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TWO SECT

## Newborn found on homeowner's steps

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

After an abandoned newborn baby was found on the doorstep of a Lynn Drive residence on Dec. 6, Springfield detectives and investigators from the Union County Prosecutor's Office are trying to find any leads as to who is responsible.

Martin Finston found the tiny white female newborn, who was dressed in a white one-piece jumper with a matching hat and pink trimming, and white socks with a red and blue band across the top with a scotchish terrier dog.

The homeowner "comes home, walks up the stairs and notices a bundle of blankets," explained Springfield Detective Judd Levinson. Finston pointed out how his wife and son were home at the time, but they had entered the house through the garage and not the front door, where the bundle was.

"At first I thought it was a painter's drop cloth or something like that," said Finston. "I asked my wife if she knew anything about a bundle on the front porch."

His wife said no. Finston, his wife, and son went outside to see what the bundle was.

"We turned on the porch light and saw two baby blankets," said Finston. "We unwrapped them a little bit at a time and saw a human shape. At first I thought it was a doll."

Finston's wife said no, that it

wasn't a doll, that it was actually a baby.

The three of them wondered if the baby was alive until it began to move and whimper a bit.

Finston immediately called 9-1-1. A Springfield officer who was in the area was immediately dispatched to the home. The officer checked the baby's vital signs and found them to be stable.

The abandoned baby weighed 5 pounds and 15 ounces, with a length of 17 and a half inches. The baby had a full head of black hair but the eye color could not be determined at presstime.

Based on an examination, the baby was determined to be between 12 and 24 hours old when she was left on the doorstep sometime between 5 and 6:15 p.m.

The newborn was admitted to Overlook Hospital in Summit.

The baby was born in full term and in good health but indications from the medical exam at the hospital said the baby was delivered at home. This was determined by the way the umbilical cord was severed.

Other indications showed the baby was fully washed and cleaned before it was abandoned. She was left with a filled bottle that had a pink plastic top with an elephant on it.

Levinson is in charge of the investigation and is asking for assistance from the public in locating the mother of the child.



Lying in a bundle of blankets, a female newborn was discovered on the doorstep of a Lynn Drive residence in Springfield on Dec. 6.

"We hope that by making people aware of this incident that somebody will come forward with information to identify someone who had involvement in this," he said.

Expectant mothers can't take note that a new state law allows parents to leave their newborns at police departments and medical facilities without fear of criminal prosecution.

Since the adoption of the state's Safe Haven Infant Protection Act, at least six new babies have been dropped off with authorities.

Finston's brother, David, and his wife, Joan, want to adopt the abandoned baby. They have been classi-

fied by New Mexico authorities as acceptable adoptive parents. The couple already has one adopted baby and they were looking into adopting another.

"My brother called me Sunday morning to ask if what he heard about us finding a baby was true and to get some details," said Finston. "He asked me if there was anyway he could adopt the baby."

Finston told his brother that he would look into it. He asked Levinson what the process would be like, since his brother is out of state, residing in New Mexico.

## Borough school c looks ahead to fall.

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

Mountainside's Board of Education meeting was all about looking ahead to the fall, when there will be two schools — Deerfield and Beechwood — two budgets, new personnel, and plenty of class room space.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller provided Board of Education members with a detailed list of prospective new personnel which will be necessary. Beechwood School is set to reopen in September and new staff will be needed. Among the list was an additional school nurse for Beechwood School alone, which he said would be a benefit to the district as she would be a teaching nurse as well.

The Deerfield School principal will be putting together a committee to revamp the curriculum. "We are asking for a 1.5 percent increase in instructional personnel." Among the people he listed would be an additional media secretary at the Beechwood library and four cafeteria/playground aides to be shared between the two schools as well.

"Also we will need a curriculum coordinator supervisor, to be in charge of all curriculum coordination for grades K through eight, and knowing that we will be opening Beechwood." A new, permanent principal at Deerfield will assist the principals. "When I am not here, I am there, and that extra person will assist her. We have no new assistant principal, so this becomes an increase of 1.5 individuals."

Schaller gave the projected enrollment for next year, but said it is subject to change. The grand total was 646 in both schools, with 61 kindergarten students, which could also change. He was happy now that construction is about to begin, there will be room for increases.

"We will even have one empty classroom for adjustments," he said. After this discussion which everyone was pleased with, the new business brought up the question, "Exactly when will this new construction begin?" asked by board member John Perrin.

Board President Richard Kress had a quick answer. "Ciro Randazzo, the builder who has been awarded our contract, said he wants to start now — this month, and is anxious to go as soon as his insurance papers arrive." Kress said they needed a construction manager to oversee the project, and said Noel Mustal of the Board of Education's architectural firm, The Mustal Group, had approached him with a very good offer to do the job.

"After looking at at least four others, his price beats them all and he said he would appoint someone from his firm, and the matter would be totally separate and different from the architectural work. He offers to do this at a flat fee — both schools — for \$95,000."

## Resident asks township for valet parking ban

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Requests like the one made by Fran Whitcover have come before the Springfield Township Committee many times.

So when Whitcover stood in front of the Township Committee at its meeting Tuesday night to submit a petition asking to ban valet parking on Profit Avenue, committee members just calmly shook their heads, smirked, and told Whitcover not to worry about it.

Whitcover's request comes after the Township Committee has banned valet parking on several other residential streets neighboring the hogmone replacement and weight loss practice located at 475 Morris Ave.

Dr. Jerrold Goldstein practices at the location. Due to a shortage of parking spaces at that office building, Goldstein has hired a valet parking service to park his patients' cars on nearby residential streets.

"The reason I am here is on behalf of the residents on Profit and the nearby area, regarding the parking situation," said Whitcover. She recited the petition, which she explained after the meeting, was signed by 12 to 15 people.

"We respectfully suggest that you send notices and put up signs to clear our streets for the use of people who own homes there and have business on the block," said Whitcover.

Committeeman Gregory Clarke quipped that they have a little system to deal with this request, in light of the continuing problem in that area.

"We are well aware of your problem," Clarke said. "We agree with your plans. We have to work with in the law but if you'll give that to the clerk we'll try to put the same rules into effect that we have done in other areas."

Committeewoman Clara Harelik explained other residential streets that faced the same problem were issued resident permit parking, which seemed to help alleviate the problem.

Whitcover asked if that is something that will be put into effect for her street.

"We have to pass a resolution in order to do that," said Clarke, assuring Whitcover that her problem will be resolved. "That takes a little time."

Clarke said he doesn't force any problems with getting it done. "We've done it... what? Five times before?" he said.

"Is there an ordinance that if someone does have a commercial building like this that they should have ample parking for their patients or customers?" asked Whitcover.

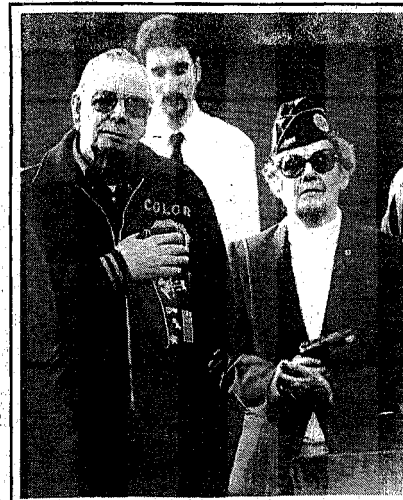
Clarke said that is a very difficult question to answer.

"Whenever somebody comes before us who requires a variance under the law then we have to have a meeting, and this goes before the Planning Board usually, and they decide whether or not to grant the variance for parking. If they do not then they have to have what is required in the ordinance," said Clarke.

Clarke explained how the uses of 475 Morris Ave. changed. When it was originally constructed, the building did not need many parking spaces. However, when it was rented to Goldstein it needed more spaces than were available at the site.

Whitcover asked how long it would take for the Township Committee to grant her street the ban on valet parking.

Clarke said the Township Committee cannot introduce an ordinance until after the new year and then it will take two weeks, until the following meeting, for them to pass it. "It will be done."



Photos by Jeff Grant

REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR — The Veterans Alliance of Springfield took time on Friday to remember Pearl Harbor on its 60th anniversary at Veterans Memorial Park. Above, Warren Sim of the Chapel American Legion Post 228 in Springfield salutes the flag during a performance of "Taps." Left, Sim and Elnel Smith, commander of American Legion Post 228 stand solemnly during the ceremony.

## Borough awards bid for Echo Brook lights

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

To meet the community's demand for playing outdoor sports at night, the Mountainside Borough Council announced the awarding of a bid for lights to be installed at Echo Brook field. The contract was awarded to Lucas Electric Co. for \$114,975.

The announcement came at the Borough Council's work session Tuesday night, with plans to move ahead immediately with the awarding of the contract and the installation of the lights before the weather gets any colder.

"The monies are all in place," said Mayor Robert Vigilanti. "I'm going to ask for a motion tonight to tell Mr. Disko to go ahead and award the contract and if possible, start construction while the weather's still in our favor."

Since the lights were recently installed at Deerfield School, Vigilanti said he had seen a lot of debris and materials left over from the construction that he would like to see cleaned up, citing its presence as a safety factor.

About the poles at the Deerfield School field, he found them to be structurally stable.

"Structurally, they look to me very

good," said Vigilanti. "When you look at the poles, there's what I think is a nonaesthetically pleasing transition from the ground to the pole that goes up."

He referred to a section of the pole from 4 to 6 feet up from the ground as being unsightly and suggested placing some type of protective wrapping of plastic or rubber tubing around this section of the poles as seen in other areas with similar light fixtures.

He plans to ask Borough Engineer Michael Disko what can be done to improve the rough, unfinished-looking surfaces of these sections.

"The poles have multiple lights on

them. In the evening when the lights are turned off after games, some light will remain on a timer that stays active for roughly 15 minutes, to allow people to leave the area."

Vigilanti said the spillover from the Deerfield lights is minimal, with a soft glow that stays within the area and keeps a low profile.

The installation of recreation lights at Echo Brook field is the latest in the borough's initiatives geared toward recreational field improvements. In August, a bond ordinance was passed to authorize the installation of lighting for both Deerfield School and Echo Brook fields.

## Preliminary approval granted for bank, pharmacy to replace Stanley's

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Preliminary approval has been granted for the plans to build a Commerce Bank and CVS drug store in Springfield where Stanley's Restaurant currently resides.

The approval came at a Springfield Planning Board meeting on Dec. 5. Preliminary and final approvals are sometimes granted together.

"In this case there were too many conditions and too many changes to be made that it didn't warrant a final," said Planning Board Chairman Richard Colandrea.

Some of those changes included the entrance going into Black's Lane, signage changes, meeting the adjoining properties conditions, and drainage issues.

"That gives them the benefit of the time to come back with all the changes made, so that you can physically see them and you can understand them," said Colandrea.

Officials are not certain as to when ground will be broken on the project, let alone when it will be completed.

"They have to take Stanley's down, clear the land and then they have to bid. You're

building two buildings, you're probably talking a year," said Mayor Sy Mullman, explaining when residents might be able to enter and use the Commerce Bank and CVS drug store.

The Commerce Bank and CVS drug store will reside on Morris and Springfield avenues. Morris Avenue is a state road, so permission must be granted from the state Department of Transportation before any construction can begin.

Final approval can be granted from the Planning Board subject to DOT approval.

One of the main concerns of the Planning Board, when reviewing the application, was

how the proposed project would affect Black's Lane. There was talk of increased traffic and danger to the seniors who attend functions there, especially once a senior housing complex is completed on Black's Lane.

"We do not want Black's Lane used at all," said Colandrea. "You can only enter the property that way. You cannot leave it."

The property will be constructed so that it is nearly impossible to use Black's Lane.

"If somebody tries to get out using that entrance, there's going to be signs posted: 'No

Right Turn,'" said Colandrea. "If you went out that driveway you would have to make a right turn to go down Black's Lane, which is not wanted."

CVS tried coming to Springfield several years ago but the proposed project was voted down. It wasn't that the township didn't want them, it was that they picked the wrong location, the mayor said.

"I made it quite clear at the Planning Board meeting that I hope they would join the Chamber of Commerce and be very active," said Mullman. "I think it's a good thing for the town. I hope we did the right thing."

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**Two men arrested**

Springfield Giuseppe Altieri, 21, and Marco Esposito, 18, both of Jersey City, were arrested on South Springfield Avenue Dec. 5 at 3:35 p.m. for receiving stolen property, theft by deception, selling stolen property, and soliciting without a permit. Altieri was also arrested for being an unlicensed driver.

• On Nov. 26 at 5:09 p.m., Bally Finest on Route 22 East reported a cracked front wheel, which was the result of a simple assault.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

• A Stiles Street resident reported that his tool box, with various tools, was stolen from his residence Nov. 26 at 7:50 p.m.

• Joseph Flesch, 46, of South Springfield Avenue, was arrested at his home Dec. 2 at 9:44 p.m., for aggravated assault, possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes, simple assault, and harassment.

• On Dec. 3 at 10:43 a.m. a Pepsi vending machine was reported damaged on Morris Avenue. The lock was reported to be forced open and the coin rack was stolen.

• James DiTullo, 29, of Morris Avenue, was arrested at King's Supermarket, Morris Township, Dec. 3 at 9:33 p.m., for warrant arrest.

**Mountainside**  
The Mountainside Police Department arrested Winslow Forbes, 27, of Elizabeth Dec. 5 on Route 22 East of driving with a suspended license and registration.

• On Dec. 5, Patrick Simmons, 41, of Newark, was arrested in Elizabeth for contempt of a judicial order, an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside.

• On Friday, Patricia A. Guevara, 33, of North Plainfield, was arrested on Route 22 West for driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

• Also on Friday, Donald Manco, 61, of Warren, was arrested on Route 22 West for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants.

• On Sunday, James C. Hanchett, 70, of New York City, was arrested on Route 22 East for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• On Sunday, Brian J. McGrogan, 26, of Jersey City, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and registration.

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

**Today**  
• The Springfield Library Board of Trustees meet at 8 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.  
• The Mountainside Planning Board meet at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Fall International Film Festival with "Bossa Nova" at noon and 7 p.m. Set in Rio de Janeiro, this romantic comedy offers the hope for love the second time around.  
Admission is free for all films. For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Friday**  
• The vivid, digitized photographic images of Springfield resident Morton Panish, a longtime photographer and scientist, will be on display at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., through Jan. 24. An artist's reception will be from 1 to 4 p.m.  
For information, call 973-376-4930.

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

**Wednesday**  
• The Mountainside Woman's Club invites the public to its holiday boutique and luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountainside. Shop early for the holidays and get 50 percent off sterling silver jewelry, and see the selection of handbags, fashion accessories, photo ornaments and more.  
For information, call 908-789-1819.

• The Springfield Chapter of the Jewish Women International conducts its regular meeting at 12:15 p.m. at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Entertainment will be provided by the Herr Choral Group from the Daughters of Israel Day Center in West Orange. Sue Ritz, conductor of the group, will lead them in a medley of traditional holiday songs. A mini-lunch will be served prior to the program.

Members and their guests are invited to attend. For information, call 973-379-9402.

**Upcoming Dec. 20**  
• From 7 to 8 p.m., Act Out! will present a creative dramatist workshop for 5- to 8-year-olds in honor of the Winter Solstice at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Children can have a part in helping a winter story come to life.  
For information, call 973-376-4930, Ext. 32.

**Dec. 27**  
• The Springfield Recreation Department presents a "winter break" night out with the family at Medieval Times in Lyndhurst. The fee for the 7:30 p.m. dinner and performance is \$34 per person. Admission includes transportation, dinner, beverages, and live show.  
The bus departs at 6 p.m. from the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, or call 973-912-2227.

**Jan. 5**  
• Mountainside Youth Baseball conducts its 2002 season registration at the Deerfield School cafeteria, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fees are payable at the time of registration.  
For information, call 908-232-4373.

**Jan. 7**  
• Mountainside Youth Baseball will conduct its 2002 season registration at the Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive, from 7 to 9 p.m. Fees are payable at the time of registration.  
For information, call 908-232-4373.

**Jan. 9**  
• The Springfield YMCA, 100 South Springfield Ave., will begin a new health and fitness lifestyle program for girls, sixth to eighth grade. The D.A.I.S.E. program will feature participation in fun activities such as fitness workouts, cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, dance instruction, rock climbing and more.

Registration is open and continues throughout December. The program runs for eight weeks, starting today from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members.  
Call the Springfield YMCA at 973-467-0838 for more information.

**RECREATION**

**Date is changed for blood pressure tests**

The Springfield Recreation Department has been notified by the Westfield Board of Health of a date change for blood pressure screenings at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. The screenings have been changed from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, call 973-912-2227.

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

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

**YMCA begins fitness program for girls**

The Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., will begin a new fitness/healthy lifestyle program especially for girls, sixth to eighth grade. The D.A.I.S.E. program will feature participation in fun activities such as fitness workouts, cooking demonstrations highlighting healthy nutrition and life style, arts and crafts, dance instruction — including pop, hip-hop, ballet, salsa and swing — indoor rock-climbing and hiking excursions.

Registration continues throughout December. The program will run for eight weeks starting Jan. 9, 3:30 to

4:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members.

Call the Springfield YMCA at 973-467-0838 or [www.summit201ymca.org](http://www.summit201ymca.org) for more information.

**Registration opens for youth baseball**

Mountainside Youth Baseball will conduct its 2002 season registration at the Deerfield School Cafeteria, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive, Jan. 5 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Jan. 7 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Children registering after the above dates will be placed on a team if space is available.

The number of teams and spaces available for participants depends on

how many volunteer coaches/helpers sign up. Fees are payable at the time of registration. The association has five divisions from ages 6 to 14: Introduction to Baseball, 6 years old; T-Ball, 8 years old; American League, 8 to 9 years old; Major League, 10 to 12 years old; and Pony League, 13 to 14 years old.

A parent or guardian must accompany youths. Youths registering for the first time must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate. This is an all-volunteer association and all parents are required to volunteer for at least four hours of time during the season.

Any questions about Mountainside Youth Baseball can be directed to Sandy Burdge 908-232-4373 or John Amalfi at 908-273-3262.

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# Program and guests show Caldwell students importance of math in everyday occupations

By Joshua Zaltz

Staff Writer  
Ask a typical second or third grader if math is their favorite subject and you'll probably get an answer similar to Christian Schmidt's, a second grader at James Caldwell School in Springfield.

"Math is not my favorite subject," he says. "I like recess."

But after attending the Family Math Program on Thursday nights at Caldwell those answers just might change.

The program is run by Donna Schmitz, a second grade teacher at Caldwell, and by Meghan Kelly, a first grade teacher in the school.

There are a combined 18 second and third graders who attend the program every Thursday night for six weeks, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Family Math Program was originally founded to generate interest in math for girls and minorities. Historically, math is a very male-dominated field. However, the program takes any second and third grader, regardless of their gender.

"We want to make math fun for everyone," said Schmitz. She also explained how the parents attend the program with their kids and learn math games to play with them on

rainy or snowy days.

There are several Family Math Programs throughout New Jersey, Springfield's other elementary school. Thelma L. Sandmeier, also has one.

When asked to go to the board to write the answer to a math problem, these kids run, they raise their hands and jump up and down, begging Mrs. Schmitz or Mrs. Kelly to call on them.

The kids play games here, math games. The Coin Problems game, for instance, asks questions such as: "You have four coins totaling 20 cents. What are the coins?"

There are games like Magic Math Cards, where your partner secretly picks a number from one to 31. You show the special number cards to your partner one at a time; then any cards on which the number does not appear gets turned over. You look at the cards that the number does appear on. You secretly add the top, left-hand numbers on those cards. The answer will be your partner's number.

Vesna Stoicovici, a second grader, has a favorite game — the Estimation Jar — where she has to estimate the amount of candy in the jar. This time the jar is filled with Peanut Chew candy. Whoever student guesses closest to the actual amount wins all the candy

in the jar. Vesna guesses 75 pieces.

"It allows the child to be able to estimate and understand estimation with a hands-on approach," said Schmitz. She explained how each week there's a different size jar with different size candy in it. "Maybe there's small candy this week, but the jar is big. It really teaches the students to use strategies to estimate."

Sometimes the program has guests come in and talk about how they use math in their jobs.

"We want to show how important math is when kids get into the real world," said Schmitz. "What they learn now they can use later."

The job angle is turned into a game too. It's made to be fun.

"You're going to be asking questions about their job," said Schmitz to the kids. "You're trying to guess what they do for a living by the information you get from their answers."

The kids ask questions like, "Do you make a lot of money?" "Are you rich?"

"Remember only ask questions that they can answer yes or no," Kelly reminds the kids.

When Joseph Kelly gives them a no answer, the kids have to run up to the board and take down a question mark. Schmitz explained how this reinforces

the skills kids need to be able to formalize their thoughts into a yes or no question.

Eventually the speakers have to tell the kids what they do.

Kelly is a pharmaceutical salesman for Bortek Pharmaceutical.

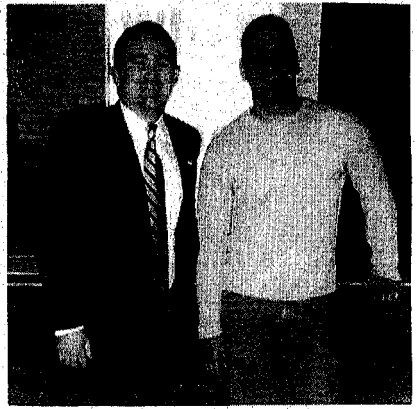
"I use a great deal of math on several different levels," he says. "Inventory... When I go to the doctors' offices sometimes I will leave them with what are called samples. I have to write that down everyday, how many samples I'm leaving at the doctors'."

Marc Iannotta is a sales representative for Sweetface Fashion Company, LLC, which designs and sells Jennifer Lopez's line of clothing called J. Lo.

"I use math everyday," he says. "We have people come into my office and what I do is show them the clothes we have to sell and they write down what they like. At the end of the day I have to add everything up, how many pieces of clothing they want and how much each piece costs."

The guest speakers give the kids sample math problems to do. The kids are just as enthusiastic solving these problems as they are solving the other ones.

It's almost time to go home. It's



Joseph Kelly, a salesman of pharmaceutical supplies, and Marc Iannotta, a sales representative for Sweetface Fashion Company, spent time with students at the Family Math Program Dec. 6 at James Caldwell School in Springfield and talked about how they use math every day at their jobs.

late for these kids, nearly 8:30 p.m., but Mrs. Schmitz hasn't announced how much candy is in the jar. She clears her throat and says that there are 117 pieces in there tonight.

Vesna doesn't win, but maybe as more kids continue coming here her answer to the "Is math your favorite subject?" question will be more typical of the average second and third grader.

"It's one of my favorite subjects," Vesna said. "Because I like to do math and learn new games."

# Contractor awarded \$6 million-plus to start borough school renovation

By Joan M. Devlin

Staff Writer  
In what had to be its shortest meeting ever, the Mountainside Board of Education met in special session Dec. 6 to announce the culmination of the construction project for Deerfield and Beechwood Schools and the awarding of the bid to the contractor who would do the job.

Ciro Randazzo Builders of Garfield was awarded the \$6,314,000 contract for the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment for the new construction and renovations at Beechwood School and for the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment for renovations at the Deerfield School.

The meeting had been announced to the public, and Board of Education president Richard Kress expressed disappointment that only a few were

in attendance to share the good news with the board. He said, "We have reached the culmination after three years and this was the week all bids taken have been rejected; we have now conferred with our attorney and this evening we are ready to proceed with the awarding of the final bids." He then added, "I am just sorry so few people are here to share in this decisive moment."

Present at the meeting and next to speak was the Board of Education's architect, Noel Musial of the Musial Group. "I am very happy that everything seems to have worked out very well," he said. "We have had 11 contractors pick up the bids; we took a lump sum bid from the general contractor for all of the work. This is better because we will have one contractor to deal with; it will make it easier."

Musial then gave a bit of history on the bidding; seven companies bid on the Beechwood School job, four bid on the Deerfield job, and four were lump sum bids on both projects. The lowest bid was chosen, which was Randazzo Builders.

Musial also talked about alternates, which is a term meaning optional items that can be added which were not originally included in the budget. An example would be renovation in Deerfield of the media center, the room where the meeting was taking place. This could take place without additional funding with Randazzo's bid.

Each Board of Education member held a full breakdown of all the bids, and everyone was very pleased with the company they had chosen. Board of Education member John Perrin said, "One of the good points is the

media center, which is included in the plan at no extra charge, meaning the project came in within the budget. It is a great deal."

Kress agreed and gave credit to the architect. "Noel will be doing additional work and we give him a lot of credit. We will now have sufficient funds to do the project." The board president also reminded them that this must be certified, that the funds are there.

"The other thing that is not in the

budget are the windows and the figure we have for this is \$350,000, but I think we can do better." This will become a separate project and can be done eventually at a much lesser amount, I am sure," said Kress.

Kress asked if there were any further questions, and there were none. Chief School Administrator Gerard Schuller also expressed his strong approval of the choice and asked the board to vote on the approval of

Ciro Randazzo Builders. They did so and it was unanimous. Then the board also had to vote on the refusal of all other bids received for Beechwood and Deerfield Schools and released the other bidders' bid bonds.

With this happy ending, it was announced that work would commence as soon as the Randazzo Builders' performance bond and insurances were delivered to the business administrator.

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## EDITORIALS

### Night to remember

Even before the bonfire shed its heat on all the shivering souls standing next to the tennis courts at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, the words of the speakers were enough to bring some warmth to the spectators who gathered there for a special night.

It was much more than the traditional pre-Thanksgiving football/school spirit rally that usually accompanies the high school activities at this time of year. This year's bonfire was a somber event that also managed to impart a deep sense of hope for the future and peace of mind for the present.

As an event that marked the first major holiday after the Sept. 11 attacks, speakers publicly thanked the real heroes for their efforts, both great and small during that dark day.

Despite the bitter cold, many residents came out to take part and to show support. It was one of the ways in which the township came together to try to do things for families and show their commitment to the welfare of the school and its students, to show how they care.

Members of the police, fire and rescue departments were presented with special pins with the World Trade Center emblazoned on them, given to them by members of the student government. It was a moment of the youth honoring an older generation, thanking them for their protection. But more than that, it was an honor for these true heroes who risk their lives for others every day.

Thanks should go to Principal Charles Serson, for initiating and conceiving this bonfire. Township officials made it clear that it would be a special bonfire of Thanksgiving to celebrate America, to remember what is really important, why we all have to be thankful.

We are thankful to be alive and for the unwavering support the people of America have shown for each other in the wake of the attacks.

And what we should also be thankful for is the willingness for people to come together in times of need, and help, to put their own needs aside to help others. From the members of the student chorale and band to the moving speech made by Anny Callahan, a teacher who lost her fiancée in the Sept. 11 attacks, the bonfire on Nov. 20 was truly a special night to remember.

As one of the speakers said, it was a way to make this a Thanksgiving to remember forever.

### Good first step

The introduction of a bond ordinance for the construction of the new firehouse on Mountain Avenue in Springfield is something that will hopefully give the project the push it needs.

Introduced during the Nov. 27 Township Committee meeting and approved Tuesday night, the \$4.26 million bond also will be used toward the cost of the materials, furniture, fixtures, pavement, landscape and labor.

Although the weather had been unseasonably warm through the beginning of December, it's still uncertain when construction is actually going to take place, since winter will inevitably arrive whether we want it to or not and the project still has to go out to bid.

A new firehouse is what the township needs, and while the actual construction has yet to take place, it's important to point out that when the Fire Department moves to its new location, the Police Department will be given room to grow.

Both departments are currently housed in the same cramped building. Separating the departments would allow both more space to better serve the community and allow them to operate more efficiently.

As people who risk their lives for others every day, firefighters deserve to have a building they can be proud of, a place that can be the physical embodiment of their hard work and service to the community. And the police are certainly no different.

They deserve the same — a building that reflects the nature of their job, one that can provide them with the best opportunities to excel and continue to do their jobs to the best of their ability.

But while material things are practical and necessary, providing the most adequate office space is something that reflects how the township feels about its police and fire departments.

The bond ordinance is an important step in moving the project forward. Now the township must pursue ways to improve the current headquarters once the Fire Department leaves. Although plans for what the new Police Department may look like are still in the preliminary stages, it's essential that the township examine the needs of the Police Department as well.

**"First Amendment freedoms need breathing space to survive."**

—William J. Brennan, Jr., U.S. Supreme Court justice, 1963



**TASTY TREATS FROM A TERRIFIC TEAM** — On Nov. 20, the Springfield Daisy Girl Scouts of Troop 753 took a special trip to Dunkin' Donuts on Route 22. The girls learned how the donuts were made and decorated some of their own, including, from left, back row, Suzanne Petrilli, Junior Girl Scout and Troop Assistant Ariel McDole, Madison McDole, Caroline Zhang and Soniya Patel; and, front row, Rachel Stone, Jaclyn Nardone, Carly Steiner, Ilana Roth and Nicole Grafanakis. Not pictured is Troop Leader Karen McDole.

### Kids learn manners matter from home, not television

It is truly encouraging to see the young people of this country come to the aid and comfort of people directly affected by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

It is especially gratifying in light of the role models established by the advertising industry and adult behavior.

Just to cite a few: let's think back to the days when the Barbie doll was considered an inappropriate model for young girls and women. Today, everyone just accepts Barbie as an exaggeration of the human form, and young girls seem to continue to play with Barbie dolls and experience no long-term adverse effects.

I wish I could be as confident about other types of behavior demonstrated every day in real life and on television.

Let's take the elf who is peddling computers. As Santa's assistant, he watches as little girls ask Santa for dolls. When a little boy approaches

### As I See It

By Norman E. Rauscher, Correspondent

Santa, the elf steps in and assures his parents and Santa that the little boy needs a \$900 computer. The boy is guaranteed a computer. Does that leave the little girls with little, pink dolls? How's that for a role model from the past?

Then, we have the holiday advertisement for power tools. Here, the woman is able to use the tools, but both she and the male are pictured as playing a game called take the tool when the partner is not looking.

Remember the adage of share and share alike? Not in this television ad. Here, the story is first come, first served, and if that doesn't work just

take what you want when you want it.

As a final example, how about the advertisement for some type of wood finisher. Here, the application of this elixir enables any kid to run cars and trucks over the furniture. Here, again, inappropriate behavior is accepted. Unless times have changed drastically, it is not considered good form to run toys on coffee tables and benches.

It's no wonder when we get to the supermarket we are confronted with screaming kids asking for the moon and often getting it. How about the kids who handle rolls and bagels and then put them back into the containers without any parental interference?

How about the kids that take candy to the check-out counter? When told it cannot be bought, the candy never makes it back to the correct spot. Just another example of the total disregard of other people's property.

I understand some elementary schools have sponsored a character

counts program for several years. I have no way of knowing if the program works or is just a bag of wind. But, it had better be effective in order to offset the negative behavior displayed everyday everywhere.

But I caution it takes more than donated monies and decorated cards to create a civilized society. It takes courtesy, caring and excellent adult role models.

Every parent who attends a PTA/principals' meeting should observe how the staff and administration are treated. That's when it truly shows that the real character that counts is that which is generated and practiced at home.

And, please tell the holiday elf to let at least one of the girls find a \$900 computer as a holiday gift.

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

### Trolley trip in Newark was holiday tradition

Finally it is December, the last month of the year. We have worked our way through the holidays of Halloween, Election Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. If we had been paying much attention to the advertisements in the newspapers, it would seem as though only Election Day was of interest to the general public and that Christmas had started in October. There were pre-holiday sales in the stores, and the post office encouraged us to mail early.

In the good old days those holiday days were greeted with enthusiasm, and Christmas had to wait until those days had passed. All of us schoolchildren knew which holiday was coming and were well-prepared for each one. We had costumes for Halloween and sometimes took part in a Pilgrim play in school. Election Day was no big event, except for a day off from school, although we never got a day off for the primary election, and we felt cheated about that.

Christmas was different, however. There was always the problem of what to get for the other members of the family, as well as deciding what we should include in our "Letter to Santa Claus." That had to be sent long before the big day so that it could be received at the North Pole in plenty of time for that wonderful resident to comply with his wishes. It was always a good idea to provide a few choices, just in case there might be a shortage in his warehouse.

There was always the question as to whether the mail service would actually reach as far as the North Pole. On the several trips we made with Momma to the stores downtown we consistently checked with Santa's helpers who stood on the sidewalks next to a large pot, into which people tossed money.

On at least one trip we got to meet Santa Claus himself in one of the stores. Sometimes we had to wait in a line, but it was worth the wait, as we

### The Way It Was

By William Frolich

got to sit on his lap and report our wishes in person. He never did explain to our satisfaction why he was sitting around in a store instead of being home working with his elves, but he did give a gift to everyone who had waited in line.

All of the stores downtown had some sort of decorations near their doorways, and the big stores had fascinating displays in their large front windows. Some displays showed Santa's elves busy making toys as they hammered away at their benches. Even though they were moving, we knew that they were not real because they never finished a toy. Other elves checked the quality of the electric trains that ran around on a loop of track, but if a locomotive happened to fall off the tracks the elves ignored it and left it where it fell, on its side.

At least once in a Christmas season we made a trip into Newark. The Bamberger's store was a big attraction with its many show windows by the sidewalks decorated for the holiday. This trip involved riding a trolley-car that was not only not free, but you had to drop a coin in a little crooked chute as you got on and another coin as you got off. Amusement parks never charged both ways, although on those rides you always ended at the same place where you had started from.

Trolley rides were interesting as you got to see things along the way that were different from what we were used to seeing. There were big brick factories, small and large stores, and even fancy houses. The trolley tracks were in the middle of the street and the car had to share the road with horse-drawn wagons and gas-

powered automobiles.

Sometimes the traffic in front of the car did not move fast enough for the motorman, and then he would stamp on a pedal on the floor near his foot. This resulted in the loud clanging of the bell on the front of the car as the motorman expressed his displeasure, along with the horn-blowing of the automobile drivers.

When we finally arrived at Market Street in Newark, we got off the trolley onto a safety isle in the middle of Broad Street. In the center on the intersection there was a tall bronze tower with a little room at the top in which we were told was a policeman who controlled the red and green traffic lights to direct traffic in the two streets. We hoped that he would give us a green light long enough for us to reach the sidewalk, because that was a wide street.

A couple of blocks away was our destination, Bamberger's Department Store. It was fun to look in the show windows, but the toy department on

the fourth floor was where we really wanted to go. We crowded into an elevator for the trip. Here was a magnificent display of what seemed to be all the kinds of toys in the world. There were small autos that you could sit in and drive using the pedals under the hood for power. There were bicycles and tricycles and doll carriages big enough for your baby brother. There were dolls of all sizes and boats that could be floated in a pond or a bathtub.

The main attraction, however, was the model railroad set-up that covered a long counter in the room. Here were trains whizzing around long loops of tracks and crossing others on special crossovers. Some trains crossed other tracks by means of a bridge and then came down a long ramp and curved around to pass under that bridge. All too soon, it was time to go home.

William Frolich is a member of the Union County Historical Society.

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Lilla Dixon

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Frank Gallagher

"About the same. Especially now since the war is just about over."

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Censored report had Sept. 11 link**

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that Mohammad Atta blew up a bus in Israel in 1986. The Israelis captured, tried and imprisoned him. As part of the Oslo agreement Israel had to release any kind of "blood on their hands." A well-meaning American president, Ronald Reagan, and his secretary of state, George

Shultz, insisted that all be released.

Thus, Mr. Atta was freed and eventually "thanked the U.S.A." by flying an airplane into Tower One of the World Trade Center. This was reported by many of the networks at the time that the terrorists were first identified. It was censored in the U.S.A. from all later reports. The American public must be made aware of this fact.

Mildred Schwartzberg  
Springfield

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**Digitized photos on display Friday**

The vivid images of Morton Panish, long-time photographer and scientist, capture life as only an artist might see it, in a cutting edge technique that enhances the ease of the process. His digitized photographs, printed on watercolor paper, will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from Friday to Jan. 24. An artist's reception will be Saturday, from 1 to 4 p.m.

A Springfield resident since 1964, Panish prefers the simplicity of form that still lifes and landscapes provide and this exhibit utilizes both as he takes the abstract form and renders it representational. He uses a Hasselblad camera, which is 2 1/2 inches square. Occasionally he uses a 4 by 5 view camera.

While skilled at silver prints and

gunprints, Panish prefers digitally printed photographs. The initial image is taken with a film camera, then the image is digitized using a high-resolution scanner. Although it has been possible for several years to process the resulting images on a computer with an amazing versatility for both color and black and white photographs, it is just in the past 18 months that it has been possible to transfer the image on the screen to paper without sacrificing the permanency of the image. "Only after it became possible to prepare digital prints that were archival did I relegate printing in the darkroom to the past," says Panish.

The skills he developed over the years in the darkroom were not wasted, however. In the darkroom it was necessary to visualize the desired result, which is also the mental process a photographer goes through when originally taking the shot. The same process takes place when using a computer.

Panish is perhaps best-known locally for his digital restoration of all the photographs of early Springfield now on exhibit at the Springfield Municipal Building. Panish has exhibited previously at the Palmer Museum, as well as at the Doubletree Gallery in Montclair; North Salem Gallery; Summit Art Center; the Bergen Museum of Art and Science, and in St. John's Church in Newark. In addition, Panish currently serves on the Human Rights Committee of the National Academies. He received the

2001 Kyoto Prize in November for his scientific work at Bell Labs.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Hours of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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**International film festival continues**

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its fall International Film Festival with "Bossa Nova" today at noon and 7 p.m.

As befiting a light-as-air comedy, reality takes a back seat to charm. Gone are Rio de Janeiro's slums and bleakness, replaced by azure skies, smooth beaches, postcard views and frame after frame of the brightest imaginable blues and reds — all to the tune of seductive bossa nova rhythms. Of course, romantic entanglements and mistaken identities abound.

Still in a haze following the accidental death of her Brazilian husband, American widow Mary Ann (Amy

Irving) supports herself teaching English in Rio. Complicating her already upside-down life, she finds herself pursued by three very different would-be suitors: an elegant lawyer, a preening soccer star and a supposed SoHo artist who thinks she's the woman he's been chatting with on the Internet. The director of "Donna Flor and Her Two Husbands" intended the film as a valentine to wife Irving. Love the second time around? Yes, he says, even for the "mature" set.

Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Creative drama workshop Dec. 20**

An interactive drama program is the highlight of the Springfield Free Public Library's youth services program for December.

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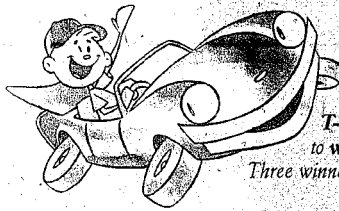
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## Cleanin' up the town



The seventh grade Girl Scouts from Mountainside Troops 185 and 499 spent a recent morning participating in Mountainside's Clean Communities Day, including from left, Vera Montana, Peggy Hennings, Nora Kinney, Missy Montagna, holding the smallest worker, Sarah Magallon, Amy DeGaetano, Brittany Catalano, Sarah Magallon, Katherine Wagner, Chris Wagner, Francesca Montalvo, Grace Klebaur, Mackie Hill and Christine Bennett. They joined many residents who worked a particular Saturday morning each fall to clean up the town.

## Mitarotonda earns honors at Seton Hall

Joseph Mitarotonda of Springfield is a freshman at Seton Hall Prep in the honors program. He is a graduate of Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield. In his first semester at Seton Hall he has made the honor roll and is a member of the freshman soccer team.

## Weller wins first prize in art contest

Ryan Weller, an eighth grade student at St. James The Apostle School in Springfield won first prize in art at the 30th annual Roselle Catholic Scholastic Academic Olympics. The purpose of the event is to encourage and stimulate educational interest and ability in our youth.

## Rowland visits USET riding arena at college

Suzanne Wallbank Rowland, a resident of Mountainside and a alumna of Centenary College, visited the

## STUDENT UPDATE

new USET riding arena at Centenary College in Hackettstown during the 2001 Homecoming and Alumni Weekend. Each fall, Centenary College dedicates an entire weekend of activities in honor of both the alumni and current students.

## Residents earn honors at Roselle Catholic

The following Roselle Catholic High School students from Union and Springfield were named to the honor roll for the first marking period.

**First honors**  
Robert Carroll, Marianne O'Shea, Justyna Osrowska, Vanessa Rosa, Matthew Biondi, Jessica Campos, Frank Caprara, Anthony DeSimone, Nicholas Dimakos, Joseph Genova, Brian Koch, Bryan Mazza, Michael Saba, Kathleen Carroll, Maureen Carroll, Jessica Crowley, Brian D'Agostini, Michael Ferreira, Katherine Ferrise, Kelly Gilligan, Jonathan Londono, Elizabeth Murtha, Suzanne Pflar, Michelle Rosanilla, Megan Butchko, Gregory Harris, Daniel



Suzanne Wallbank Rowland



Ryan Weller

Hynes, Suzanne Jones, Jessica Pelion, Cristina Nicolau, Steven Pizzo and Kara Wade.

**Honorable mention**  
Jasmine Copeland, Anna May Panarin, Theresa Matarazzi, Rachel Mighorini, Richard Rogers Jr., Anjali Ruiz, Britney Austin, Peter Bongiovanni, Monique Jaques, Daniel

Jimenez, Scott Johnson, Martin Matousek, John Moretti, Akira Giannardo, Daniel Hanselman, Patrick Migliorini, Marina Monteleone, Daniel Moyer, Richard Pobuta, Susan Saravia, James Tretola, Joseph Bacc, Kristen DePre, Steven DiNardo, Mark Panarin, Jocelyn Fox and Jason Touhey.

## CLUBS IN THE NEWS

### Jewish organization has women's events

Springfield Chapter, Jewish Women International will conduct its regular meeting on Wednesday 12:15 p.m. at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Terry Strauss, a member of the Presidential Cabinet will preside.

The entertainment for the afternoon will be presented by the Herr Choral Group from the Daughters of Israel Day Center in West Orange. Sue Ritz, conductor of the group will lead them in a medley of traditional and holiday songs.

A mini lunch will be served prior to the program. Members and their guests are invited to attend.

For information call 973-379-9402

### Senior group plans trip

The Gadabout Senior Group of Mountainside sponsors a lunch at the Russian Tea Room in New York City, plus a visit to the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral and the "Pearl" exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History Saturday Lunch and transportation is \$80.

Call Loretta for details and reservations at 908-232-3025  
For information, call Helen Zimmerman 908-232-1206

### Woman's Club offers holiday boutique

The Mountainside Woman's Club invites the public to its holiday boutique and luncheon on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at

L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountainside. Shop early for the holidays with 50 percent off sterling silver, handbags, fashion accessories, crafts, holiday wreaths, silk flower arrangements, photo ornaments and more.

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For more information and a luncheon reservation, call Cindy West at 908-789-1819

### B'Nai B'rith group plans winter getaway

Join the B'Nai B'rith Keubah Married Couples and members of Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield at Kulsler's Country Club in Monticel-

lo, 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 or 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. Child-rent 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 Jr. Day, there is an additional charge of \$179 per couple.

Mail checks payable to: B'Nai B'rith, P.O. Box 140, Livingston, 07039. Include your name, address, ages of children and phone number.

### Newcomers Club plans visit from Santa Claus

The Mountainside Newcomers Club has a variety of upcoming activities.

Who says it's too early to think of Santa Claus? Make sure Sunday is free for a Santa Claus visit to your home, sponsored by the Mountainside Newcomers Club. Call Jean Marie Morgan at 908-518-9409 for more information and to R.S.V.P.

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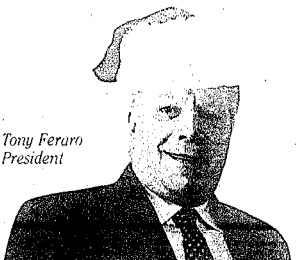


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**OBITUARIES**

**Helen M. Young**

Helen M. Young, 94, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died Nov. 24 at home.  
Born in Scranton, Pa., Mrs. Young lived in Union and Cooper City, Fla. before moving to Springfield six years ago. She was a member of Life-Lighters of St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills, and a former member and secretary of the Davie County Women's Club, Cooper City.  
Surviving are two daughters, Muriel McGowan and Mary Falcone, 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Born in Bologneta, Sicily, province of Palermo, Mr. Prizzi lived in Summit before moving to Tucson four years ago. He was a welder with Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Harding Township, for many years and retired 25 years ago. Mr. Prizzi also owned a landscaping business. He served in the Italian Army during World War II.  
Surviving are his wife, Grace; two sons, Joseph and Alessio; a daughter, Mary Painter; two brothers, Vincent and Charles; two sisters, Mary Giannamano and Camela Grandinetti, and seven grandchildren.

**Ruby S. Rogers**

Ruby S. Rogers of Summit died Nov. 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Roxboro, N.C., Mrs. Rogers moved to Summit 35 years ago. She was a parking attendant with the Summit Medical Group for many years. Mrs. Rogers was a member of the Rose of Sharon 40, Court of Caliente of Summit. She also was a member of the Gospel Choir of Fountain Baptist Church, Summit.  
Surviving are two daughters, Sherry J. and Betty A. Wilkerson, a sister,

Geneva Mitchell, eight grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

**George A. Richner**

George Albert Richner, 86, of Summit died Dec. 3 in the King James Nursing Home, Chatham.  
Born in Danville, Ill., Mr. Richner lived in many places throughout the country, including Richmond, Va.; Manhattan, N.Y.; and Hokokus before moving to Summit in 1977. He was employed in the retail institutional food and executive training industries for more than 60 years. Mr. Richner served most recently as president of

Search Associates Inc., an executive-recruiting consultant company in Summit from 1977 to 1998. He was the founder of One Stop Foods Inc., an institutional food-distribution subsidiary of Fnat Supermarkets in Boston. Mr. Richner also had been president and chief executive officer of Foodco Inc., the Bronx. He held executive positions with Butler Brothers, Chicago; Adam Hat Stores, New York; Eastern Department Stores, Richmond, Va., and McCrory-McLellan-Green Stores, New York.  
Mr. Richner began his career working for the Chicago-based Montgom-

ery Ward after receiving a bachelor's degree in marketing and financing from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1937. After serving as a major in the Army during World War II, he rejoined Montgomery Ward and rose from a management trainee to store manager. Mr. Richner was a member of the Board of Trustees at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City.  
Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Beulah; a daughter, Trina Lawson, and a brother, William Eugene.

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**Theodore J. Wagner**

Theodore J. Wagner, 84, of Springfield died Dec. 6 in Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.  
Born in Newark, Mr. Wagner lived in Springfield for 19 years. He was an office worker with Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, for many years and retired 19 years ago. Mr. Wagner served in the Army during World War II. He was a deacon, an elder and the clerk of consistency, all at the North Reformed Church, Newark. Mr. Wagner was an organist, and he played for residents of the Reformed Church Home in Irvington and for members of the F&M Nutley Lodge 25 and Maple Lodge 196, Maplewood.  
Surviving is his wife, Mildred.

**William J. Fisher**

William J. Fisher, 85, of Basking Ridge, formerly of Summit, died Nov. 24 at home.  
Born in Spotland, Mr. Fisher lived in Connecticut and Summit for 30 years before moving to Basking Ridge six years ago. He worked for Auto Chem, a company that sold and serviced industrial vacuums along the East Coast, before retiring more than 20 years ago. Mr. Fisher was a member of the Duskum-Columbia Lodge No. 25 F&M in Glastonbury, Conn. He was a major in the Army Air Forces during World War II. Mr. Fisher was a member of the United States Retired Officers Association.  
Surviving is a sister, Eleanor Leasee.

**Joseph Prizzi**

Joseph Prizzi, 76, of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Summit, died Nov. 29 in Northwest Medical Center, Tucson.

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# Rainbows offers youth crisis response program for Sept. 11 grief support

"Children and teens need adults to guide them through the reality and aftermath of the terrorist attacks," says Mary Robinson, Executive Director of the NJ State Chapter of RAINBOWS Inc. the world's largest international grief-support organization. "This is an unprecedented crisis. As the caregivers and protectors of our youth, it is our obligation to help them. Working together, we will learn to pick up and move forward."

Since it's founded in 1985, RAINBOWS has served nearly one million youth grieving the loss of a parent due

to death, divorce, separation, abandonment or any other significant, painful family transition. To help children and teens reconcile the events and aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, RAINBOWS International is offering a classroom-based, age-directed crisis response program called Silver Linings 2001.

Each Silver Linings edition provides six group sessions and contains an instructor's manual and reproducible participant booklet. The program is free to all New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland and Washing-

ton, D.C. schools, faith communities and agencies where children and teens meet.

"The single most important factor that helps grieving kids become emotionally adjusted, competent, healthy adults is the active involvement of at least one stable adult who cares and a safe, secure space to share their feelings and tell their story," says Robinson. "RAINBOWS provides all of these things for children."

A group of eighth graders participating in a Silver Linings program in Bayonne said they felt left out and

uninformed after Sept. 11. "Adults treat us like 10 years olds," said one 13-year-old girl near tears.

Delores Hurley, coordinator for RAINBOWS at St. Vincent's in Bayonne, said: "Across the board these kids are afraid. They need someone to talk to. At the end of our program when they wanted to continue, I suggested they bring their Silver Linings journal home and leave it on the coffee table to spark discussion in the family. The journal is an excellent tool not just for the classroom but also for parents at home."

"Grief is not a disorder or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity. It's the price we pay for love and for loving. The only cure for grief is to grieve. And the way we do that whether we're a child or an adult is by telling and sharing our story, by feeling our feelings and not keeping them bottled up inside," says Robinson.

For more information about RAINBOWS crisis response and Silver Linings call 800-266-3206. For information about starting a RAINBOWS program at your school, church or

agency, or to register your child for RAINBOWS, call the NJ State Chapter Office at 908-608-0888.

Visit the RAINBOWS website at [www.rainbows.org](http://www.rainbows.org) or [www.rainbowsnj.org](http://www.rainbowsnj.org).

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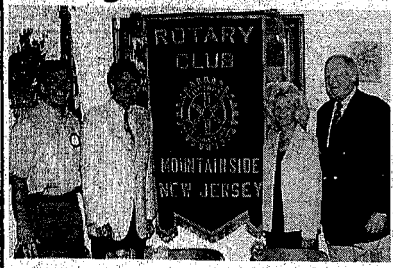
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## Joining the club



Inducting J. Patrick Gronwey, past district governor of District 7510 and former member of the Hillside Rotary Club into the Mountainside Rotary Club are, from left, Dan Falcone, vice president and welcoming officer; Gronwey; Marsha Cardon, district governor elect and Gronwey's sponsor, and past district governor Torbjorn Hugel-Jensen.

## Shrensel to be honored Sunday

Marilyn Shrensel, a Hadassah member of many years, has been chosen as Springfield Hadassah's 2002 Woman of the Year.

Shrensel, a Springfield resident and life member of Hadassah, is currently co-vice president of fundraising for the township chapter, according to copresidents Irene Chotiner and Dorotha Schwartz. She is also involved in a variety of other volunteer activities for the Springfield chapter, including managing Entertainment Book sales.

A former chapter membership vice president, she has over the years held numerous other positions with Springfield Hadassah. She is also a life member of the National Council of Jewish Women and a member of Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield and its Sisterhood. She is married to Julius Shrensel, a life associate member of the Springfield Hadassah. Shrensel will be honored Sunday along with other Northern New Jersey



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Hadassah Chapter Women of the Year at the Hanover Marriott Hotel, Whippany. The Springfield chapter will honor her locally in April 2002.

## McLaughlin earns Shining Star Award

Barbara McLaughlin, Mountainside, a systems director for Prudential Individual Financial Services in Isehn, has received a Prudential Community Champions Shining Star Award of \$1,000 for Contact USA Inc., in support of Contact We Care Inc.

The Prudential Community Champions Awards Program, administered by the Company's Local Initiatives Division, has recognized 892 Prudential employees and retirees who excel in volunteer commitment, leadership and service in their communities. The Prudential Foundation is providing more than \$639,000 in grants to the organizations in which

these associates volunteer.

"Around the globe, our volunteers continue to demonstrate an overwhelming commitment to making communities strong, vibrant and nurturing environments," said Mary O'Malley, vice president of Prudential's Local Initiatives Division. "Prudential's Local Initiatives Division is proud to recognize Community Champion award winners as leaders who embrace volunteerism as an essential part of their lives."

McLaughlin devotes an average of 14 hours per month to Contact We Care. For more than 13 years, she has led an ear to the elderly, lonely, physically sick and emotionally and mentally disabled who may not have anyone else to listen. Contact We Care aims to provide an atmosphere of non-judgmental listening that offers referrals to callers who seek outside assistance.

## NEWS CLIPS

### Troop 73 spends time with wild horses

Several scouts from Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73 and their leaders spent a weekend on Assateague Island in Maryland. The troop wanted to go backpacking in an unusual place.

Assateague is one of the islands that has wild horses roaming the beaches. Chincoteague in Virginia is another. The first night was spent camping at a part of the island that is more popular with the tourists and also with the horses.

Entering the island there are signs warning to go slow and watch for wandering horses. Of course, where there are horse droppings one has to

step carefully and more importantly be careful where one pitches a tent. During the first night, one of the scoutmasters woke up and noticed a horse walking through our campsite. The scoutmaster camped under the stars and was lucky not to be stepped on by the horse. The next day the troop hiked along the beach for six miles to the campsite that was on the bay. Several scouts tried their luck fishing. David Bertschy was the only one to catch anything — a carp.

The next day the troop trudged back to the cars against a strong head wind. Instead of sunburn the scouts got windburn. The troop was led on the outing by Second Class Scout James Kukucka who had the responsi-

bility to mix up the hike. Of course, Senior Patrol Leader John Cottage helped. All of the scouts made it back as James's leadership proved sound.

On the trip home, the troop took the Cape May/Lewes Ferry. The wind was very strong, which made the ferry trip quite rocky. All the scouts said they had a good time and want to go back.

### 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 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.

"The gift annuity we now offer allows supporters to both maintain a regular income and provide meaningful support to Children's Specialized Hospital," according to Salerno.

### Temple starts Craig Bross Memorial Fund

Thanks to the generosity of Elaine and Irv Bross, Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, will inaugurate the Craig Bross Memorial Academic Scholarship of Excellence.

The scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis to the top graduates of the Temple's Religious School program to encourage the students to continue their program.

To be eligible, a student is selected by the Kiath Zayin seventh grade faculty and the Religious School principal, must be a member in good standing of the Temple and committed to attend the Teen Institute (or approved HHS program). We hope to present the first of such scholarship awards at our Religious School graduation program May 21. For more information, call the Religious School office, 973-376-0539, ext. 19.

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Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-5 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for post barbra mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387.

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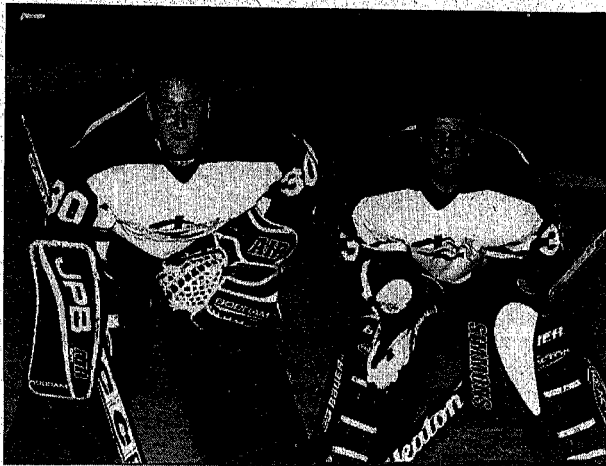
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The Governor Livingston High School ice hockey team is sparked by the play of goalies Paul Kelley and Adam Englemeyer.

## Gov. Livingston ice hockey primed for standout season Highlanders have their strongest squad

The Governor Livingston High School ice hockey team is primed to have an outstanding season in this its third year of existence.

The Highlanders, who are now situated in the Central Blue Conference, are guided once again by head coach Paul Kostrowski.

"Being with the GL ice hockey program since its inception, I feel that this is our strongest team to date," Kostrowski said. "After graduating only four seniors, we have a solid core of players who have been together at least two years."

This year's squad includes seniors Steve Brown, Jason Corwin, Jason Krawczyk, Chris Pagano, Gupreet Phull and Scott Pringle; juniors Ryan Anderson, Kevin Giglio, Paul Kelley, Kyle Weltman and David Wilkin; sophomores Rob Condrillo, Bruno Kruse, Jon Landis, Adam Englemeyer and Kevin Weinstein; and freshmen Anthony Iernicola and Joe Pijanowski.

"It's exciting to see the talent of our freshmen and the veteran players who have been to so many camps," Kostrowski said. "Last season we played in order to be ranked in a certain division. This year we are truly in a competitive one."

The Central Blue Conference consists of Governor Livingston, Dayton, Johnson, West Orange, Newark East Side, Passaic Valley and Montclair-Kimberly Academy.

## Summit girls' basketball has ability and solid work ethic

### Hilltoppers guided by first-year coach Kelleher

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

Having the pieces fall into place.

That's what first-year Summit High School girls' basketball coach Dennis Kelleher hopes will happen for his team this season.

"We need to work on our timing and playing together as a team," Kelleher said. "You need those things to be successful."

Kelleher, who takes over the reins from Dana Farinella, was the boys' junior varsity coach for the past two seasons. He also served as the boys' freshmen coach for 10 years prior to that.

"It's tough coming in new, so patience will be a big thing," Kelleher said. "The girls have a good work ethic and are coming off some success from last year."

Summit averaged a 500 record at 11-11 last season. The Hilltoppers qualified for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs and lost in the quarterfinal round to Hanover Park 46-26.

"They're a good group of girls and I expect a decent year from them," Kelleher said. "We probably aren't going to be one of the top teams, but one that's somewhere in the middle."

The Hilltoppers are led by junior co-captains Ashley Holmes and Sasha Orenzack. Both are 5-7 forwards, while senior guard Lauren Eric is 5-5.

When asked on Dec. 7 to name his entire varsity roster, Kelleher would only disclose the names of those three players.

"We don't have a lot of experience or numbers," Kelleher said. "That, coupled with a new system, will take time to click."

Kelleher feels that it will take until the second half of the season until results are seen.

"The girls still have to learn how to play team basket-

## Dayton ice hockey team captures first

The Dayton High School ice hockey team evened its record 1-1 by defeating Newark East Side 4-1 Saturday night at Twin Oaks Ice Arena in Morristown, Dayton's home rink this year.

Craig Radizon, Adam Cohen, Eric Decier and Steve Mandel scored for the Bulldogs, while junior goaltender Michael Rodriguez made 10 saves, including one on a penalty shot, to win earn his first victory.

Cohen and Mandel scored twice in a season-opening 6-4 loss to Montclair-Kimberly Academy at Clary Anderson Arena in Montclair on Dec. 5.

With Dayton clinging to a 2-1 lead against East Side,

GL has scheduled non-conference games against Madison, Millburn, Mahwah, Montville and Cranford.

GL was scheduled to open its season last Friday night against Passaic Valley at the Bridgewater Sports Arena in Bridgewater, its home ice rink.

The Highlanders were scheduled to skate against Mahwah Monday at the Ice House Rink in Hackensack.

GL is scheduled to face Passaic Valley once again in conference play tomorrow at 9:30 p.m. in Bridgewater and then skate against Dayton in conference play Sunday at 4:15 p.m. in Bridgewater.

Upcoming: Tomorrow: Passaic Valley 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewater; Sunday: Dayton 4:15 p.m. at Bridgewater; Dec. 21 Johnson 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewater; Dec. 22 West Essex 6 p.m. at South Mountain; Dec. 28 Madison 5:45 p.m. at Menneus Arena; Dec. 30 Cranford 4:15 p.m. at Bridgewater; Jan. 4 Millburn 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewater; Jan. 10 West Orange 5 p.m. at Scout Mountain; Jan. 13 Montclair-Kimberly Academy 4:15 p.m. at Bridgewater; Jan. 18 East Side 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewater; Jan. 26 Dayton 9 p.m. at Twin Oaks; Jan. 27 Montville at Bridgewater; Jan. 30 Montclair-Kimberly Academy 8 p.m. at Montclair; Jan. 31 East Side; 4 p.m. at Ironbound; Feb. 1 Madison 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewater; Feb. 6 Johnson 6 p.m. at Warinanco; Feb. 10 West Orange 4:15 p.m. at Bridgewater; Feb. 15 Mahwah 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewater.

## Dayton girls' basketball has high expectations this year Bulldogs are beyond rebuilding point

By Jeff Wolfrum  
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Having turned the corner in establishing itself as one of the better teams in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1, the Dayton High School girls' basketball team has high expectations entering this season.

"I'm expecting a great year and an improvement on our record from last season," head coach Dave Rennie said. "We also want to go far in the state and county tournaments."

Coming off a 13-7 mark, Dayton was defeated in the quarterfinals of last year's sectionals by Glen Ridge 44-24. In the Union County Tournament, the Bulldogs dropped a 54-37 decision to Governor Livingston in first-round play at Linden.

It was the first time in seven years that Dayton qualified for the state playoffs.

"We're beyond the rebuilding point," Rennie said. "We're at the winning level now."

Rennie, who's entering his fifth season at the helm, will be assisted by second-year coaches Steve Griffiths and Dave Campbell and first-year volunteer Mary Alice Zavocki.

"I like my team's energy level," Rennie said. "They work very hard in practice."

A 13-player roster includes just one senior. That player is 5-5 shooting guard Esther Aizenberg.

Juniors in the fold include 5-6 forward Iyasha Gordon, 5-8 forward Kate Ciallo, 5-4 guard Ashley Goldberg and 5-7 forward Val Ziotsky.

Sophomores are 5-6 guard Lindsay Brahm, 5-9 forward Lisa Lisowski, 5-8 forward Margaret Mysliwiec, 5-3 point guard Sara Steinman and 5-6 guards Michelle Thomasino and Krystina Fogard.

Freshmen include 5-8 forward Amanda DiCuccio and 5-7 guard Cristina Zavocki.

Fogard will start the season on the injured list, while Zavocki is the younger sister of volunteer coach Mary Alice.

"Many of the girls are multi-sport athletes," Rennie said. "Being athletic is one of our strengths, so we want to run

the floor and wear down other teams."

Dayton will seek to keep the opposition on the run with a flex offense that requires a lot of ball movement.

"We want to run the fast-break and score off turnovers," Rennie said. "We also have good shooters."

What the Bulldogs lack is size and height.

"Many games we're going to be outsize," Rennie said. "That's why the coaching staff is stressing good positioning and getting to the right spot underneath so we can box-out and keep teams from getting second and third shots."

Dayton will play a man-to-man defense with some zone press at half court to change things up a little.

"We instituted the zone defense in a few of our scrimmages," Rennie said. "The girls seemed to enjoy playing it."

Dayton has scrimmaged Whippany Park, Mount St. Mary's, Holy Family, West Orange and Hanover Park.

"It was good competition for us," Rennie said. "Especially playing Hanover Park, who won North 2, Group 2 last year."

Dayton is scheduled to open its season tomorrow at Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division North Plainfield. The Bulldogs are then scheduled to play at home against Bound Brook Tuesday and then at New Providence on Dec. 20. All three conference games are 7 p.m. starts.

Dayton is scheduled to compete in the Roselle Park Tournament on Dec. 27-29 against the likes of Roselle Park, Roselle and Johnson.

"We're going to be tested early," Rennie said. "North Plainfield is very good."

Rennie feels since the de-regionalization a few years back, the school has had fewer students to choose from. However, thanks to the Middle School and Nettes programs in Springfield, the coach thinks girls' basketball is getting more popular and interest is peaking.

All in all, Rennie feels that the program is headed for bigger and better things.

"I expect nothing but the best effort from the girls in anything they do, whether it be playing basketball or doing their school work," Rennie said.

## Summit boys' basketball is out to reach that next level Hilltoppers seeking increased success

By Jeff Wolfrum  
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"If we play as hard as possible, we'll have the opportunity to achieve things at the next level," is what Summit High School boys' basketball coach Eugene Maxwell said about his team's fortunes this year.

Maxwell, who's entering his third season at the helm of the Hilltoppers, posted a 157 mark last year and led his team to a berth in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs.

After defeating Chatham 42-39 in the quarterfinal round, Summit dropped a 76-62 decision to eventual champion Weequahic.

"It was the second year in a row that we lost in the semifinals to the eventual champs," Maxwell said. "That's what we see as our barrier."

The Hilltoppers have a roster of 13 players which includes five seniors, three juniors and five sophomores.

Seniors include 6-2 forward Corey Hershey, 6-3 forward Dan Dugan and Greg Mortensen, 6-2 senior guard Matt Audberg and 6-4 forward Matt Andrews.

Juniors consist of 6-3 forward Alex Sprinzen, 6-foot guard Tony Johnson and 6-1 guard Steve Barloxica.

Sophomores are 6-2 forward Chris Dean, 6-4 forward Anson Fraser, 5-10 guard Kevin McNeil and 6-1 guards Dwight and Dwayne Reid, twin brothers.

"We have depth, so many players are going to gain experience with a lot of playing time," Maxwell said.

"That will help our program in the next couple of years."

Lacking height, Summit will combat that weakness with an up-tempo offense that emphasizes movement and speed with the ball.

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## Dayton athletes earn varsity letters

A total of 96 Dayton High School student-athletes were awarded varsity letters during a dinner awards program held at Dayton Dec. 5.

The program featured guest speaker Adrienne Goodson, who is a forward for the WNBA's Utah Starz.

The program concluded with the following athletes receiving their fall letter awards:

Girls' Soccer: Esther Aizenberg, Lauren Gearly, Kara Christman, Staci Max Chandai Patel, Juliana Sravato, Lindsay Brahm, Cheng Chen, Margaret Mysliwiec, Jayne Sablosky, Geny Schwarberg, Sara Steinman, Marisa Bianco, Amanda DiCuccio, Alyson Helfand, Jennifer Karl, Ann Maria Licotese, Lindsay Schuckman, Cathryn Tille, Cristin Zavocki, Pam Trautz.

Boys' Soccer: Mo Abdelaziz, Ryan Stromeyer, Giuseppe Bianco, Mike Nitolo, Matt Schuchel, Andrew Tille, Dan Jannik, Brad Shottell, Carlos Soto, Ted Young Andrzej Moczulowski, Helmi Abdelaziz, Lis Soto, Boris Pivtorak/Matthew Sauerhoff, Michael Tiss, Assunta DiMuro, Nicole Molinari.

Cross Country: Wojciech Mysliwiec, Stefano Saracino, John Cottage, Tim Homlish, Ted Chellis, Anthony DeNico, Arkadiusz Maciak, Jeremy Marx, Thomas Milpoe, Dave Sklar, Steven Mandel, Jennifer Tavis, Diana Marques, Juli Marx, Sheryl Denning, Brian Gans.

Girls' Volleyball: Lauren Belliveau, Nicole Zurke, Lindsey Byball, Alphonse Vadekethalaki, Maria Zlotarsky, Elissa Walters, Andrea Handeli, Nicole Lay, Lisa Lisowski, Danielle Schwartz, Michele Tomasino.

Girls' Tennis: Tabitha Fishkin, Nicole Ossi, Rena Steinbach, Jamie Neville, Val Ziotsky, Amanda Garlen, Rachel Goldman, Cassie Fishkin, Jamie Weisman, Abby Wilkowitz.

Cheerleaders: Vangie Chanda, Jeannier Lewis, Heather Stanley, Kristin Griffin, Guita Lewis, Jennifer Rego, Ashley Bolser, Ashley Steinhil, Iliana Nehms, Kristy Numeister, Rachel McMillan, Ashley Hill, David Sherman, Colby Tiss.

Gymnastics: Alex Kalb, Allison Sharpe, Lisa Cypcar, Football: Scott Hollander, Justin Woodruff, Joe Kahoonei.

## Springfield hoop teams win

Both St. James, Springfield Pee Wee (grades 3 and 4) basketball teams opened with CYO victories last week. The St. James Blue squad scored a 20-14 win over St. Gen's of Elizabeth. Danny Osiac paced the winners with a seven-point effort, while Julianne Capron netted six. Nicky Police scored three points, while Matt McElroy and Brian DeNardis had two each.

Chris Komph and David Wightman, along with Osiac, Police and McElroy, anchored a solid defensive effort.

In New Providence, the St. James Gold team defeated St. Elizabeth's of Linden 26-24. Kevin McGovern had 10 points and five rebounds, while Danny DuBeau had six points and 10 boards. Dan DiPietro scored four points and Jason Condon, Chris Petrucelli and Joe Petrucelli two.

