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Noise takes center stage again in Stop & Shop testimor.,

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

At the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Nov. 20, the issue of noise was the most prevalent obstacle in the ongoing Stop & Shop Supermarket hearings.

Matthew Murello, a noise expert, testified on behalf of Royal Ahold, the parent company of Stop & Shop, that if a supermarket is allowed to be built at the proposed location, 90 Millburn Ave., trucks and machinery used in the daily operations will not greatly increase the noise level in that area.

Murello is a vice president at Lewis S. Goodfriend & Associates, a consulting engineers in acoustics firm based in Whippany.

Murello cited a noise ordinance required by the state Department of Environmental Protection that limits sound levels of a commercial property when a residential property is in the vicinity.

Murello conducted nighttime and daytime tests at four different locations on the proposed Stop & Shop site and found the noise levels do concur with the DEP ordinance.

The opposition, consisting of lawyers from rival supermarkets as well as con-

cerned citizens, asked how Murello could conclusively conduct the tests without the Stop & Shop being built, explaining that since the machines used to heat and cool the building are not built yet.

Murello said he took measurements of the sounds in the area, and measurements of the sounds with similar machines running that would heat and cool the building. He then subtracted the two.

"Can I conclude that you're not recommending any testing as to the noise from emission controls with regards to the vehicles, be it cars or trucks?" asked Stephen Barcan, the attorney for Village Supermarkets, the parent company of ShopRite.

"If it's part of the requirement to test the truck and automobile traffic noise we will do it," said Murello.

Murello said if the findings violate the DEP ordinance the Stop & Shop construction plans will be modified to alleviate that violation.

The opposition brought up how noisy Millburn Avenue is to begin with, and the addition of Stop & Shop, with its delivery trucks and customers' cars, will only add to the amount of noise.

Murello said the sound levels on Millburn Avenue are above the DEP night-

time ordinance but explained that it is a very busy road, and if the Stop & Shop does add to the noise level the increase would be minimal and barely recognizable.

James Segreto, attorney for Royal Ahold, said there are several other cases, when considering a site plan, that face a similar obstacle.

"You do not have the right to deny an application because of the existing ambient noise qualities off site," said Segreto.

The opposition again brought up the issue of how the noises will affect neighboring residential properties.

"If we calculate no impact at the closest property line then the laws of physics say that as you back up further away from that location the sound level decreases," said Murello. "If we calculate no impact at the closest property line then it would be reasonable to assume that the sound level would be less than that at the further property lines."

However, Murello said he is willing to take more tests at several other points along the proposed property line and comply with whatever other tests the board would like to see.

Testimony in the case will continue the Jan. 15 Zoning Board meeting.

Special bonfire marks first major holiday after attacks on America

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Blazing through the chilly night, the special bonfire of Thanksgiving slowly warmed up the hearts and bodies of the residents who gathered there. But it wasn't the fire that gave them light and warmth, but rather, the message of hope and words of thanks that came from the evening's speakers.

Contrasting sharply with the traditional Thanksgiving bonfires of years past, this year's bonfire on Nov. 20 at

Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield held new meaning in the wake of Sept. 11.

It was on that day that Amy Callahan, a special education teacher at Dayton High School, lost her fiancée, Scott Hazelcorn. He worked for Cantor Fitzgerald in the World Trade Center and was at work on the day of the terrorist attacks.

Callahan was present at the bonfire to speak about him and keep his memory alive.

"On Sept. 11, I lost the love of my

life," Callahan said. "Many of you must be wondering why I'm standing here."

"I'm thankful for my family and the entire staff at Jonathan Dayton High School. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart. My message here is one of hope."

She also thanked all the local fire, police, and rescue departments for putting their own safety on the line every day to help others.

"Organized and conceived by Principal Charles Serson, the event was an effort to get the students, staff and community to come together to remember those lost to the Sept. 11 attacks and think about what Thanksgiving really means. Serson and township officials honored Springfield's police, fire and rescue personnel for their efforts in New York City and awarded them with special pins passed out by members of the student government."

"What we ask you to do is take the pin and that you wear it proudly on your uniform," said Serson. "We thank you and want to make this Thanksgiving Day something we will remember forever."

The event was co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Springfield Alliance, with all the other schools invited. Keeping with the patriotic spirit, Dayton's chorale and band were on hand to perform "Amazing Grace," "Let Freedom Ring," and "Wonderful World."

Police Chief William Chisolm found the event to be much more significant than previous bonfires.

"Obviously, it's a different situa-



Photo By Bob Helfrich

At Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, residents and local departments gathered Nov. 20 for a special bonfire celebrating Thanksgiving and remembering those lost to the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attacks.

tion," said Chisolm. "You're celebrating the community spirit that's left in the township after the tragedy. It shows that small towns like this stood up to care."

Also honored at the event was Robert Sbarro, special inspector for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He was thankful for the township's support during the attacks and the help in the rescue mission, noting how many Springfield rescue vehicles could be seen that day.

Sbarro, who had also aided in the rescue mission at the World Trade Center terrorist bombing in 1993, pre-

sented a poster of the many heroes lost in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Walter Mahler, superintendent of schools, and several Board of Education members also were present to show their support for Serson's efforts to provide a memorable Thanksgiving bonfire.

"It's a good example of the township and the entire Board of Education coming together for Springfield," said Board President Stephen Fischlein.

Board member Robert Fish said he was pleased with how Serson pulled the event together and how the bonfire unified the township.

Creativity awarded at meeting

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

The Mountinside Board of Education meeting at Deerfield School Tuesday became festive as proud parents armed with cameras, sixth-grade teachers and others, came to watch the sixth-graders make a presentation and receive awards.

There were about nine children present with as many parents, just back from a Marsville program they had given in Atlantic City, where they received special awards for their creativity. This is a program developed by the families of those who died in the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion, where children could learn about space and make an attempt to celebrate a planet.

Organizer for the trip was Elaine Fass, a gifted and talented teacher, who told the Board of Education about the trip. President Richard Kress presented the children with special certificates. Pictures were snapped by the biggest fan of all, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, who always has his camera at the ready.

Since the children were present, sixth-grade teacher Peggy Best asked them all to stay and explain their preparations for next week's Student-Led Conferences, for which every sixth-grade child and teacher is making preparations. "We are all so excited about this," which was a huge success with parents and children last year, we would like to show you once again what we will be doing," said Best.

Slides were used to show the preparations being made by all involved. Besides Schaller and Best, teachers Carol Deets, Diane Anderson and Joseph Risa Jr. were involved. Last year, SLC was just an experiment, a pilot program, which turned out to be a huge success.

"This is a shift away from other conferences, from a teacher-centered approach to a student-centered approach," Best said. She went on to say that students accept the responsibility for their own progress or lack of it.

Parents are made to be a guest but still a participant in the conferences. Risa said, "This idea provides a balance — students present a whole picture of themselves and become active, not passive."

"Add they are in control," Best said. "The parent-student interaction is one of the best parts of the idea. Students display all their progress for their parents."

A few of the children were asked what they were doing, and one girl said, "We are doing a lot of writing in preparation."

Borough contracts with Atlantic Ambulance for paid EMS services

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Citing the lack of volunteers, the Mountinside Borough Council announced plans Tuesday night to enter into an agreement with Atlantic Ambulance Corp. for paid Emergency Medical Services in the borough, since the Volunteer Rescue Squad cannot respond to calls between the hours of 4 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Atlantic Ambulance Corp., which is a subsidiary of Atlantic Health Care, has been contracted by the Borough Council as a last resort at the request of the Rescue Squad members to provide paid ambulance services to residents of Mountinside.

In a new recruitment letter addressed to all Mountinside residents and business owners, Mayor

Bob Vigilanti cautioned that the Volunteer Squad will continue to respond to all other calls, evenings and weekends as long as manpower permits.

"We've tried everything we can to get people," said Squad member Kit Carson. "We still occasionally are getting members, but not enough to be able to fill these daytime hours. We've come to the sad realization that we just do not have the manpower to do this anymore."

For over five years, the members of the Volunteer Squad have been trying to overcome the shortage of coverage by increasing incentives to join, but to little avail. Two letters were previously sent out by Mayor Vigilanti in a massive recruitment effort, but active membership has now fallen as fast as

15, and only eight are Mountinside residents.

"This leaves our Rescue Squad and this administration with one choice, and only one choice," said Vigilanti.

"We must and will now have to employ a paid service to provide daytime, Monday to Friday coverage."

The ambulance will include a fully trained crew which will be stationed in the town to respond to daytime calls for a fee. Each patient will be billed a customary base fee of \$325, a minimum flat fee for emergency ambulance transportation. Depending upon the nature of the service, the fee could be higher than \$325 and may be covered by insurance. All billing and collection will be handled through Atlantic Ambulance Corp. and the borough will have no liability for any charges made through the company.

Creative crafts



Dana and Amanda Fischer enjoy making a glass painted ball ornament at the holiday craft day sponsored by the Mountinside PTA.

Cartoonist, living legend and local resident passes away at 83

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Harry Devlin, a prominent illustrator, cartoonist and painter, died of lymphoma Sunday at his home in Mountinside. He was 83.

Devlin's 60-year career in visual arts began when he attended Syracuse University. There he met his wife, Wendie. Devlin served in World War II, where he drew illustrations and technical drawings used to identify Japanese, German and Italian aircraft.

Following the war, Devlin worked for several newspapers and magazines, contributing to publications

such as Collier's Weekly and the Daily News, during what was known as the "Golden Age" of illustration.

Devlin and his wife, a fellow artist, collaborated on a comic strip based on their life raising seven children. It was called "Full House," but later had its name changed to "Ragmoop" because of the family poochie who became a recurring character.

"He loved cartooning but he loved painting even more," said his wife, explaining that once he was financially secure due to his cartooning work, he was free to devote much of his time to painting.

And paint he did. Devlin created

meticulous recreations of Victorian homes throughout New Jersey. He wrote and illustrated several books on vernacular American architecture. Devlin painted such legendary New Jersey structures as the Pink House in Cape May and Roselawn in Flemington.

However, Devlin's painting of a Victorian-style home built in 1874 on Union Street in Lambertville shall always be remembered because it was used as a "Discover N.J. History" license plate by the state.

Devlin also served as president of the National Cartoonist Society as well as serving on the New Jersey

State Council of Arts from 1970 to 1979.

He played an active role in promoting the arts in New Jersey, including

his work in establishing the Rutgers University Collection of Children's Literature, which includes more than 3,000 works spanning 50 years of American book illustration.

Devlin had stopped painting for a year due to his illness. His wife, explained how hard that was for him, having to give up his greatest desire.

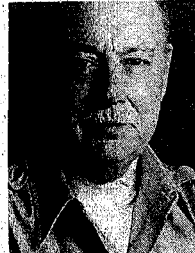
However, in the end, Mrs. Devlin said her husband looked back on a wonderful life.

"We're just glad because he had said he could go at any time because he said he was really fortunate to have lived such a happy, happy life," she said.

In addition to his wife, Devlin is survived by seven children, 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield. The burial will be private.

Instead of flowers, monetary donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 507 Westminster Ave., Elizabeth, 07208.



Harry Devlin

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Two are arrested

Springfield
Christopher Sands, 22, and Jessica Lopez, 20, both of Tudor Court, were arrested at Hilltop Court for providing false information to police on Nov. 17 at 9:16 a.m.
• On Nov. 15 at 8:32 p.m., Guilar Center on Route 22 East reported an attempted purchase made using an open credit card.

POLICE BLOTTER

• A London Terrace resident reported that the roof of their home and garage door were damaged due to thrown eggs on Nov. 16 at 2:15 p.m.
• On Nov. 16 at 4:52 p.m., the Atlas Oil Corp. on Linden Avenue reported that a 2001 Awdi was stolen from the rear parking lot.
• On Nov. 17 at 2:45 p.m., a Maple Avenue resident reported a Trek 7500 in pearl white and a Trek 930 SHX stolen overnight.
• A Kimberly Court resident reported that someone threw eggs and sprayed shaving cream all over the front of his home on Nov. 18 at 8:40 a.m.

Mountainside
• Romancito Belen, 42, of Newark was arrested at 5:41 p.m. Sunday on a charge of contempt of a judicial order, an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside Municipal Court.
No other arrests were reported for the week.

Correction

In the Nov. 21 issue, in the photo of the St James holiday boutique on Page 8, the identifications of Kim Malley and Pat Majewski were reversed.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, write Editor in Chief Tom Canavan, 1291 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union 07083, or call 908-686-7700. Ext. 329, weekdays before 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Friday
• Valley National Bank celebrates the grand opening of its new Mountainside branch at 882 Mountain Ave., from 6 to 8 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be offered and the bank will be presenting a defibrillator to the Police Department and announcing its new defibrillator fund, where Valley will contribute \$10 for every new account opened during December and January.
RSVP to Angela Artis at 973-305-4067 before Friday.

Saturday
• Valley National Bank celebrates the official grand opening of its newest branch at 882 Mountain Ave., Mountainside, with special offers, prizes and refreshments for kids, plus hourly drawings for gift certificates to some of Mountainside's finest restaurants.
For information, call 973-305-4067.

• Volunteers are needed to help with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. Interested parties can meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.
For ages 14 and up. Bring a mug, shovel, pickaxe, and gloves if possible.
To preregister, call 908-789-3670.

• Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, hosts a Christmas Boutique and Granie's Attic Treasures Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The boutique offers an assortment of Victorian and traditional Christmas items. The Granie's Sale offers a wide selection of jewelry, household items, clothing, and more.
For information, call 973-376-1695.

Sunday
• The Lions Club of Springfield, in association with Marlin Art Inc., invites the public to a gala art exhibit and auction at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Springfield. Doors open at 1 p.m., with the auction beginning at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person.
For tickets and information, call 908-561-5267.

• Kids' Costumed Capers, a unique blend of storytelling and drama, will provide a day of interactive fun for children ages 4 to 10 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.
For information, call 973-376-4930, Ext. 32.

• The Springfield holiday lighting celebration takes place at 6 p.m. on the front lawn of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. Residents are invited to join township officials as they light decorations and enjoy caroling from local groups, and a fire from someone special.
Everyone is welcome to go to Fire Headquarters immediately after the celebration for hot chocolate, cider, and donuts, sponsored by EMBA Local 57.

In case of inclement weather, the holiday lighting will take place Tuesday at 6 p.m. Call 973-912-2228 today after 4 p.m. if weather is questionable.

Monday
• The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, hosts a rosary and novena at 7 p.m., followed by a service of the induction of new members with the Rev. P.J. Leonard at 7:30 p.m. and a holiday program at 8 p.m.
For information, call 908-232-1162.

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

Tuesday
• The Book Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues with "Corelli's Mandolin" by Louis De Bernieres at 7:30 p.m.
For information, call 973-376-4930, Ext. 28.

Wednesday

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

Upcoming Dec. 6
• The Poothill Club will meet at noon in B.G. Fields restaurant for a 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.

• The Union County Prosecutor's Office Save-A-Life Today project and the state Department of Corrections Promoting Responsibility in Drug Education, Project PRIDE, will present a program to the CYO students at St. James Church gymnasium, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, at 7:30 p.m. The program refers to the effects drugs and alcohol have on decision-making.
For information, call 908-527-4500.

• The Mountainside Board of Education will conduct a special board meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave., to approve bids for construction.
Dec. 7

• The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor the county's 12th annual holiday tree lighting ceremony and clarity drive from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Wauchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside. In lieu of an admission fee, residents are asked to bring along an item of dry or canned food, or a new, unwrapped toy.
For more information on the Union County tree lighting ceremony, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900. In the event of rain, the program will be presented on Dec. 8 at same time and place.

Dec. 8
• A Christmas open house will take place at the Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., Springfield. The house, which dates back to 1740, will be decorated for an 18th century holiday tour from 3 to 5 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.
Admission is free. For information, call 973-376-4784.

Dec. 9
• Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield, 78 South Springfield Ave., will host a brunch for interfaith families at noon. The rabbi will lead a discussion on issues facing interfaith families during the holidays.
For reservations call 973-379-5387 on or before Monday. All are invited.

• The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
Dec. 10

• The Springfield Township Committee will convene a workshop meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.
Dec. 11

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.
• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. for a work session in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Dec. 13
• The Springfield Library Board of Trustees will meet at 8 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.
Dec. 18

• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. for a regular session in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.
Dec. 20

• From 7 to 8 p.m., Act Out will present a creative dramatics workshop for 5- to 8-year-olds in honor of the Winter Solstice at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

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New shirts and awards ceremony highlight school spirit at Dayton

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

The Athletics Department of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield has several new things it is trying this school year.

On Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria, there will be an awards ceremony/substance abuse program for all Dayton athletes and coaches, as well as some recreation league coaches. The program will feature Adrienne Goodson, a player for the Utah Stars of the Women's National Basketball Association. She will speak on the topics of a healthy lifestyle and athletics in general.

"I think it gives a little insight into several things," said Principal Charles Serson, "the role of a member of a team, team building among itself in an athletic format. She's also going to talk about a student's ability to be able to perform athletically and how the use of different kinds of stuff, why they're not good for kids, such as drugs and alcohol and steroids."

"The program also will feature a dinner and the awarding of varsity letters for fall athletes.

"Bringing in a star athlete to have her give her views on athletics and a clean living should be an added bonus to a wonderful evening," said Board of Education President Stephen Fischbein.

This is the first time Dayton will have a guest speaker at the awards ceremony. In the past, coaches, administrators, and sometimes other students had made the speeches in regards to their specific teams and then handed out the varsity letters.

"Hopefully this will be a little more interesting than the people they hear from every day," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "What we try to do is let the kids know we appreciate their hard work and how it pays off."

Athletic Director Dan Gallagher credits the Springfield Township Alliance for helping to get the money together to fund the event.

Dayton also is in the process of creating a school spirit shirt for people attending basketball games.

"We're going to make a special shirt to promote school spirit and encourage people to come to the games," said Serson. "It will be sold exclusively by the school's students, parents and staff."

The shirt is still in the design stages. It will feature a slogan such as "Go Dayton" or "Bulldawg Pride," but the exact wording has not yet been decided. Also still up in the air is if the shirt will be a T-shirt or a long-sleeved shirt. However, what is certain is that if the shirt is purchased and worn to the games, addition to the games is free.

"We're hoping in addition to not only directing residents to come to the games, that when they do come they'll wear the shirts and create the visual impression of people coming out to see Dayton games," said Mahler, noting how there will be a sea of Dayton shirts.

The shirt will cost between \$15 and \$25 depending on whether you are a student or not. A final price has not been decided yet.

"Two things that it does is it allows you to get into the game without having to pay for it at a lesser price than it would if you paid for each game," said Serson. "Secondly, it allows all of our students to now exhibit some of their pride by having all our students and parents coming to the game with the shirts on."

The shirts will be ready by January when the Dayton basketball teams season really gets going.

"This is another creative way the high school is trying to draw the community into its events," said Fischbein.

"I'm picturing all these shirts and a wonderful wave," joked Mahler. To purchase a shirt, call the Dayton Athletics Department at 973-376-1025.

RSVA budget includes plans for cogeneration plant at Rahway site

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority Board of Commissioners introduced a \$24.1-million budget for 2002, half of which includes plans for short-term borrowing to fund capital projects.

By a vote of 7-1, the board adopted the budget which now will be sent to the state for its review before the RSVA gives final approval.

The authority will be borrowing \$12.5 million primarily for the construction of a cogeneration plant at the Rahway facility. The budget expects to be back from the state within several weeks, said Robert Materna, secretary-treasurer for the RSVA.

Roselle Park's representative, Attilio Venturo, was the lone board member to vote against the budget while representatives from Mountainside, Rahway and Woodbridge were absent at the Nov. 19 meeting.

Total assessments to member towns will rise from \$9.96 million this year to \$10.43 million in 2002, an increase of 4.7 percent. Last year's hike was 21 percent, from \$8.2 million to \$9.96 million.

The 2002 budget is approximately 50 percent higher than this year's

\$16.1-million budget, which was 42 percent more than the \$11.4-million spending plan in 2000.

The RSVA handles wastewater treatment for nearly 300,000 customers in 11 communities, each of which appoint a voting member to the Board of Commissioners. Each town's assessment is based on a moving five-year average of its contributions to the authority's plant in Rahway.

Seven of the 11 towns will see an increase in their assessment to the RSVA, led by Rahway with \$360,236, 41 percent. The city had an 8.14 percent contribution in 1996 which was dropped from the five-year average and replaced with a 23.43 percent contribution in 2001. The average hike for member communities next year will be 6.6 percent.

Executive Director Richard Tokarski said Rahway, like other towns, had a very low year eliminated from its average and added a very high year. "It fluctuates. We had extremes and we had years that were very low. That's part of the problem with metering and sampling."

Other towns expecting an increase are Roselle Park, \$19,727, 9 percent; Garwood, 8.8 percent; Westfield, \$76,067, 6.3 percent; Mountainside,

\$21,242, 6.3 percent; Scotch Plains, \$28,417, 4.4 percent; and Springfield, \$27,394, 3.8 percent.

Four towns will see a decrease in their assessments: Clark, \$60,632, 3.6 percent; Cranford, \$18,167, 2.2 percent; Kenilworth, \$5,516, 1.1 percent; and Woodbridge, the RSVA's largest contributor, \$17,038, 0.7 percent.

The Board of Commissioners also agreed to no longer consider shutting down the sludge processing facilities at the plant and instead move forward with the Comprehensive Strategic Plan as previously proposed. The board contracted with Metcalf and Eddy Inc. to evaluate the proposal but the effects on the 2002 budget and other economic factors led to the recommendation to drop the idea.

Tokarski said the costs of mothballing the sludge operations in the first two years were substantial, in addition to disposing of the sludge, which would have resulted in a larger increase in the 2002 budget. In later years, the financing benefit would have resulted in a larger increase at that point, he added.

With utility deregulation on the way, Tokarski said the board believed the construction of a cogeneration plant would be an economic benefit.

Proud to be American



St. James The Apostle School in Springfield recently conducted its annual 'Parade of Hunger.' This year's theme focused on patriotism and the students filled decorative boxes with their donated items during the Halloween parade to benefit the hungry. The items will be distributed to people in need through the Intefalith Council for the Homeless. Collecting items are, from left, Joseph Liggins, Allison McWilliams, Morgan Geoghegan, John Pflug and Giovanna DelSordo.

Dayton High gets accreditation

The Middle States Association's Commission on Secondary Schools has announced that Jonathan Dayton High School has been accredited for the 10-year period ending Nov. 1. The decision to accredit Dayton was made following a three-day visit to the school in the spring of 2001 by a team of educators from member schools of the Middle States Association appointed by the Commission on Secondary Schools.

During the visit, the Middle States team interviewed teachers, students, and administrators, toured the school's facilities, studied the documents and evidence related to the school's work, and observed teaching and learning in classrooms.

To be accredited by the Commissions on Secondary Schools, a school must meet the commission's standards for each major area of a school's work and activity. These areas include the school's educational programs, learning media services, student services, student activities, facilities, school staff and administration, finance, school leadership and governance, and assessment of learning.

For more information about the accreditation of Dayton, call Principal Charles Serson at 973-376-1025, Ext. 5300.

Municipality	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Clark	\$1,560,456	\$1,721,088	\$1,446,192	\$1,479,200	\$1,363,331
Cranford	\$812,497	\$930,684	\$954,425	\$935,200	\$943,489
Garwood	\$473,522	\$435,252	\$387,622	\$356,000	\$325,282
Kenilworth	\$496,468	\$501,984	\$458,596	\$382,400	\$348,792
Mountainside	\$380,878	\$339,636	\$292,400	n/a	n/a
Rahway	\$1,230,740	\$870,504	\$874,894	\$788,000	\$837,373
Roselle Park	\$238,847	\$219,120	\$183,719	\$172,000	\$166,091
Scotch Plains	\$874,821	\$848,404	\$530,714	\$485,200	\$462,133
Springfield	\$740,530	\$713,136	\$587,045	\$576,800	\$559,788
Westfield	\$1,290,191	\$1,214,124	\$966,445	\$919,200	\$965,058
Woodbridge	\$2,451,050	\$2,468,088	\$2,037,751	\$1,896,000	\$1,820,000
Total	\$10,430,000	\$9,960,000	\$8,200,000	\$8,000,000	\$7,689,400

A municipality's assessment is based on the amount of flow to the RSVA over a five-year moving average. Prior to 2000, Mountainside was not a full member of the authority and contracted through Cranford.

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EDITORIALS

Protecting a trust

Trust is the vital bond between law enforcement officials and the citizenry. The trust is important to citizens who want to be assured they are protected, and to authorities, who must have the public's trust in order to serve their needs. To that extent, the Prosecutor's Office and local law enforcement officials have taken it upon themselves to ensure that the public is protected against the potential or perception of racial profiling of any kind.

The Union County Traffic Stops and Investigatory Detention Policy became effective July 1. Municipal police departments have been compiling data about traffic stops since that time and will continue to submit these reports to the Union County Prosecutor's Office on a quarterly basis. This is completely voluntary, not being required by local, county, state or federal governments.

The first group of figures, which were released last week, have no basis for comparison since such data had never been compiled. Authorities, however, still are confident that there is not a problem in Union County when it comes to traffic stops among motorists of any particular race or gender.

The policy, and corresponding data, serve as an early warning system to matters of racial profiling, for example. The early returns do not indicate a problem in any local towns. The figures also can be helpful in other ways, as they can help explain some of the occurrences of motor vehicle stops in various municipalities.

For instance, in the tiny borough of Mountainside, almost half of the nearly 400 traffic stops during the past three months involved minorities while the population is predominantly white. As Mountainside has Route 22 within its borders, many out-of-towners obviously travel the highway. But the prosecutor noted that no minorities were involved in any traffic stops on local streets in Mountainside. Other towns target "hot spots" of criminal activity and the information explains areas authorities watch closely. The data also separate stops by gender. One local police chief scrutinized the numbers and noticed that his department did not stop many female motorists. After going on patrol, he realized there are not many females driving the streets at night in his town.

The information in these reports certainly can be useful, but its most important role is as a tool to combat perceptions. The goal is to ensure the public's trust in law enforcement. Both need each other. The public needs law enforcement to protect them, and law enforcement needs the public to help them in their goal, be it through community policing, neighborhood watches, or simply the trust to reach out for help.

No place like home

Now that Thanksgiving has passed, the holiday shopping season has begun. Thanksgiving was early this year, as early as is calendrically possible, in fact. This gives every one of us that much longer to shop, ponder, buy, wrap and then mail our packages.

May we offer a suggestion of what to do with those few extra days within our shopping schedules this year? We suggest you commence your shopping with a visit to our hometown stores.

All successful holiday shopping begins with a comprehensive survey of what is available. The smart shopper will make a tour of all the markets within driving distance to see what clothing colors and styles are fashionable this year, what electronic gadgets are new and popular and what toys, toys and trinkets are truly amazing. The shopper then withdraws from the marketplace and mentally matches everyone on their gift list with an appropriate present. And then the serious purchasing gets under way.

Our suggestion is that this year, the shopper should begin with a visit to the local commercial district. Walk through our hometown stores. See what they are offering for the season. Enjoy the downtown holiday music and decorations. Meet friends, stay for lunch.

And ask the local shopkeepers for their suggestions for gift ideas. These are people who know our community, know our schools, activities and local customs and who just might have a few good ideas for us. These are the merchants who serve us all year and have a sharp eye for local consumer patterns.

We are not suggesting that you completely avoid other shopping opportunities. If you want to buy what they're also buying in Wichita Falls, that's fine. But we believe you would be smart to also include our own local stores within your holiday shopping circle. And we feel it's a good place to start.

**"Every idea is an incitement."
—Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.,
U.S. Supreme Court justice, 1925**



A WARM WELCOME — The Mountainside newcomers recently conducted its annual Progressive Dinner on Oct. 20, an evening where everyone has appetizers at one home, breaks up into smaller groups for dinner at several members' homes, and then all meet back at one home for dessert. The event was well attended, and is a great way to meet new people in town. Members of the club's Social Committee are, from left, Maureen Angelo, Kim Moriak and Lori Goldberg. The evening was a success, thanks to their planning and organization.

Fire academy provides vital training ground

Editor's note: This is the second of two parts.

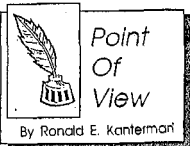
The 1980s and 1990s brought additional working committees to the Union County Fire Chiefs Association so we could discuss Hazardous Materials and Chemical Response, Emergency Medical Services, Technical Rescue including confined space, trench collapse, building collapse, etc. Emergency Management, Presidential Committee on the 21st Century for long-range planning, Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction.

As the times have changed and first response to the multitude of emergencies was being piled upon the local fire departments, the fire chiefs association took these issues on in order to keep pace.

Perhaps the most important of these tasks was our involvement with the Union County Fire Academy. All of the above listed responses start at the fire academy. In fact, everything starts with training. Not just initial training but continuous training for our personnel must remain sharp in order for them to perform their lifesaving tasks safely and effectively.

Fire training in the county actually started with a few dedicated fire officers from a few different fire departments who loosely organized about 30 years ago and traveled the county, firehouse to firehouse, days, nights and weekends just to "spread the gospel." No pay. Just for the common good. Firefighters were, and still are, always hungry for knowledge on how to do their job better. These few men met that need.

In the mid-1980s, however, and again partnering with county government, a live burn fire facility was constructed on a small plot of land in Linden's industrial area behind their Department of Public Works yard on Lower Road. The City of Linden had rented the land to the county for \$1 a



year. We finally had a home base for training.

Since that time, we've again partnered with the county and secured funding to make minor improvements. We've added a garage to house a used fire truck to use as live fire training, a double wide trailer to use as a temporary classroom and something we call a "flashover simulator."

We put our firefighters in a construction made of two steel shipping containers that you may see on an harbor truck. They are placed end to end but one is raised higher than the other. We put the firefighters in the lower container and light a fire in the upper portion. As the fire grows and propagates and starts to roll over their heads, the firefighters learn fire, behavior, heat balance and most important, what the signs of a flashover are.

No one can survive a real uncontrolled flashover in a burning structure. This would be the firefighter's cue to head for a window or door at a rapid pace. This type of training could help save their lives someday and is part of our Firefighter Survival Curriculum. And oh yes, they learn all about heat too! The heat rises to somewhere around 1,000 degrees in the simulator as it would in a house or similar structure.

The fire training grounds also have numerous other training props like a make shift "above ground" tunnel to practice confined space rescues and a fuselage of a small airplane, most of

which have been donated by local industry.

This cooperative alliance between the fire chiefs association and the county continued to grow and develop into the 1990s. We formed a Fire Service Advisory Board, only one of two in the state, and started having quarterly meetings with the fireholder liaison. Members of this board are appointed by the Board of Chosen Fireholders through resolution, and come from the fire chiefs association — one from a jurisdiction under 25,000 population, one from a jurisdiction over 25,000 population and the sitting president — president of the U.S. Firefighters Association, Union County Fire Prevention & Protection Association, Union County Hazardous Materials Response Team, Union County Fire Academy, chairman of the Joint Committee on Fire Training, Union County Office of Emergency Management and the Linden fire chief as it is the host city of the fire academy.

The advisory board has hammered out issue after issue and remains a diligent working group that will continue to serve the county fire and emergency services and the citizens they protect for a long time. Through the outstanding efforts of Fireholder Linda Stender, Mr. Ben Lagana, director of the Union County Office of Emergency Management, and the various members of the advisory board that have come and gone, the past six years has perhaps been our most progressive in our 35-year history and we look forward to this cooperative working relationship between the fire chiefs and the county for years to come.

Currently, the Union County Fire Chiefs Association is strong and continues to improve the fire and emergency services throughout the county by tackling issues and networking cooperatively with a multi-

ude of groups. We will meet the third Thursday of the month in the Faltone Fire Station of the Roselle Park Fire Department and are attended not only by active fire chiefs but former volunteer fire chiefs and retired career fire chiefs as well. We take the summer off unless there is a pressing matter. It is also important to note that according to our by-laws, any officer or "chief" rank, which includes battalion, deputy or assistant can be a member of it none exists, any "second-in-command" can be a member, which in some fire departments is a captain.

The current administration is ably led by Chief Jon Ellis of Scotch Plains who works closely with Vice President Deputy Chief Joe Signorella of Roselle Park. Secretary Chief Bob Knapp of Roselle Park and Treasurer Ex-Chief Dave Demme of Fanwood who has served as association treasurer for almost 25 years.

It is important to note that our by-laws also state that "we shall attempt to rotate the presidency between volunteer and career fire chiefs every term in order to maintain a proper balance of power." This has contributed to being a successful organization over the past 35 years.

The fire and emergency services has certainly evolved since 1966 and we look forward to the challenges of the next 35 years. On behalf of the Union County Fire Chiefs Association, we wish all of our customers and clients a safe season and urge you to check your smoke alarm batteries regularly.

Rest easy knowing your firefighters are highly-trained, dedicated men and women who are always ready, willing and able to protect and serve and to "lay it all on the line," all for the common good.

Ronald E. Kanterman is chief of Merck Emergency Services.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No one to blame but yourselves

To The Editor:

I get sick and tired of people complaining about the deer and the bears. I do not blame these animals, I put blame on the humans.

Where are these animals going to go? Everywhere you take a ride to Sussex or Monmouth counties either there are houses being built or shopping malls. So where are these animals suppose to go?

I blame the people who came to the city and decide to live in the suburbs or the country. Well hello! you are living with nature is that hard to take?

I have birds and squirrels in my back and I do see deer. It's wonderful to see nature in the wild not in cages. I came from the city. Also I lived in Jersey City then moved to Union, now Springfield, and I like living here.

I will not move if I saw Bambi and his friends. I don't like to hear people from Summit or Millburn or even in Hillsborough or Princeton complain about these animals.

Like I said, don't blame the animals blame yourself.

Joan Paszczewski
Springfield

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For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday at 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083.

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Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. on Mondays to be considered for publication in Tuesday's edition.

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Tighten up our immigration policy

To The Editor:

The laxity of our immigration and visitors rules is too accommodate the business and commercial enterprises. It's too high a price to pay.

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Joseph C. Chierpie
Mountainside

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"I guess I'd go to Arizona."



Tony Graziano

"Right now I'm going to the Pacific Northwest to see the different cities. Then I'll go to Alaska."

AT THE LIBRARY

Library has host of interactive events

Two interactive drama programs are the highlights of the Springfield Free Public Library's youth services program for December.

Kids' Costumed Capers, a unique blend of storytelling and drama, will provide an interactive experience for children ages 4 to 10 on Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Karen the Storyteller narrates a tale as dozens of children from the audience, in fairylike costumes and makeup, bring the story to life. Classical music enhances the drama and evokes the mystery surrounding kings and castles, knights in shining armor, and fairytale princesses from long ago.

Funding has been made possible for the program by the New Jersey Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by

the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

On Dec. 20 from 7 to 8 p.m., Act Out! will present a creative dramatics workshop for 5- to 8-year-olds in honor of the Winter Solstice. Children will participate in making a winter story come to life.

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

The library continues its children's programming for babies, toddlers, and young children, as follows:

- The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 1 1/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program will be Dec. 6 from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. No advance registration.

- Library Babies supports language-building through lap-sized games and other activities for babies

and younger toddlers up to 18 months old in the comfort of a parent or caregiver's lap. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program is scheduled Dec. 10 from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. No advance registration.

All programs will be at the Springfield Public Library.

For more information, stop by the Children's Desk or call 973-376-4930, Ext. 32.

Discussion group will continue on Tuesday

The Book Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues with "Corelli's Mandolin" by Louis De Bernieres on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

In the early days of the Second World War, before Benito Mussolini invaded Greece, Dr. Iannis practices medicine on the island of Cephalonia, accompanied by his daughter, Pelagia, to whom he imparts much of his healing art. Even when the Italians do

invade, life isn't so bad — at first anyway.

The officer in command of the Italian garrison is the cultured Capt. Antonio Corelli, who responds to a Nazi greeting of "Heil Hitler" with his own "Heil Puccini," and whose most precious possession is his mandolin. It isn't long before Corelli and Pelagia are involved in a heated affair despite her engagement to a young fisherman.

Love is complicated enough in wartime, even when the lovers are on the same side. And for Corelli and Pelagia, it becomes increasingly difficult to negotiate the minefield of allegiances, both personal and political, as all around them atrocities mount, former friends become enemies, and the ugliness of war infects everyone it touches.

The discussion group will continue on Jan. 8 with "One Thousand White Women" by Jim Fergus and on Feb. 5 with "The Witching Hour" by Anne Rice.

NEWS CLIPS

Christmas open house at Cannon Ball House

A Christmas Open House will take place at the Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave. The circa 1740 house will be decorated for an 18th century holiday and open for tours from 3 to 5 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

For information, call 973-376-4784.

Hospital offers gift annuities to borough

If you are concerned about uncertainties in the financial markets, would like to increase your retirement income and at the same time support a world-renowned institution, Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation in Mountainside, now offers charitable gift annuities to the community.

Philip Salerno III, executive director of Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, describes the new program as a "win-win" for supporters and the children served by the hospital.

A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between a donor and the

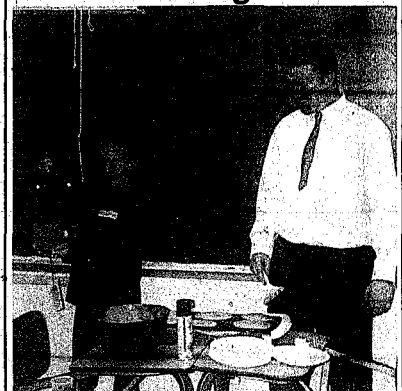
foundation. In exchange for a gift of cash or securities, you receive a guaranteed fixed income for life, and if desired, for the life of another beneficiary as well. This income is guaranteed by the foundation and is paid on a quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. Additionally, a portion of that income is tax-free.

The older the annuitants are at the time of the gift, the larger the payments the foundation can agree to pay. Annuitants must be at least 60 years of age when the payments begin. At the same time, the donor may be entitled to an income tax charitable deduction for a portion of the gift amount.

According to Salerno, "the gift annuity we now offer allows supporters to both maintain a regular income and provide meaningful support to Children's Specialized Hospital." We are fortunate to have the support of a large number of New Jersey residents. Now they can share the benefits of an exciting, new program."

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RELIGION

Services at Our Lady of Lourdes

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountaiside conducts a series of services on Mondays. This week at 7 p.m. will be a rosary and novena, followed by a 7:30 p.m. service and induction of new members conducted by Rev. P.J. Leonard. A holiday program will follow at 8 p.m.

Branch for Interfaith families on Dec. 9

Temple Sha'arei Shalom of Springfield will host a branch for interfaith families Dec. 9. The temple is located at 78 S. Springfield Ave. Rabbi Josh Goldstein will lead a discussion on the issues facing interfaith families including that all-important "December Dilemma."

Children are invited to attend and will perform some craft activities while the adults have their discussion. This is an important program for interfaith couples and all are urged to attend. You do not have to be a temple member to attend the brunch.

Reservations can be made by calling the temple office at 973-379-5387.

Fountain Baptist has summer events

Fountain Baptist Church offers a five-week Summer Enrichment Program for children in kindergarten through 10th grade, 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 12 Walnut St., and 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 Jacobowitz 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 Altschuler, Jill Ashinsky, Leah Barnett, Dennis Bienstock, Daniel Brenner, Sara Butler, David Di Fele, Leah Freundlich, Maggie Greenblatt, Jeana Holzman, Abigail Krupnick, Julie Messing, Harry Okun, Emily Scharf, Brendan Schneider, Samantha Vorcheimer.

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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, appropriate program to learn about Jewish holidays and the Religious School. Activities will consist of music, arts and crafts, dance, cooking and creative fine arts. Upcoming events include Hanukkah fun, Saturday: Happy Birthdays, Jan. 27; 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 SCC, 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.

Holy Trinity to open Center at Lourdes

Holy Trinity Interparochial School of Westfield has announced that in September of 2002 it will open an Early Childhood Center located at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountaiside.

The school will house Pre-School and Kindergarten children, while students in grades one to eight will continue to occupy the Westfield campus. Holy Trinity Interparochial, acce-

lited by the Middle State Association Commission on Elementary Schools, is co-sponsored by the parishes of Holy Trinity and St. Helen's, both of Westfield, and Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountaiside and has a current enrollment of 365 students.

When announcing the news, Msgr. Joseph Masello, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, said, "In a time of sad and dire news, a piece of good and exciting news, and a cause for thanksgiving is our plan for Holy Trinity Interparochial School to open an Early Childhood Learning Center. I view this bold venture as a sign of hope, an affirmation by the co-sponsoring parishes and our school parents of the great work being done at our school under the able leadership of Principal Dorothy Szot.

The site is ideal for young children, as it is ranch-style, attached to the church, and surrounded by plenty of green space for outdoor play. Father Patrick Leonard, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, is looking forward to filling the school with young children. He said, "Along with the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, I am very excited about the opening of an Early Childhood Center here in Mountaiside. More than 40 years ago, the Catholic people of the town built a building for the formation and education of their children. In 2002, young children will again roam the halls and play in the beautiful outdoor spaces. Holy Trinity Interparochial School will have all the space necessary to provide the nurturing 'home away from home' for the formation and practice of the faith."

Spring Meadows has home for high quality

Spring Meadows Assisted Living, 41 Springfield Ave., is celebrating its first anniversary this month. This community features spacious studio and one-bedroom apartments with three sumptuous meals a day, activities, housekeeping, laundry and nurses on site 24 hours per day, and utilities all included in one monthly rental fee. Transportation is available for shopping and for doctor's appointments. Closet space is plentiful and the apartments come with a variety of layouts. Hilary Murray, director of Sales and Marketing at Spring Meadows, explains, "We have seen a very busy autumn at Spring Meadows, as people are re-considering the choice between living in their own home, or choosing a private apartment in an assisted-living setting. Our residents enjoy the hotel-like support services found in a community setting, while maintaining the privacy of their own apartments. Our residents enjoy socializing during meals and getting involved in the community's planned outings and in-

house entertainment. Residents regularly entertain family and friends in the private dining room, or in their own apartments.

At Spring Meadows, there is the security and safety of knowing that nursing staff is on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Spring Meadows' Director of Wellness, Linty Metzler R.N., and her staff monitors the healthcare of each resident, and can arrange doctor's office visits. We also have a podiatrist and other professionals who visit the community regularly for the resident's convenience. In addition to three restaurant-style meals, laundry and housekeeping is done weekly. Currently the apartments are more than 50 percent occupied and choice apartments are leasing fast.

The Holiday Open House is Saturday, so stop by. Call 908-522-8852 today to make an appointment for a tour of the apartment models and visit the Web site at www.seniorhousing.net/springmeadows.



Bill Weber and Etta Lozner, residents of Spring Meadows, share a relaxing moment with Weber's puppy, Chelsea.

HEALTH

Program shows how to eat healthier

Did you know that Americans, on average, gain eight pounds from Thanksgiving through the holidays? Everyone is surrounded by temptations to indulge in rich and fattening foods.

Healthier eating habits, especially during the holidays, not only can help the body and mind stay healthy and vigorous, you can increase energy during a season when most people need all the energy they can get.

SAGE is presenting "Eating Well to Stay Healthy," a discussion and food-tasting event today from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave.

Guest speaker Linda Bartlett, a registered dietitian, will present the latest information on foods and diet that maintain energy and well being and lessen the chance of illness and

disease. In case anyone thinks healthy foods are bland, attendees will also have an opportunity to taste how delicious nutritious foods can be. Bartlett will bring samples of foods that would be a welcome addition to any holiday gathering.

The seminar is part of the SAGE Women's Issues Series, a bimonthly series that deals with women's challenges at midlife and beyond. The SAGE Women's Issues Series is presented free to the public, however, seating is limited. To make a reservation or to receive more information, call Ellen McNally, at SAGE Info-Care, at 908-273-9988. Come and bring a friend.

Red-Cross has new fall class schedule

The Westfield/Mountaiside Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled its fall courses/classes in

lifelong skills.

Adult CPR class will be conducted Tuesday. 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 tonight 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.

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 johnsonl@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 Struts." 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 pinocle Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Women's Resource Center presents timely topics

The Women's Resource Center is continuing to offer free programs and services to the community in the aftermath of the World Trade Center disaster. The center has served hundreds of women and men on a variety of issues since the tragic events of Sept. 11.

"Open Community Forum: Helping Each Other Cope" will be Friday beginning at 7 p.m. The center will offer a panel of professionals and other community members to provide an opportunity to share responses and concerns about the terrorist assault and ongoing conflict. This is an opportunity to give and receive support, solace and encouragement from each other, family, friends and neighbors. Speakers will address learning to face fears and how to deal with stress reactions during this time of conflict; how to be a "good neighbor" to friends who have suffered a loss; how your kids can be a "good friend" to other kids who have suffered the loss of a parent; being single or elder-

ly at this time of high stress. There will be an opportunity to talk in more depth in smaller groups about each of these topics. This program is co-sponsored with Interweave and the Connection for Women and Families.

Summit, conducted at Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Woodland Ave. All programs related to the tragedy are free of charge.

Registration is unnecessary. Call the Resource Center at 908-273-7253

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A FEAST OF FUN — The Thanksgiving Day Feast at James Caldwell School in Springfield on Nov. 21 gave kids a chance to celebrate with tons of food, fun, and holiday activities. Left, Danielle Diflore, 8, enjoys some popcorn while above, Lorenzo Jorde and Carlos Perez, 7, exchange muffins during the feast.

Blumstein named child care director

The Springfield YMCA has announced Cara E. Blumstein as the new child care director overseeing its popular school-age program. Blumstein brings exciting new ideas and enriching activities to the afterschool program which is designed for students in kindergarten through grade six who are attending Springfield and Millburn public elementary schools.

"After a full day at school, kids need an environment where they can participate in loosely structured activities to stimulate their minds and give them an opportunity to have fun as well," she said. "And, every six weeks, the children get to choose the activities they want to participate in."

The options include using computers to learn to type and educational games, service learning projects, science experiments, dance and cheerleading, drama, outdoor recreation, gym and cooking. In addition, the program offers homework time for all grades. Older children may also participate in the production of a monthly newsletter where they write, interview or draw cartoons.

The Y provides afternoon transportation from Springfield schools including James Caldwell, Thelma V. Sandmeier, Edward V. Walton, and Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School.

Millburn schools include South Mountain and Wyoming elementary schools.

Registration for afterschool child-care programs is ongoing throughout the year. Call Cara at 973-467-0838 for fees and additional information and extended care options. As in all YMCA programs, financial assistance is available.

Medieval Times trip

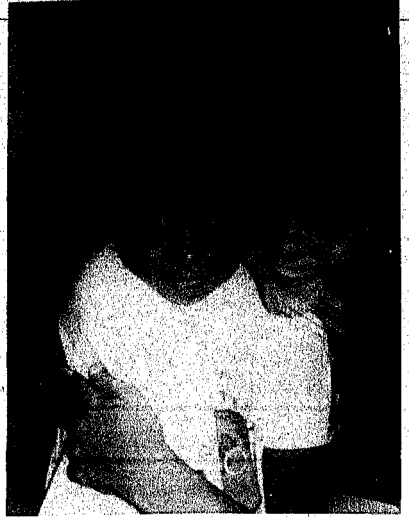
The Springfield Recreation Department a "Winter Break" night out with the family at Medieval Times in Lyndhurst at 7:30 p.m.

The fee is \$34 per person for the dinner and performance. Admission includes transportation, dinner, beverages and live show. Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, or call 973-912-2227.

Trailside maintenance

Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watching Reservation Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

Bring a lunch, beverage mug, shovel, pickaxe and gloves if you have them. Volunteers must be 14 years old or older. Call 908-789-3670 to pre-register.



Cara Blumstein, standing with Springfield resident Heather Fritzen, was recently named new director of the after-school child care program by the Springfield YMCA.

St. James hosts drug-education program

The Union County Prosecutor's Office Save-A-Life Today project and the state Department of Corrections Promoting Responsibility in Drug Education will be presenting a program to the CYO students at St. James Church, 2500-3000 45 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield, on Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The church invites residents to this presentation arranged by Deacon Michael DeRoverts and his respective offices. The program refers to the effects drugs and alcohol have on the decision-making. Over 20,000 Union County school students ranging from the fourth through the 12th grades

have witnessed this educational program since 1999. For information, call 908-527-4500.

Lighting ceremony celebrates holidays

Springfield will host a holiday lighting celebration Sunday at 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. Decorations will be lit. Local groups will sing carols and a special visit with a friend is planned. Everyone is welcome to Fire Headquarters immediately following the celebration, sponsored by FMBDA Local 57. Hot chocolate cider and donuts will be served.

In case of inclement weather, the holiday lighting will take place on

Tuesday at 6 p.m. Call 973-912-2228 after 4 p.m. on Sunday if weather is questionable.

Christmas boutique at United Methodist Church

Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, is hosting a Christmas Boutique and Grannie's Attic Treasures Sale on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Christmas Boutique offers a beautiful assortment of Victorian and additional Christmas items. The Grannie's Attic Treasures Sale offers a wide variety of bric-a-brac, jewelry, household items, linens, and mens, womens and children clothing.

For more information, call the church office at 973-376-1695.

Harry Potter quiz at Sandmeier School

While other schools wrestle with decisions to ban the popular Harry Potter books, the Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield is embracing the novels 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 Quiz, a College Bowl-type competition which uses game show buzzers to test players knowledge of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." The buzzer system allows only the fastest player to respond to the quizmasters question, and correct

answers are rewarded with points and a bonus question. The bonus question is answered through team consensus, which allows players of all ability levels to participate.

Created by fourth-grade teacher Keith Schoel and funded by a district grant, the competition was designed to encourage reading and dialogue about literature. There are no prizes for the winners and no compensation for the teachers who act as quizmaster, judges and timekeepers; the event's popularity is based solely upon a love for the literature.

The success of the first Quidditch Quiz last spring, plus the new movie based on the book, prompted the school to repeat the event this fall, with plans for additional literature

competitions to take place following the New Year. The next round of competition is Monday, round two, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Thelma L. Sandmeier School, 666 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield.

For information, call 908-281-5172.

Toy drive at Children's Specialized Hospital

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

To schedule a delivery time or for more information, call 908-233-3720 and ask for the Volunteer Services Department.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Haimi-Cohen named Commended Student

Kent Place School senior Vardit Haimi-Cohen of Springfield was named among the 13 students who received honors from the 47th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.



Vardit Haimi-Cohen

the 2002 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

Being recognized for their exceptional academic promise are a total of about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation. Although they will not continue in the 2002 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2002 competition by taking the 2000 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The young men and women named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their performance in our very competitive Merit Program," said a spokesperson for National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

it Scholarship Corporation. "In a nation that values excellence, it is important to publicly honor scholastically talented youth and acknowledge the role schools play in nurturing their development. We hope this recognition will augment the educational opportunities of Commended Students and encourage all students to strive to realize their potential."

Grunberg, Freundlich are Dean's Scholars at S.U.

Alexander Grunberg of Mountside and Chad Freundlich of Springfield recently were named a Dean's Scholar at Syracuse University.

Dean's Scholarships at Syracuse University are awarded to entering first-year and transfer students and recognize outstanding academic achievement. To receive a Dean's Scholarship, students must have strong academic credentials in high school, be active in extracurricular and community activities, and demonstrate good character and citizenship. Awards are as high as \$4,000 per year and are renewable.

Two seniors chosen for DC museum tour

The Jonathan Dayton High School Social Studies Department has announced the selection of seniors Monika Taylor and Jessica Gokibat for the annual annual Holocaust Memorial Day on Wednesday.

The full-day program, which is sponsored by Congressman Michael Ferguson, Kean University and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is designed to enhance students' understanding of the Holocaust.

Two students from all high schools in the congressional district are taken

on an all-expense paid trip to the museum in Washington, D.C., where they are given a private tour and exposure to special exhibits. The students are selected on the basis on their interest in the Holocaust, leadership skills, and potential to share the educational benefits with others. Both Gokibat and Taylor are students in the Holocaust and Genocide elective taught by Barry Bachenheimer at Jonathan Dayton High School.

For more information, call Barry Bachenheimer, supervisor, at 973-376-1025, Ext. 5016.

Sayanar recognized with AP Scholar award

Jason Sayanar of Springfield was among 80 Delbarton students recognized as AP Scholars by the College Board. These students have been honored in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement examinations.

Sayanar earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award as a member of the Class of 2001.

Only about 13 percent of the more than 840,000 students in 13,680 schools who took these exams in May performed a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Young accepted to Golden Key Honors

Tamara Young of Springfield recently was accepted to the Golden Key International Honor Society. Young is a senior at Rutgers College majoring in journalism and women's studies.

Golden Key International Honor Society is an organization that recognizes academic achievement in college junior and senior undergraduates in all fields of study.

Kids with kindling



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Stephen Rudge and David Sherman of Pack 34 help Holly Hoffman, director of Tralidise Nature & Science Center in Mountside make kindling kits at a special program on Nov. 18.

Chowdhury earns degree

Nearly 1,350 students graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison following summer sessions this past August, including Arif Chowdhury of Springfield, who earned a degree in electrical engineering.

Krumholz selected delegate for seminar

Drew Krumholz has been selected as a delegate to the 2002 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar. He will attend a weekend leadership training session in March.

Krumholz is a sophomore at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield. He is active in several extracurricular activities including the Key Club, Volunteer Club, Student Auxiliary and Spanish Club. He is president of the sophomore class and a staff writer for the *Living Print*, the school newspaper. An active member of the community, he volunteers at Overlook Hospital and his temple.

Steinbach named Commended Student

Reny B Steinbach a student at Jonathan Dayton High School, has been named a Commended Student in

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Lions Club invites public to art exhibit

The Lions Club of Springfield, in association with Marlin Art Inc., invites the public to a gala art exhibit and auction on Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Springfield. Doors open at 1 p.m. with the auction beginning at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person.

Art, animation cells, and sports collectibles in a wide range of opening bid prices will be on display, and there will be door prizes and refreshments for those in attendance. Items include art by Neiman, the Wytels, Rockwell, Wooster-Scott, Tarkay and many others.

Proceeds from the event will go to Springfield Lions charities, including the Lions Eye Research Foundation, Camp Marcella for blind children, local youth sports, scholarships, and the town fire and rescue services.

For tickets or information, call Ken Matfield at 908-561-5267.

Football Club will meet Dec. 6 at noon

The Mountside Football Club will meet on Dec. 6 at noon in 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.

Call Genevieve at 908-232-3626 for reservations.

B'Nai B'rith group plans winter getaway

Join the B'Nai B'rith Kenilworth Married Couples and members of Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield at Kautler's Country Club in Monticello, N.Y., on Jan. 18-20. There are six meals, starting with dinner that Friday through the Sunday lunch. A cocktail party with open bar will be a highlight on Saturday. There also will be a new variety show each evening with no cover at minimum.

The cost for the weekend is \$377 for the newly furnished and renovated Rip Van Winkle rooms, which includes taxes and gratuities.

Day camp, teen programs and night patrol are available. Babysitting is available at a nominal charge. Children eating in the main dining room is

also a nominal charge. Reservations are being accepted now. A \$50 deposit will hold your room. If you would like to stay until Monday for Martin Luther King Day, there is an additional charge of \$179 per couple.

The balances are due no later than Tuesday. Mail checks payable to: B'Nai B'rith, P.O. Box 140, Livingston, 07039. Include your name, address, ages of children and phone number.

For more information, call Phyllis at 973-992-5791 or Larry at 973-467-3715.

Newcomers Club has variety of activities

The Mountside Newcomers Club has a variety of upcoming activities.

Who says it's too early to think of Santa Claus? Make sure Dec. 16 is free for a Santa Claus visit to your home. Call Jean Marie Morgan at 908-518-9459 for more information and to RSVP.

The men will be meeting at the Sun-Tavern tonight at 8 p.m. Call Jim Pisano to RSVP at 908-389-0455.

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

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

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

Women's Club offers holiday boutique

The Mountside Woman's Club invites residents to its holiday and boutique and luncheon Dec. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountside.

Stay for lunch or just come to shop. A donation from profits will be made to the Mountside Woman's Club. For more information and a luncheon reservation, call Cindy West at 908-789-1819.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH - 1000 E. 10th St., Springfield, NJ 07081. Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Bible School for all ages. Nursery through Seniors. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Sermon. 7:30 p.m. WEAVER Tabernacle in Union, NJ. Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Bible School for all ages. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Sermon. 7:30 p.m. WEAVER Tabernacle in Union, NJ. Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Bible School for all ages. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Sermon. 7:30 p.m. WEAVER Tabernacle in Union, NJ.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Hard to believe, but Union County football is done for the season. Every team in the county wrapped up its season on Thanksgiving, except for Rahway and Johnson, the two Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division rivals concluding Saturday in Clark.

For the first time since playoff games began in 1974 there is not a Union County team in a championship game in North Jersey, Section 2.

Teams that didn't make the playoffs, but finished strong were New Providence, Hillside and Roselle. New Providence won its last four games to finish at 7-3. The Pioneers closed with a 21-14 home win over Summit.

Hillside also won its last four games and finished 6-4. The Comets closed with a 26-21 win at Brearley, snapping the Bears' four-game winning streak.

Roselle won three of its last four games and its last two to finish at 4-6. The Rams closed with a convincing 48-22 win at home over Roselle Park and ended up outscoring the opposition by a 215-206 mark.

The victory was Roselle's first at home over Roselle Park since a 26-7 win in 1991. Roselle Park also made the state playoffs that season, while Roselle did not.

Roselle Park, which still leads the county's oldest Thanksgiving Day series at 46-40-8, shut out Roselle the last two years and had won eight of nine against the Rams prior to last week.

The top team in the county once again this year was Elizabeth. The Minutemen finished 9-1 for the first time since 1996 and have now lost just one game the past three seasons and four of the past five years. Since 1996, Elizabeth has a county-best 58-8 record during the past six seasons.

Elizabeth now also has a county-best 21-season winning streak (1981-2001). The Minutemen last had a losing season in 1980 when it finished 4-5. Union had a streak of 24 consecutive winning seasons (1977-2000) come to an end this year.

MORE PLAYOFF CHATTER
— This year and last season three of the top four seeds in North 2, Group 4 were eliminated in the first round. Last year top-seeded Elizabeth was the only team among the top four seeds to advance. The Minutemen became the first top-seeded team to win the section since Union in 1992.

Monclair is trying to become the section's first undefeated champion since Union (11-0) in 1992. Monclair is also trying to become the section's first 12-0 champion.

The Mounties previously won sectional playoff championships at Union (14-10) in 1983, at Randolph (22-12) in 1994 and against Union (20-0) at Giants Stadium in 1996. Monclair, ranked No. 2 in the state, has not won a championship undefeated and has never finished No. 1 in the Star-Leader rankings.

This is H.S. Football returns Aug. 29.
• God Bless.

- WEEK ELEVEN SCORES**
Thursday, Nov. 22
Linden 34, Kearny 16
Scotch Plains 28, Union 9
Roselle 48, Roselle Park 22
Hillside 26, Brearley 21
Immaculate 45, Gov. Liv. 6
Elizabeth 42, Cranford 0
New Providence 21, Summit 14
Westfield 24, Plainfield 21
Saturday, Nov. 24
Johnson 39, Rahway 16

• Last week's picks: 7-2
Final for 2001: 77-30 (720)

- UNION COUNTY**
Final for 2001
1. Elizabeth (9-1)
2. Westfield (8-3)
3. Plainfield (7-3)
4. Scotch Plains (8-3)
5. Johnson (9-2)
6. New Providence (7-3)
7. Hillside (6-4)
8. Union (4-6)
9. Summit (4-6)
10. Roselle (4-6)
Linden (4-6)
Roselle Park (5-5)
Brearley (5-5)
Gov. Livingston (4-6)
Cranford (2-8)
Rahway (2-8)

Outstanding runner



Summit High School junior boys' cross country standout David Webster, center, finished among the top 75 runners in the state at the NJSSAA's Meet of Champions held Nov. 17 at Holmdel Park in Holmdel. Webster finished fourth in the Group 2 race held at Holmdel Park Nov. 10.

Summit vs. New Providence rivalry draws robust crowd

Hilltoppers give it their all in close defeat

By Jeff Wolfrom
Staff Writer

Missed chances and opportunities. Those were the things that plagued the Summit High School football team on Thanksgiving Day in a 21-14 defeat to host New Providence.

It was the first time since 1988 that the Union County teams met on Thanksgiving. Summit holds an 11-10 advantage in the series, which is not scheduled to continue next season.

The series will not continue because Parsippany Hills goes back to the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference next year, giving the Hills Division 10 teams. Thus, every Hills Division team will play a nine-game schedule against division foes, leaving no room for a non-conference game.

Prior to kickoff, a crowd of 3,500 — the biggest for a New Providence football game in 15 years — held a moment of silence in honor of New Providence senior defensive end John O'Neill, who died on Oct. 20 following a game against Immaculate.

New Providence, which closed with four straight wins for a 7-3 finish, was pinned down at its own 7 late in the first quarter following a 53-yard punt by Summit's J.P. Coviello.

On the next play, Pioneer senior running back Wes Girnius took a handoff, broke off left tackle, and when it appeared he was stopped, turned the corner, cut to the outside and rumbled 93 yards for a touchdown. Girnius then booted the extra point to give New Providence a 7-0 lead with 3:09 left in the first quarter.

"We felt like we had him (Girnius) stopped in the backfield," Summit head coach Mike Colombo said. "He just had determination and popped out. We were stunned because a lot of the players assumed he was downed and let up on the play."

Summit, which finished at 4-6, had an opportunity to score early in the second quarter, but was turned away. Girnius again came up big as he intercepted senior quarterback Keith Schroeder's pass in the end zone to stop a Summit drive.

The Hilltoppers were knocking on the door just before intermission, but again came away empty.

A Mike Pannisi sack of Schroeder halted a Summit drive. Girnius again came up big as he intercepted senior quarterback Keith Schroeder's pass in the end zone to stop a Summit drive.

Summit started the second half the way it ended the first. After a nose march, the Hilltoppers were turned aside after missing on a fourth-and-7 play.

New Providence took the momentum and added to its lead. Following a 33-yard pass from quarterback Tom Bennington to wide receiver Ryan Silverthorn, Girnius plowed seven yards up the middle for a touchdown. Girnius nailed the point after to extend the Pioneers' lead to 14-0.

"We were going in and didn't score," Colombo said. "They got the ball and did."

The Hilltoppers came right back on the ensuing kickoff and marched 62 yards in 13 plays, capped by Schroeder's five-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Chris Dean. Schroeder hit the point after to cut the deficit to 14-7 with 9:08 left to play.

"We came back after their score and ran the ball really well," Colombo said. "We had good momentum."

Summit held New Providence on downs and got the ball on its own 24 with 7:01 left, ready to drive for the tying score. However, the Hilltoppers coughed up the ball on their first play as New Providence's Bruce Fryer recovered.

Seven plays later, Girnius scored on an eight-yard run off left tackle. Girnius then drilled the extra point to give New Providence a 21-7 lead with 3:12 to play.

"We felt good about ourselves when we got the ball back," Colombo said. "That fumble really hurt us."

The Hilltoppers refused to give up as Schroeder directed his team on an 80-yard, nine-play scoring drive on their next possession. Coviello caught a 13-yard touchdown pass from Schroeder with 1:09 to play. Schroeder booted the point after to cut the lead to 21-14.

Schroeder completed 15-of-26 passes for 177 yards and two touchdowns.

Summit tried an onside kick, but was turned away as New Providence recovered to seal the victory.

"It was a pretty close game by two teams that really went at it," Colombo said. "We had our chances, but came up just short."

Despite the setback, Colombo was happy about his team's performance this year.

"We made the playoffs for the second straight year, so that's something to be proud of," Colombo said. "They're great kids who played hard and never quit."

Even though Summit will lose such players as Schroeder and Coviello to graduation, Colombo feels he'll have a solid nucleus coming back next season.

"We might have to change our offense to a more run-oriented style next year because we have a lot of quality backs returning," Colombo said. "On defense, we have a ton of players coming back with a hitters' mentality."

Among the best



The Summit High School girls' soccer team was sparked by the play of All Arlington (No. 13). The Hilltoppers finished 13-3-5, second in the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference and reached the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals.

Gianis to captain Bucknell lacrosse

Jennifer Gianis of Summit and Melissa Montefusco of Chatham will captain this year's Bucknell University women's lacrosse team in the spring. Bucknell will attempt to capture the Patriot Conference title.

Both players have been starters for three years at the Division 1 school located in Lewisburg, Pa.

Gianis graduated from Kent Place School in Summit in 1998 where she was an All-Prep School player. While there she captained both the soccer and lacrosse teams.

Gianis is a finance major who led the Bucknell Bisons in interceptions and ground ball pickups.

Gianis was recently moved from defense to midfield where she can also help the offense.

The 1998 Kent Place Athlete of the Year, Jennifer's younger sister Kimberly is a freshman playing on the highly-ranked Dartmouth women's lacrosse team.

Melissa, an engineering major who graduated from Chatham in 1998, and Jennifer have enjoyed playing for coach Barb Jordan, the 1986 National Player of the Year.

Minutemen football conclude season

The Springfield Minutemen football A Team concluded its season with a 33-0 loss to Berkeley Heights Nov. 11 at Governor Livingston High School. Although the Minutemen were defeated in their final game of the 2001 season, several players turned in solid efforts.

Playing well on defense were Cornell Wolfe, Jake Floyd, Jeff Feder, Brandon Choery and others, while Ryan O'Reilly, Kyle Secley and Feder had their moments on offense.

Outsized and overmatched as they were most of the year, the Minutemen played spirited, hard-hitting football the entire season.

Summit baseball registration now

The Summit Junior Baseball League is now registering players for the 2002 season. Any Summit-resident boy or girl in grades K-8 interested in playing baseball in the spring should complete and return an application form along with the appropriate fee.

Fees are \$65 per player for grades K-3 and \$130 per player for grades 4-8. The season starts April 6 and ends June 15. The registration deadline is Jan. 18.

Application forms may be obtained at Summit elementary schools. More information may be obtained by calling 908-273-6529.

Summit's Kinney earns harrier award

Summit resident Meg Kinney was presented with a fall sports award at Morristown-Bear School in Morristown Nov. 19.

Kinney earned the girls' cross country coach's award. Paul DeMilio of New Providence earned the boys' cross country coach's award.

Peter Hillegas of Chatham was the boys' MVP, Chris Golding of Far Hills was the squad's MIP (Most Improved Player).

Winter sports season is just around corner

The winter sports season is just around the corner for Dayton High School teams.

The ice hockey team will be in action first as the Bulldogs are scheduled to face Monclair-Kimberly Academy Dec. 5 at 8:15 p.m.

Both varsity basketball teams will open their seasons Dec. 14 against Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division rival North Plainfield.

The boys' coming-off a 19-5 season in which they captured their first sectional title in 30 years, will host the Canicks at 7 p.m.

The girls' coming off a 13-7 that included a trip to the North 2, Group 1 playoffs, will play at North Plainfield at 7 p.m.

Justin Petino moved up to head coaching status for the boys', while girls' head coach Dave Rennie will be assisted by Mary Alice Zavucki, a former standout athlete at Columbia High School and Lehigh University. Zavucki's younger sister, Cristin, will be a first-year player on the varsity after having a successful first season on the varsity girls' soccer team.

Dayton Boys' Basketball

- Dec. 14 North Plainfield, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 18 at Bound Brook, 7
- Dec. 20 New Providence, 7
- Dec. 26-29 Morris Catholic T.
- Jan. 3 at Roselle Park, 7
- Jan. 4 Newark Central, 7
- Jan. 8 at Oratory, 7
- Jan. 10 at Manville, 7
- Jan. 11 Brearley, 7
- Jan. 15 St. Mary's, 7
- Jan. 18 at North Plain, 7
- Jan. 22 Bound Brook, 7
- Jan. 25 at New Providence, 7
- Jan. 29 Roselle Park, 7
- Feb. 1 at Newark Central, 7
- Feb. 5 Oratory, 7
- Feb. 8 Manville, 4 p.m.
- Feb. 12 at Brearley, 7
- Feb. 15 at St. Mary's, 7

Dayton Girls' Basketball

- Dec. 14 at North Plain, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 18 Bound Brook, 7
- Dec. 20 at New Providence, 7
- Dec. 27-29 Roselle Park T.
- Jan. 3 Roselle Park, 7
- Jan. 4 at Newark Central, 7
- Jan. 8 Oak Knoll, 7
- Jan. 10 Manville, 7
- Jan. 11 at Brearley, 7
- Jan. 15 at St. Mary's, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 18 North Plainfield, 7
- Jan. 22 at Bound Brook, 7
- Jan. 25 New Providence, 7
- Jan. 29 at Roselle Park, 7
- Feb. 1 Newark Central, 7
- Feb. 5 at Oak Knoll, 7
- Feb. 8 at Manville, 7
- Feb. 12 Brearley, 7
- Feb. 15 St. Mary's, 7

Dayton Swimming

- Dec. 7 Johnson, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 10 at Elizabeth, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 17 Roselle Catholic, 3
- Dec. 19 at M-Bear, 3:45 p.m.
- Jan. 4 at Gov. Liv., 5 p.m.
- Jan. 8 New Providence, 3
- Jan. 11 at Linden, 3:15 p.m.
- Jan. 14 at Rahway, 3:30 p.m.
- Jan. 16 at East Side, 4
- Jan. 26 MVC Championships
- Jan. 28 at Union, 3:30
- Jan. 30 Morristown-Bear, 3
- Feb. 1-2 UC Championships
- Feb. 5 Union Catholic, 3

Dayton Indoor Track

- Dec. 17 at Millburn, 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 22, 28 at Draw, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 5 MVC Championships, 9
- Jan. 7 UC Girls' Relays, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 9 UC Boys' Relays, 6:30
- Jan. 13 Group 1 Relays, 9
- Jan. 26 Group 1 Meet, 9
- Jan. 28 UC Girls' Meet, 6:30
- Jan. 30 UC Boys' Meet, 6:30

Basketball begins Friday, Dec. 14

The high school basketball season starts in earnest around the state on Friday night, Dec. 14.

Both Dayton varsity teams will open against North Plainfield.

OBITUARIES

Nancy R. Grob

Nancy R. Grob, 68, of Springfield died Nov. 18 at home.
Born in Orange, she lived in Newark and Maplewood before moving to Springfield in 1938. She owned the Health Shoppe in Montclair for 15 years and retired eight years ago. Mrs. Grob was a Sunday school teacher at the Presbyterian Church, Springfield.
Surviving are two sons, Richard and David Falcone; a sister, Joan Pedota, and six grandchildren.

Pearl Cohen

Pearl Cohen, 95, of Springfield died Nov. 19 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.
Born in Russia, Mrs. Cohen lived in the Bronx, Farmingdale, N.Y., and North Miami, Fla., before moving to Springfield in 1980. She was a member of the Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Association Seniors Club, Union.
Surviving are a son, Seymour; a daughter, Lorraine Senoff; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bertram Glanzer

Bertram "Bert" Glanzer, 71, of Springfield died Nov. 18 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Jersey City, Mr. Glanzer lived in Bayonne before moving to Springfield 20 years ago. He was a geologist with Formpoff, New York City, for 25 years. Mr. Glanzer was a member of the Geological Institute of New York City. He also was a member of the Menorah Lodge FAAM 249, Bayonne.
Surviving are his wife, Gloria; a son, Jeff; and two grandchildren.

Rudolph J. Huljak

Rudolph J. Huljak, 99, of Springfield died Nov. 20 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Austria-Hungary, Mr. Huljak lived in Newark before moving to Springfield 25 years ago. He was a plumber with Local 24 in Springfield for 77 years before retiring.
During the 1940's and 1950's, Mr. Huljak was a member of Local 32B and 321 of the Ushiers Union at Roosevelt Stadium, Jersey City. He was secretary and treasurer of the Slovak Society, in Newark.
Surviving are a son, Robert S., and

daughters, Joan Marie Salamanchuk and Elaine Nadia Regula; a sister, Wilma Harbich, and six grandchildren.

Allen Borsky

Allen Borsky, 79, of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Springfield, died Oct. 4 at home.
Born in Newark, Mr. Borsky lived in Springfield for 50 years before moving to Scottsdale seven years ago. He owned and operated Butler's Liquor Store, Elizabeth, for 15 years and retired seven years ago. Earlier, Mr. Borsky owned and operated Newark ABC Laundry and Ironbound Laundry, both of Newark, for 50 years. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1943. Mr. Borsky served in the Army Air Force during World War II.
Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Sara; a son, Louis; a daughter, Helene Sherman, and four grandchildren.

William Cartwright

William Cartwright, 85, of Mountaintide died Nov. 21 in the Genesis ElderCare, Westfield.
Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Cartwright lived in New York City before moving to Mountaintide 34 years ago. He was a chemist with Oakite Products of Berkeley Heights for 35 years and retired in 1980. Mr. Cartwright was a graduate of the City College of New York. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and a life member of the Shriners of New York.
Surviving are a son, Robert M., and a sister, Mary Rollins.

William Tieste

William Tieste, 54, of Harding, formerly of Summit, died Sept. 11 in the Twin Towers tragedy. He worked for Canon Fitzgerald and was in his office working as a stock trader at the time of the crash.
Born in New York City, Mr. Tieste grew up in Summit. He lived in Chatham for many years and moved to Harding about a year and a half ago. Mr. Tieste graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1976. He helped getting Nash Field in Chatham Township ready for local teams. Mr. Tieste had bought jackets for his son's Little League team with

their records printed on the back.
Surviving are his wife, Debby, and two sons, Keith and William Charles, better known as B.C.
On Saturday, the day Mr. Tieste would have turned 55, his family and friends will hold a memorial service at St. Vincent Martyr Church, Madison.

Victor DiRuggiero

Victor DiRuggiero, 88, of Summit died Nov. 16 in the Department of Veterans Affairs, New Jersey Health Care Center at East Orange.
Born in Castel de Nuova, Provincina Salerno, Italy, Mr. DiRuggiero lived in Newark before moving to Summit in 1952. He owned Lawrence Pharmacy, Union, for 15 years and retired in 1987. Earlier, Mr. DiRuggiero owned Bender Hill Pharmacy, Summit, and Underwood Pharmacy and Maple Pharmacy, both of Jersey City. In 1937, he received a degree in pharmacology from Rutgers University. Mr. DiRuggiero served with the Medical Corps in the Army during World War II.
Surviving are his wife, Rose; six sons, Victor, Douglas, Bruce, Dr. Roger DiRuggiero, Arnold and Gerard; two daughters, Celeste DeFinis and Elyse; a sister, Nancy Cocuzza; two brothers, Victor and Dr. Nicholas DiRuggiero; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Richard Kummer Sr.

Richard E. Kummer Sr., 80, of Flanders formerly of Summit, died Nov. 18 in Morristown Memorial Hospital.
Born in Newark, Mr. Kummer lived in New Providence and Summit before moving to Flanders three years ago. He was a communications engineer and manager and was employed by J.J. Bell, AT&T general departments and Bell Labs, Whippany, for 40 years and retired in 1986. Mr. Kummer graduated from Newark College of Engineering in 1960, where he received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.
He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Kummer served with the 12th Seabee Construction Battalion in the Aleutian Islands in Alaska. Later, he served aboard the destroyer, U.S.S. Farenholt in the Western Pacific. Mr. Kummer retired from the Naval Reserve in 1981 with the rank of lieutenant commander.

Surviving are three sons, Richard E. Jr., Russell P. and Raymond J.; two sisters, Arlene Linfate and Connie Foster, and three grandchildren.

Jeannette B. Waters

Jeannette B. Waters of Summit died Nov. 18 at home.
Born in New York City, Mrs. Waters lived in Jersey City before moving to Summit 40 years ago. She was a teacher and social worker with the Jersey City school system and retired in 1977.
Mrs. Waters received a bachelor's and master's degree in social work from Seton Hall University, South Orange. She was a recipient of the Seton Hall University Howard Merit Award for outstanding performance. Mrs. Waters was a founder and long-term president of the Jersey City Elementary Teachers' Association and a Hudson County delegate of the New Jersey Education Association. She also was the Jersey City Education Association department coordinator for the Jersey City Bureau of Pupils and Personnel Services.
She was active in St. Theresa of Avila Church, Summit. Mrs. Waters served as a Eucharistic minister for more than 12 years and a past president of the Altar Rosary Society. She volunteered at St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark, the Meals-on-Wheels program and the Bridges for the Homeless in New York.
In 1989, Mrs. Waters received the St. Teresa Parish Irish Women of the Year Award, and while serving as a board member, was honored by the Church Women United Organization for her dedication to community service.
Surviving is a sister, Rita Burke.

Fred Vickery

Fred Vickery, 78, of Summit died Nov. 19 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Mr. Vickery was an organist at Peddle Baptist Memorial Church, Newark, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, West Orange, and most recently at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Livingston. He also was a member of the American Guild of Organists.
Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Eileen; a son, Paul; three daughters, Merle Johnson, Phyllis Atisano and Lisa Vickery-Proctor; a sister, Emma Ade; and eight grandchildren.

Students cast ballots

Berkeley Heights and Summit students participated together with thousands of New Jersey students in grades K-12 in voting with their parents at their neighborhood polling sites on Nov. 6. Kids Voting New Jersey students favored James McCreavey with 62 percent of the vote, while Bret Schandler received 32 percent. It was the second year the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit helped organize the Kids Voting New Jersey program together with the Berkeley Heights and Summit community and public schools.
In Summit, where elementary schools were dismissed about noon, Kids Voting volunteers were arranged to attend all 10 polling locations from noon to 8 p.m. Tied for being the school with the greatest representation of voting students were two elementary schools, Stratton School and Franklin School. For Councilman at large in Summit, students gave Democrat Jordan Glatt 59 percent and Republican David Bomgars 41 percent. Democrat Michel Bitritto

received 60 percent and Republican incumbent William Rosen 40 percent in Ward 1, and Democrat Miguel Velazquez 55 percent and Republican incumbent Henry Ogden 45 percent in Ward II.
For their simulated voting, students filled out ballots, provided by Kids Voting New Jersey, that contained the same candidates on which adults voted in the official balloting. This year, many students did their voting in the same room where their parents were casting their ballots.
The league was assisted by David Robinson, executive director of Kids Voting New Jersey. Kids Voting New Jersey is an affiliate of the Kids Voting USA organization that has operations in 39 other states. A curriculum is provided to the schools in which students can study all sides of the issues and candidates' positions in order to make an informed decision. Kids Voting is designed to develop an informed voting habit early in life that will continue as an adult and insure our system of government.



Joshua Rosen of Franklin School in Summit fills out his Kids Voting ballot at the polls on Election Day under the watchful eye of volunteer Joan Ehinger.

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