Friday.

For more information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387.

Bodiam will talk to Hadassah today

Nat Bodiam, a veteran newsman and, later, active in the publishing field, will speak before Springfield Hadassah today at 12:30 p.m. in Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, about his soon-to-be published book.

"Sourcebook of American Presidential Curiosities and Oddities," will be Bodiam's 12th book.

A frequent speaker on Jewish topics, Bodiam highlights in his forthcoming book the first president to express sympathy for a Jewish homeland, the first to appoint a Jew to the U.S. Supreme Court, the first to have a large Jewish staff, the first to visit a synagogue and the first to invite a Jew

to his inauguration. For many years, Bodiam, a Cranford resident, worked for The Star-Ledger and Newark Evening News sports departments before joining the publishing industry. Most of his previous books have been professional and reference books in the publishing field, including his last, 'Joy of Publishing.' He was a 1988 nominee for the Publishing Hall of Fame and for the Curtis Benjamin Award in publishing.

A mini-lunch will be served. The public is invited.

Hadassah, which this year marks its 90th anniversary, is the largest women's volunteer group in the United States with a membership of 300,000. It takes a strong stand on women's health and reproductive rights and also supports projects in Israel which include two major research hospitals, a college of technology, resettlement for thousands of emigrants to Israel and job training there.

'A Taste of Judaism'

Intermarried families who want to learn about Judaism in a non-judgmental setting are invited to "A

Taste of Judaism - Family Style" on Sunday 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, said Cynthia Plishtin, chairwoman 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@jfmwest.org.

Fountain Baptist has summer events

Fountain Baptist Church offers a five week Summer Enrichment Program for children grades K-10, which

includes a variety of classes and educational and recreational field trips. This year the program included in its schedule a weekly field trip to the Johnson Center, located at 2 Walnut St., and run by Youth Services, where the children could play ping pong, pool, video games, football, watch a movie or play a variety of board games.

For information on Fountain Baptist Summer Enrichment Program, call Leslie Scott at 908-273-0552. For more information concerning Youth Services, call Director Barbara Perkins at 908-277-2370.

Second-graders receive certificates in program

Eighteen second-grade students of the Summit Jewish Community Center Religious School were called to the synagogue's bima on Nov. 4 to receive certificates as part of the school's second annual naming ceremony. The event marked the culmination of a six-week family project involving the study of the Biblical and family roots of the students' Hebrew names. Teachers Debra Hirsch and Dalia Jacobovitz organized the program, which included a presentation of family flags and a student written play.

Cantor Janet Krupnick led the participants in a performance of songs. The recipients were Sydney Allschuler, Jill Ashinsky, Leah Baran, Dennis Benoit, David Brenner, Sara Butler, David Di Fede, Leah Freudenthal, Maggie Greenblatt, Jenna Holzman, Abigail Krupnick, Julie Messing, Harvey Okun, Emily Schreiber, Brendan Schneider, Samantha Vorchheim, Marci Wolfish and Josh Wolpert.

Thanksgiving service planned

The morning service of the Unitarian Church in Summit on Sunday will be a community celebration in anticipation of Thanksgiving Day, Vanessa Rush Southern, Parish

Minister has set the tone, saying: "In these challenging times, we gather to ground ourselves in gratitude and in comfort and strength of our community united across religious differences."

Families and people of all ages and religious histories will speak, sing and play music together as they find various ways of expressing thankfulness for that which gives us nourishment, support and the urge to work together for a better and more meaningful life for all.

Appropriate violin music will be provided by Vita Wallace, one of two resident artists of this congregation, playing one of the Baroque period violins belonging to the church.

Sunday Church Service and Religious Education are at 330 Central Ave., New Providence, at 10 a.m. This location is temporary until the new building is finished at the permanent site on Springfield Avenue in Summit, next to the historic church sanctuary.

All are welcome to attend. For more information call 908-273-3245.

Jewish Adventure Series

The Summit Jewish Community Center Religious School, 67 Kent Place Blvd., invites preschoolers to participate in its Jewish Adventure Series. Children 4 years old, pre-K, will experience an enriching, age-appropriate program to learn about Jewish holidays and the Religious School. Activities will consist of music, art, crafts and dance, cooking and creative fun. Upcoming events include Hanukkah fun, Dec. 2; Purim costume party, Feb. 10; Passover celebration, March 17; and Israel's birthday, April 21.

All sessions will take place from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the SICC, 67 Kent Place Blvd. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$12 per session, per child for members; \$18 for non-members.

For more information, call Stacey David at 908-273-2800.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

What an opening playoff weekend it was in North Jersey, Section 2.

Here's a look at some of the happenings:

• Three of four defending champions are out. Elizabeth in Group 4, Warren Hills in Group 3 and Pequannock in Group 2 all lost at home. Cedar Grove moved on in Group 1.

• Speaking of Cedar Grove, the Panthers were finally scored on this year after starting with eight shutouts and having a streak of nine straight going back to last year's sectional final victory. Visiting Roselle Park managed to return a punt for a touchdown in the second quarter of a 38-7 defeat. Cedar Grove still has not allowed on a point on defense going back to its last loss, a 30-28 defeat at the hands of Verona last Thanksgiving.

• The lower seeds did an excellent job, winning seven of the 16 games. One top seed (Elizabeth), two No. 2 seeds (Warren Hills and Pequannock) and three No. 3 seeds (Morristown, Dover and Boonton) were among the higher seeds that were beaten.

• Union County went 3-4, with the county's biggest win coming from Westfield in a 7-0 victory at Morristown Sunday. The game was not played Saturday because the refs didn't show.

• There are now only two undefeated teams in the section, Montclair (9-0) and Cedar Grove (9-0).
 • Elizabeth had three winning streaks snapped when it lost to visiting Roxbury 27-26 Friday night on the last play of the game. The Minutemen opened the contest with winning streaks of 14 overall, 18 at home and six in the playoffs.

• Union County teams fared well in consolation games, winning seven of nine.

• Union was one of only two county teams, GL was the other, to not win a consolation game. The Farmers fell at Livingston 44-37 Friday night. It was the first time the teams faced each other since Union won 35-14 in the 1979 North 2, Group 4 final at Giants Stadium.

• As a result, the Farmers need to win at Scotch Plains Nov. 22 to avoid their first losing season since 1976.

WEEK TEN

NJSIAA SEMIFINALS

Friday, Nov. 16
 North 2, Group 3
 S. Plains at West Morris, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov. 17
 North 2, Group 4
 Westfield at Montclair, 1 p.m.
 North 2, Group 2
 Johnson at West Essex, 1 p.m.

WEEK NINE

PLAYOFF SCORES

Friday, Nov. 9
 Roxbury 27, Elizabeth 26
 Saturday, Nov. 10
 Phillipsburg 21, Plainfield 6
 Scotch Plains 33, Shabazz 8
 Johnson 19, Hanover Park 7
 West Essex 27, Summit 7
 Cedar Grove 38, Roselle Park 7
 Sunday, Nov. 11
 Westfield 7, Morristown 0

CONSOLATION SCORES

Friday, Nov. 9
 Livingston 44, Union 37
 Cranford 28, Mount Olive 27 (OT)
 Saturday, Nov. 10
 Linden 38, West Orange 22
 Rahway 14, Weequahic 8
 Madison 21, Gov. Livingston 13
 Hillside 35, Montville 27
 Roselle 41, Chatham 7
 Brearley 29, Glen Ridge 14
 New Prov. 18, North Warren 14

WEEK TEN PLAYOFF PICKS

Scotch Plains over West Morris
 Montclair over Westfield
 Johnson over West Essex
 Last week: 1-2
 Season: 69-26 (.726)

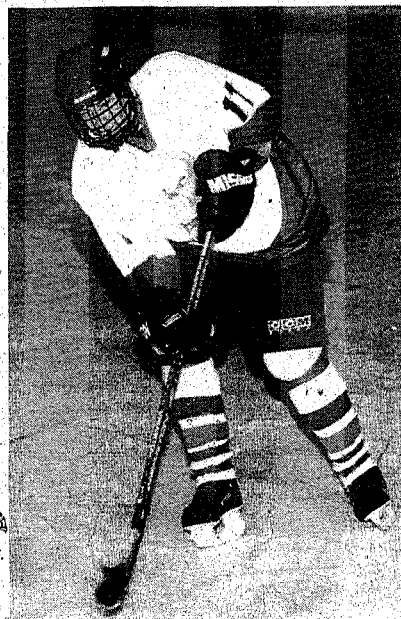
UNION COUNTY
 1. Elizabeth (8-1)
 2. Westfield (7-2)
 3. Plainfield (7-2)
 4. Scotch Plains (7-2)
 5. Johnson (8-1)
 6. Union (4-5)
 7. Summit (4-5)
 8. Roselle Park (5-4)
 9. New Providence (6-3)
 10. Gov. Livingston (4-5)
 Hillside (4-4)
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Dayton senior right wing Adam Cohen is part of one of the state's highest scoring lines.



Dayton junior center Brett Berger is a three-year varsity starter for the Bulldogs.



Dayton junior defenseman Eric Docter is part of a unit that supplies speed and experience.

Dayton ice hockey primed for an outstanding season

Bulldogs to compete in Central Blue Conference

The Dayton High School ice hockey team is primed to make its fifth anniversary year a season to remember. The Bulldogs, as a result of the NJSIAA realigning conferences, will be competing out of the Central Blue Conference, hoping to improve upon last season's 6-11 record.

The Central Blue Conference consists of Dayton, Johnson, West Orange, Newark East Side, Governor Livingston, Passaic Valley and Montclair-Kimberly Academy. Dayton will face every in its conference home and away. Non-conference games are scheduled against the likes of Mountain Lakes, Watchung Hills, Lawrence and perennial powerhouses Summit and Bayonne.

Returning head coach Todd Drevitch, in his second season at the helm, has made it clear that one of his goals is for Dayton to qualify for the state playoffs for the first time. Drevitch will be assisted again by Peter Finkel.

For the Bulldogs to qualify for the states, they need to attain a record of .500 or better through the Feb. 9 cutoff date.

"There's no doubt that making the states would be very special for this team and the school," Drevitch said. "I believe we have the players to do so."

Dayton hopes to capitalize on its home-ice advantage as well with Twin Oaks Ice Rink in Morristown serving as the team's home rink for the 2001-2002 campaign.

Many of Dayton's players skated in spring and summer leagues at Twin Oaks. The Bulldogs were good enough to capture the High School Spring League championship.

Dayton will be sparked by the play of junior center Brett Berger, senior left wing Clay Boeninghaus and senior right

wing Adam Cohen. The three standouts, known as the "BBC Line," have consistently been one of the state's best lines over the last two years.

Dayton has a solid defense, with juniors Eric Docter, Ross Kravitz and Michael Rodriguez supplying speed, experience and a physical presence.

Where the Bulldogs are green is between the pipes as goaltenders Anthony Rodriguez and Jeremy Kovacs have never started a varsity game. The two continue to improve and have gained confidence in their play over recent weeks.

Other returning players include seniors Dean Kakounis and Craig Radizon; juniors Andrzej Moczydlowski, Jared Preston, Matt Schachiet, Jeff Schultz and Joshua Wolkoff and sophomore David Sklar. They will all be counted on to contribute mightily in order for the Bulldogs to be successful.

Newcomer Steve Cox, a senior, looks to add size and strength, while freshmen Steven Mandel, Cory Berger, Paul Leokumovich and Justin McElroy hope to provide speed and versatility. Ray Bivar is a transfer from East Side.

Schedule: Dec. 5 Summit, Dec. 5 at Montclair-Kimberly, Dec. 8 East Side, Dec. 15 Montclair-Kimberly, Dec. 16 at Governor Livingston, Dec. 20 at Passaic Valley, Dec. 22 Passaic Valley, Jan. 5 Watchung Hills, Jan. 8 at East Side, Jan. 12 West Orange, Jan. 19 Mountain Lakes, Jan. 25 at Mountain Lakes, Jan. 26 Governor Livingston, Jan. 30 at Johnson, Feb. 1 at West Orange, Feb. 2 Lawrence, Feb. 8 at Watchung Hills, Feb. 9 Johnson, Feb. 15 at Bayonne.

Dayton girls' soccer team has something to build on

Bulldogs have an outstanding 11-8-1 campaign

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

Having something to build on. That's what Dayton High School girls' soccer coach Joe Cozza feels his team can do after having a successful campaign this season.

The Bulldogs compiled an outstanding 11-8-1 record and qualified for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs.

"We had a lot of success this season," Cozza said. "After going 3-15 last year, this has been a great turnaround." On Nov. 1 in the quarterfinal round of the section, Dayton was defeated by host Butler 5-0.

"That was the first time the team has been in the playoffs since I've been here," Cozza, who's been at the school since 1979) said. "It was a good experience for the girls."

The coach felt where another opportunity to gain some valuable experience and evaluate where his team was going came in the Union County Tournament.

In the preliminary round on Oct. 10, Dayton defeated visiting Brearley 1-0. Senior Lauren Gearty scored the lone goal late in the second half. Sophomore goalkeeper Sara Steinman made five saves for her fifth shutout.

Three days later in the first round, visiting Dayton dropped an 8-0 decision to defending champion Cranford.

"Overall, the kids did well," Cozza said. "It did show us that we weren't at the same talent level as some teams, though."

In losing only two seniors to graduation, Cozza expects to have 18 returning players coming back next year.

In addition to Gearty, the Bulldogs will be without sweeper Esther Aizenberg next season.

"Esther did a great job for us," Cozza said. "She used her speed to cut off angles and get to a lot of loose balls."

Aizenberg, a three-sport standout who also excels in basketball and softball, paced Dayton with eight goals.

Dayton boys' soccer puts it all together at season's end

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

Putting it together at the end of the season. That's what Dayton High School boys' soccer coach Felix Fabiano felt his team did at the finish of this year's campaign.

Dayton concluded with an 11-7-1 overall record and 7-6-1 mark in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference.

Although the Bulldogs just missed qualifying for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs, they managed to go 5-0-1 after the cutoff date, winning their last five.

After a 1-4 start, Dayton managed to win 10 of its final 14 games, including a win over Summit in the Union County Tournament.

"After losing six seniors from last year's team, I didn't expect a winning season," Fabiano said. "It went very well, though."

The Bulldogs' only win among their first five games was a 3-0 win over visiting Roselle Park Sept. 24. Senior Mo Abdelaziz and juniors Carlos Soto and Brad Shoroff had the goals, while junior netminder Mike Nitello made 12 saves in his first game of the season.

Soto led the Bulldogs with 17 goals, while Abdelaziz netted 14.

"We didn't know where we would get scoring from going into the season because," Fabiano said. "Our first-ever All-County player (Carmine Santarelli) had 20 goals last year, but graduated," Fabiano said. "These two guys really stepped up."

So did the team as it went on to a 10-3-1 record the rest of the season.

"We changed our set-up and then put together a nice run," Fabiano said. "We lost only three games the rest of the way."

On Oct. 4, Dayton defeated host Roselle Park 5-2, sweeping the conference series. Abdelaziz paced the Bulldogs with a "hat trick," while Soto netted two goals.

The next day, the Bulldogs defeated visiting Summit 3-0 in the preliminary round of the UCT. Shoroff, Luis Soto and Abdelaziz had the goals. Nitello made 12 saves for his second shutout.

Dayton evened its record at 4-4 after defeating visiting North Plainfield 4-1 on Oct. 9. Luis Soto paced the victory by scoring three goals, two coming on direct kicks and the other on a penalty shot.

"That was a big win for us," Fabiano said. "After they beat us 6-1 in the second game of the year, we came back and pulled the upset on them."

Two days later, Dayton won a 2-1 decision over host Manville. Carlos Soto and Joe Bianco scored in the first half.

The Bulldogs then lost their next two games as they dropped a 5-0 decision to host Union in the first round of the UCT on Oct. 13 and then fell 2-1 to visiting New Providence three days later.

"We had three guys hurting during those games," Fabiano said. "It showed our weakness in not having much depth, even though those teams are out of our league in talent."

On Oct. 18, Dayton evened its record at 6-6 after it defeated visiting Oratory 6-0. Carlos Soto and Abdelaziz each scored two goals.

After dropping a 4-0 decision to host New Providence, Oct. 19, the Bulldogs tied host Bound Brook 0-0 Oct. 23.

Abdelaziz and Stromeier are the only two players graduating from this year's club.

"I should have 14 players coming back next year," Fabiano said. "So I'm hopeful that I can develop what I have returning."

LIFESTYLE



Allen Brooke Gardiner and Kathleen Michele Regnier

Gardiner marries Regnier

Kathleen Michele Regnier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Edward Regnier of Ingleside on the Bay, Tex., was married Oct. 6 to Dr. Allen Brooke Gardiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bronck Gardiner of Mountain-side.

The ceremony was conducted at the University Christian Church in Austin, Tex., and the reception was at the Alumni Center of the University of Texas. The maid of honor was Mrs. James R. Rose, sister of the bride, and the best man was Blair L. Gardiner, brother of the groom.

Mrs. Gardiner graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in marketing and has an M.B.A. in the same subject. She is the marketing manager for Integrated Services Inc. in Portland, Ore.

Dr. Gardiner graduated from the Johns Hopkins University with honors in physics and received his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Texas. He is working for Intel Corp.

The couple reside in Portland, Ore.

Harry Potter quiz offered to students at Sandmeier

While other schools wrestle with decisions to ban the popular Harry Potter books, the Thelma E. Sandmeier School in Springfield is embracing the books as a way to promote reading and academic excellence.

More than 30 third- and fourth-grade students at the Sandmeier School are competing in the Quidditch game, a college bowl-type competition, which uses game show buzzers to test players' knowledge of Harry Potter and the Sorcerers'

50th anniversary is marked

Mr. and Mrs. William Klueber of Springfield, formerly of Mountain-side, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 8 at the Kenilworth Inn, given by their children.

The Kluebers were married exactly 50 years on that date at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church in Kenilworth.

Attending the celebration were

friends and relatives and their children and grandchildren: Gary and Linda Klueber of Somerville; Carl and Bill Young of Waynesburg, Pa.; Douglas Klueber of Kenilworth; and Jack and Diane Pezzati of Riverdale.

The celebrants' seven grandchildren, Katie, Michael, Matt, Megan, Billy, Jackie and Jennifer joined in the festivities.



William and Lynn Klueber

A special salute



Employees of the Durst Corporation in Mountain-side and members of the Mountain-side Police Department gave the flag a special salute at Durst's flag raising ceremony Oct. 30. Led by veteran Stanley Tyminski of Hillside, the employees of Durst, including owners Larry Brodey and Dana Egert honored those lost in past wars and in the Sept. 11 attacks by pledging allegiance, singing "God Bless America," and offering their own special salute.

STORK CLUB

Robert Francis Barone

Robert Francis was born to Andrew and Christy Barone of Springfield on May 21 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Susan Kuldaneck of Union. Paternal grandparents are Francis and Patricia Barone of Whiting, formerly of Newark.

Andrew Barone is a math teacher at Edison High School and Christy Barone is a business analyst at PSE&G.

Senior group offers two upcoming trips

The Gadabout Senior Group of Mountain-side are sponsoring two trips. The first is Engelbert Humpferdick in concert at Westbury, Long Island, and dinner at the Milleridge Inn Saturday. The fee for the show, dinner and transportation is \$79.

The second trip is lunch at the Russian Tea Room in New York City,

plus a visit to the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral and the "Pearl" exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History Dec. 15. Lunch and transportation is \$80.

Call Loretta for details and reservations at 908-232-3025.

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