TWO SECTION

Goldstein is mayor

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

At Springfield's reorganizational meeting Tuesday, Steven Goldstein was sworn in as mayor, among thunderous applause from his family, friends, fellow Township Committee members and his public.

embers and his public. "Today is New Year's Day," Goldstein's speech began, "and is there anyone here who is not relieved to be bidding farewell to 2001?"

Goldstein said that all the good

things that happened in the previous year were overshadowed by the tragedy of Sept. 11.

"We can hope for a year of peace, harmony and prosperity in 2002," he said. "The events of Sept. 11 changed not only our world, it changed our country, our state and our town. It is with these new realities that we must reflect upon what has been accomplished in the last three years by this Township Committee and what lays ahead of us in the future."

Goldstein has served on the Township Committee for the past three years. He was re-elected to the committee in the November election. He talked about the accomplish-

ments the committee has made in those last three years, citing the maintaining of property taxes at a relatively stable minimum, the study of both the Police and Fire departments with the intention of enhancing both faculties, the farmer's market, the jitney with its increased ridership, and family events such as the July 4th celebration.

Goldstein said that there were issues, however, that also divided the township.

"The bond referendum to renovate our fields failed by a narrow margin, as well as our school board budget," said Goldstein.

The new mayor said that it's always distressful when a community does becomes divided.

"When I think of community, I think not of just the physical place but an inner place, a spiritual place; a place from where we all draw our identity and form our common trust. We're all in this together, young and old, and a community divided really cannot stand." Goldstein said.

Also at the meeting, Committeewoman Clara Harelik was selected as deputy mayor. This is her fourth year on the Township Committee and she has previously served as mayor in 2000.

In a previous meeting, Dec. 26, Sy Mullman made his last speech as mayor of Springfield. He thanked everyone on the Township Committee for their help and devotion.

"We had a lot of trials and tribulations, a lot of happiness and a lot of sorrow, but everyone always stepped to the front, everyone always gave their all," he said. There were heated battles at times and it was not because we were in different parties - they were because we had different philosophies and in the end the only thing that counted was the outcome of how it would benefit the township and the residents."

Mullman sent a special thanks out to Gregory Clarke, the deputy mayor,



Photo By Jeff Granit

Township Committeeman Steven Goldstein gets ready for his first term as mayor of Springfield. He was officially sworn in at the township's reorganization meeting Tuesday.

'We can hope for a year of peace, harmony and prosperity in 2002.'

— Steven Goldstein

saying how he helped out a lot since Mullman's work hours were sometimes not conducive to the township's hours.

This was Mullman's second time serving as mayor.

"The thing I enjoyed the most this whole year was when we went to the school and we did all the stuff with the kids," said Mullman. "There's nothing that brings more joy to your heart than to see these little kids and the questions they ask you and the attitudes that they have and they want to learn, it's tremendous."

Mullman also sent a special thanks out to Township Administrator Richard Sheola, joking that in the

closed-door meetings the two of them had, at times their discussions would get quite heated, but that it was a good thing because it showed they both cared.

Mullman thanked all the department heads and congratulated them on the wonderful jobs they did all year, saying that it was unfortunate that they don't receive more praise for their hard work.

"I really want to thank everybody for your philosophy and your attitude and the homework you did. The ones who benefitted the most were the residents of this community and I thank everybody for the hard work they did," said Mullman.

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By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

At the Springfield Planning Board meeting on Wednesday night, the senior housing project on Black's Lane and the application for a Commerce Bank and CVS drug store were both unanimously approved.

The senior housing project was approved with variances pending drainage issues and approval of the adjacent lot, Lot 6.

On Nov. 7, the board gave preliminary approval to the senior housing project pending additional variances, including the fulfillment of a height variance, the submission of an affordable housing market plan, and that the plan meets the township engineer's requirements.

The area is currently zoned for affordable housing, which will enable the senior housing proposal to comply with the township's Mt. Laurel obligation, since it will provide for eight units to be reserved for low- to moderate-income housing. The remaining 32 units will be market rentals.

The 40-unit complex will contain 22 two-bedroom units, and 18 onebedrooms. The site is an area that has a density of 17 units per acre, allowing slightly more than 40 units to be constructed on the site.

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

The Commerce Bank and CVS site plans have gone through similar revisions, dealing mainly with the possible increase of traffic flow on Black's Lane. The new bank and drug store will be coming in on Morris and Springfield avenues where Stanley's Restaurant currently resides.

The preliminary approval for the site plans came at a Dec. 5 Planning Board meeting. The preliminary approval was pending changes including the entrance going into Black's Lane, signage changes, meeting the adjoining properties conditions, and drainage issues.

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 seniors who attend functions there, especially once the new senior housing project is constructed.

Officials do not know when construction will begin on either project or when they will be completed.

Despite recruits, borough need more mayor

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Committeewoman Clara Harelik takes the oath to serve

as Springfield's new deputy mayor. This will be her

fourth year of service on the Township Committee.

After announcing the appointment of two new volunteers for the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department, Mayor Robert F. Viglianti pleaded with the public, saying, "The Fire Department needs volunteers. The

Rescue Squad needs volunteers." The appointment came at a Borough Council meeting Dec. 18. Due to a lack of volunteers. Mountainside has hired Atlantic Ambulance Corporation, a division of Atlantic Health Systems, to provide emergency medical coverage on weekdays between 4 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The mayor's plea led to questions from the audience as to how much

longer Mountainside's emergency services can rely on volunteers for the daytime and weekend shifts.

Photo By Jeff Granit

"I hope to God I'm wrong on this, but I don't think we have another year," said Viglianti.

He explained how the borough has done heavy advertising through flvers and on TV-35 asking for volunteers.

"Mountainside's situation today is not different than, I would say, 70 percent of Union County," the mayor

He said that some of the neighboring communities were using their fire departments for coverage or paying for outside help.

Atlantic handles Mountainside's emergency medical services, as of

now, during the weekday 12-hour shifts from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m., but a formal contract has not yet been signed. Atlantic houses personnel and emergency medical vehicles in Mountainside.

"The other services that we know of would not have had any vehicles housed in Mountainside. It would not be dedicated to Mountainside," said Viglianti.

The mayor said that right now, this is their only choice.

"The only organization that would house in Mountainside, have personnel in Mountainside and be prominent in Mountainside was Atlantic," he said.

The borough will most likely sign a

one-year contract with Atlantic. If Mountainside or Atlantic wants, for any reason, to opt out of the contract. both parties can only do so 120 days after the initial date that the opt-out request was filed.

"If Atlantic says to us that there's really no money in this, they can't just walk out the door immediately. They have to wait 120 days," said Borough Administrator James Debbie.

The 120 days will give Mountainside time to find another company, or maybe get more volunteers.

Atlantic will provide Mountainside with monthly reports which will outline the company's response time and the medical proceedures they used. The borough's Rescue Squad and

Police Department will review the

Having the emergency medical services provided by Atlantic does not increase residents' taxes. Instead, a fee of \$325 is charged to the insurance company of the person who is receiving the medical treatment.

There is no fee charged if the person refuses medical attention, once the ambulance arrives.

If more residents don't volunteer for the First Aid Squad, Mountainside will be forced to contract Atlantic to cover all its shifts.

"I hope I'm wrong," said Viglianti. "I hope a year from now the squad has its members, but I just don't see it in today's society."

Borough man arrested on arson charges

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Mountainside resident Daniel Cahill Jr. was arrested on a thirddegree arson charge Dec. 26 after several fires were reported on the property of Elizabethtown Water Co. over the past month and a half.

Cahill's home, on Charles Street, where he lives with his parents, is approximately 100 feet from where the fires had been set.

Cahill, 47, has been employed as a Union County social worker since 1985. Due to the arrest, he has been suspended from his job. However, officials have not yet determined if he will be paid during the suspension.

"There are different degrees of crimes for the severity of the crime and the severity of the crime that he qualified for was third-degree arson." said Mountainside Police Sgt. Allan Attanasio, who is also assigned to the Union County Arson Task Force. This is in the middle of the upper end of a criminal offense."

The first reported fire in that area occurred Nov. 15. It was a small brush flue, appenaimately 100 by 100 feet, at e pamping station on Elizabethtown

Water Co. property.

"That was reported to the Police and Fire departments. The Fire Department responded and extinguished that fire," said Attanasio.

On Nov. 26, there was a shed set ablaze on the property. The Police and Pire departments didn't know about that fire originally because it was never reported. It was extinguished by the homeowner.

On Dec. 22, another small brush fire was set on the property. The Police and Fire departments were notified and responded to this one. The police report makes note that this was the second time in a month's period that a fire had been started in that

same area. On Dec. 25, another small brush fire on the property went unreported to authorities. "It was either selfextinguished or was put out by the person who lit it," said Attanasio.

Finally, on Dec. 26 at 12:53 a.m., a resident called the Pire Department to report the latest brush fire. That resident turned out to be Cahill's mother, Olga Cahill.

The Fire Department responded to the scene and discovered that there

were two aerosol cans in the fire. "Knowing the history of fire in that

area and that this was suspicious in nature, they allowed the fire to extinguish itself and preserved the scene as evidence," said Attanasio.

The Pire Department notified the Police Department and the Union County Arson Task Force, which arrived on the scene and conducted an investigation.

According to the police report, Olga Cahill stated that she was in her home when she heard a loud boom. As she went to see what the noise was, her son walked into the house and immediately went downstairs to the basement where he sleeps.

Police officers went down to the basement to question Daniel Cahill. The police report states that Cahill was standing in front of a sink with a toothbrush in his mouth, moving it back and forth, without any toothpaste on it. When asked what he was doing. Cahill said that he was brushing his

The officers went back upstairs to talk to Olga Cahill and get some information on her son. She stated that her

son has some mental problems and that she did not think he had been taking his medication.

"We were able to develop information that the individual who was arrested had set the fire," said Attanasio.

When the initial information determined that Cahill may have been the one to set the fires, he was brought to Mountainside Police Headquarters and questioned.

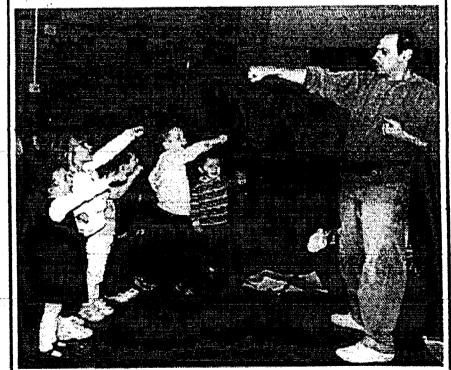
"He gave a statement that he had set all the fires," said Attanasio. "At that point, he was charged with thirddegree arson." In his statement, Cahill said that the

reason he started the fires was becasue he wanted to get rid of all the brush in the area, the leaves, the sticks and growth. He said that he started the fires with lighter fluid.

Bail was set at \$10,000. Cahiil was released on bail and sent to an inpatient facility at the request of his

"It will most likely go to a grand jury for an indictment and if he's indicted, there will be a court date set," said Attanasio.

Karate kids



Springfield YMCA students in the 'Focus 4 You' class show off their karate moves with their teacher, Carmen Puglio. The Springfield YMCA offers several karate programs along with sports classes for preschoolers and school-age children. Registration is open for winter classes. Call 973-467-0838 for more information.

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Grant funds lectures

The Union County Board of Cho sen Freeholders has awarded a HEART — History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands - Grant to Temple Beth Ahm's Hazak group and Kean University's Jewish Studies and World Affairs program. Grant funding has also been received from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. These monies will support a lecture series titled "Communication in a Multicultural World."

The lectures will be presented monthly from January through May at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, and are open to the public at no charge. Each will be on a Monday evening at 8 p.m.; the dates are: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 22 and May 20.

The keynote lecture in January will be presented by Kean University President Ronald L. Applbaum on the series thême: "Crossing Boundaries: Problems and Prospects of Multicultural Communication." Prior to his appointment at Kean University, Applbaum served as president of Westfield State College. He has also held positions as vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Texas-Pan American and as dean of the School of Humanities at California State University-Long Beach.

Kean Political Science Professor Gilbert Kahn will present the Feb. 11 lecture on the topic: "Jews and Muslims: Is the Arab-Israeli Conflict Based on a Failure to Communicate?," and on March 11, Eric Pennington, professor of literature at Kean, will speak on and give his personal account of "Jews and Latinos: Underlying Causes of the Residual Racism in Argentina." Susan Lederman, professor of public administration at Kean, was a "hidden child" during the Holocaust; she will share her personal experiences April 22 as she speaks on "Jews and Christians: Memories of a Hidden Child." The concluding lecture May 20 will be presented by Dennis Klein, historian and director of the Jewish studies and world affairs program at Kean, on the topic of "Jews and Blacks: The Diffe-

rent Sounds of Freedom's Ring." This educational program was made possible in part by a HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and by a grant from the New Jersey Council for Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the

For directions to Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield or other information. call 973-376-0539, Ext. 11.

Reorganization meeting planned

The annual reorganization meeting of the Springfield Board of Health will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Springfield Annex Building, 20 N. Members of the public are wel-

come to attend.

Editorial deadlines Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday

Entertainment - Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon. Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m. General - Monday 5 p.m.

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.

• Mountainside Youth Baseball conducts its 2002 season registration at the Deerfield School cafeteria, B02 Central Ave. and School Prive, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fees are payable at the time of registration. For information, call 908-232-4373.

• Participants can learn how to attract all kinds of birds to their feeding stations in a program offered at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, at 2 p.m. Call 908-789-3670 for

Monday

• Mountainside Youth Baseball continues 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.

• The Springfield Free Public Library's new Lunchtime Video Series kicks off with "Decoding Nazi Secrets" at noon, a film set in 1940 during the Nazi invasion of Europe.

Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, stop by the library at 66 Mountain Ave., or call 973-376-4930. • The Book Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library announces its first winter selection, "One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd" by Jim Fergus, at 7:30 p.m. The book is an

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Call the Springfield YMCA at 973-467-0838 for more information.

RELIGION

• The public is invited to a program sponsored by the Springfield Environmental Commission on ways to reduce greenhouse emissions and clean up New Jersey air. The program takes place 7:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church Parish House at 37 Church Mall, Springfield. For infor-

mation, call 973-376-3436.

• The Mountainside Board of Education will conduct a public hearing at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, Mountainside, to review the Beechwood and Deerfield school projects at the Planning Board meeting.

• The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor the second annual Adopt-a-Trail orientation meeting, rescheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 27, at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

Preregistration for the orientation meeting is required. Call Trailside at 908-789-3670, Ext. 221, to register.

• Mountainside Youth Baseball continues 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 908-273-3262.

• The Springfield Public Library's Teen Music Party comes back to the library at 66 Mountain Ave., 7 to 9 p.m. The party for sixth- to ninthgraders will take place in the Donald B. Palmer Museum, and includes dancing, games, snacks, and a professional deciay.

For more information, stop by the Children's Desk or call 973-376-4930, Ext. 232.

• A beach-themed creativity program takes place at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside. Call 908-789-3670 for information. The fee is \$2 per craft.

• "Crossing Boundaries: Problems and Prospects of Multicultural Communication" will be a lecture presented by Kean University President Ronald L. Applbaum at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive. Springfield, 8 p.m. Grant monies will support a series of lectures presented monthly on the topic of multiculturalism at Temple Beth Ahm from January through May.

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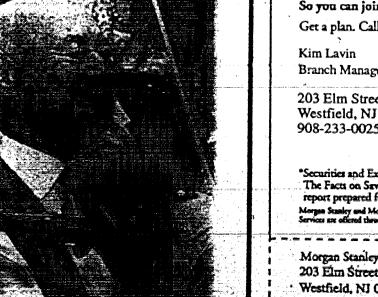
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approved By Joshua Zaitz Hoping to lower Springfield's fire insurance rates and make the residents

safer, the Township Committee approved the purchase of a new fire pumper at a Dec. 26 meeting. Township Administrator, Richard Sheola explained that the town has three fire pumpers, one of them being 27 years old. Sheola said that the Insurance Service Organization does a rating of a municipalities' first line apparatuses roughly every 10 years.

New fire

pumper is

years old or less, and this one happens to be 27," said Sheola. In insurance terms, the 27-year-old pumper is not even considered part of the fleet, which means the township

only has two pumpers instead of the

"They only consider a first line

apparatus, a pumper truck that is 20

three they actually operate. "That in turn goes to the insurance company, so when they rate a municipality for fire insurance purposes, they rate us as only having two firstclass pumpers, which means your fire insurance rates are a few ticks higher than they should be," said Sheola. The new pumper was funded for the amount of \$286,400 and will replace the 27-year-old pumper. "We came in right at the amount we

budgetted," said Sheola. Fire pumpers are custom made to fit the needs of each town, explained Fire Chief William Gras. "This is not something you just pick out in a showroom," he said. "They're custom made. The designers meet with us. They meet with our engineers."

The new pumper, named Engine Three, will be Springfield's new firstdue piece. This means the engine will be the first rig to arrive on scene. It will go out on every Fire Department

"What we try to do is carry as much as we can on as small a pump as we can," said Gras.

Engine Three will hold medical equipment, extrication equipment and firefighting equipment such as hoses and a small ladder. The ladder truck will hold the big ladders. The new pumper will measure 32

small for a pumper. "One of the most important things s to keep the wheel base down," said Gras, citing many of Springfield's narrow streets and small parking lots as the reason for this. "This makes it easier to turn and to get in and out of

feet in length, which Gras explained is

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Famous Dave's aims to replace Steak & Ale after board approval

St. James Pack 73 Cub Scouts, Tiger Den 8 recently visited the Springfield Fire-

house. The boys were taught about fire safety, they toured the fire engines and

got to see first-hand all the tools used during many different drills. From left are

Joseph Wightman, Anthony Trusso, Danny Tanelli, Firefighter Stew Jurzzak,

Michael Ziobro, Nathan Starzinski and Gennaro DiMuro.

First-hand fire prevention

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que wants to come in where Steak and Ale used to reside on Route 22 East in Moun-

tainside. The restaurant has submitted its plans to the planning board. "We do have to appear in front of the planning board for the building's signs because there were no building signs on the Steak and Ale," said

operating partner Robert Fanelli. Valerie Saunders, zoning board officer for the Borough of Mountainside, explained it further, saying that Steak and Ale had a pole with the restaurant's name on it but that was the only signage.

"The town says if you replace sign with a sign, I can just grant permission for that, but they want to put wall signs up on the building where no wall signs have ever been, so they do need planning board approval for that," she said.

The inside of the former Steak and Ale building doesn't need to apply for any variances because the building is Dave's is simply rennovating the rately named dining rooms. building and turning it into another

"We're not changing the structure Ii. "We're putting a new kitchen in." of the building in any way," said There are 53 Famous Dave's Fanelli. "If we were knocking it down, that would be one thing, but the building lends itself to what we want to do. We do have to do some things on the inside." Saunders said that this is correct.

"They're not changing the footprint of the building," she said. "They're not changing the site of the parking spaces or anything else. Since they're changing from restaurant use to restaurant use, without doing any changes to the site, they don't need planning board approval."

To conform with local laws, Famous Dave's will have to change some things that have come into effect after Steak and Ale was originally erected in the late 1970s. Famous Dave's is a family-style

restaurant that serves barbecued ribs, St. Louis spare ribs, chicken, pulled pork, burgers, steaks and salad. The restaurant will also have a full bar. The theme of the restaurant is a

hunting/fishing lodge with four sepa-"Pretty much except for the bar, the rest of the place is gutted," said Fanel-

B'nai B'rith group plans trip

Join the B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples and members of Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, N.Y., Jan. 18 to 20. There are six meals starting with dinner that Friday through Sunday lunch. A cocktail party with open bar will be a highlight Saturday. There will be a new variety show each evening with no cover or minimum. For more information, call Phyllis at 973-992-5791 or Larry at

restaurants nationwide, however the closest one to New Jersey resides in the Virginia/Baltimore area. "There are seven of them there with an eighth under construction," said As of presstime, there is no date set

for when Famous Dave's will appear

in front of the Planning, Board. "The only exterior changes to the building itself will be that it'll be made to look like a log cabin," said

The restaurant has a tentative date of March 25 to be fully up and "Mountainside is a great area," said

Fanelli. "Of the towns that we targeted in: New Jersey, Mountainside fit the criteria for what we are looking for as far as the type of building we want to build and how it will fit into

The Auxiliary Police would also The Auxiliary Police are a division help in other emergencies such as floods or other natural disasters. Members are required to complete the N.J. State Auxiliary Police Training Program. The training includes a

officers could not.

of the Springfield Office of Emergency Management. They have been active in the township for more than Currently, the Auxiliary Police law enforcement curriculum covering have 23 members but they would like such items as criminal law, traffic to have between 26 and 28 members. control, preservation of evidence,

OEM seeks new volunteers

explained OEM Coordinator John arrest and seizure laws, first aid and CPR, hazardous materials and wea-"People retire or move out of town, pons of mass destruction awareness, so we've lost some members through the years," said Cottage. "From time to time we run a recruitment drive. We figured everyone's interested in homeland defense these days, so we kind of tuned into that theme to get a better response."

Springfield requires its members to work at least eight hours a month. The state mandates that each member has to work a minimum of 96 hours a

By Joshua Zaitz

Staff Writer

In a recent mailing, Springfield

residents were sent an application

form to fill out if interested in joining

the township's Auxiliary Police.

The Auxiliary Police are strictly volunteers, much like the Volunteer Fire Department and the Volunteer First Aid Department. They do not get

"There are three ways for people to help in the town's public safety arena and each has a different emphasis to fit the person's personal preference," said Cottage, "All of them need members. It's a matter of asking yourself which one you want to join.'

The Springfield Auxiliary Police work in the evenings. They assist the Police Department in many areas. "The purpose is to augment the reg-

ular Police Department when a situa-

tion in town exceeds the capacity of

the number of regular working police officers," said Cottage. He cited a power outage in Spring-

field as an example. If that occurred, www.springfield-nj.com/oem.

In addition, on Dec. 20, the Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis delivered Christmas turkey baskets to needy residents of Springfield and Millburn. Once again, the Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis was assisted in the endeavor by members of

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personal safety and the use of The courses are offered Saturdays or weekdays and take two to three months to complete, depending on the number of hours a week they are The town provides all the equipment the Auxiliary Police officer would use as well as any fees that the

courses might require. Members also. get to use the Auxiliary Police cars. Cottage pointed out how there are three Auxiliary Police members who first joined in 1968. "The people who stay in it the

longest are in it for community service," said Cottage, "They want to do it for the town.' Cottage said the Auxiliary Police is

not really a good way for a person who is interested in joining the regular Police Department to get their foot in the door. Although this has happened in the past, Cottage advises against it. He says it's costly to the town to train and outfit the person only to have them leave after a year or two. "People should join for community

service," Cottage said. "That's what our outstanding members have done." For more information, call 973-467-3388 or visit the Web site at

Local Kiwanis give holiday party for community spirit The Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis, a chapter in an organization that is active

in 79 countries with more than 600,000 members, recently entertained the children of the Millburn Regional Day School Dec. 13 by sponsoring a Christ-

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Registration for Springfield Pre-K

Registration for the 2002-2003 Prekindergarten Program in the Springfield Public Schools — which is also for those children eligible for kindergarten in September who are not currently enrolled in the Walton School Early Childhood Center Prekindergarten Program — will be conducted on the following

Jan. 10, for last names beginning with A-E, 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Jan: 11, F-K, 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Jan. 14, L-Q, 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Jan. 15, R-Z, 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Registration will be conducted at the Edward V. Walton School Early Childhood Center. Parents are requested to call the school at 973-376-1304 if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session.

To be eligible for Prekindergarten, a child must be a resident of Springfield. and be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2002. Children entering Kindergarten must reach their 5th birthday on or before Dec. 1, 2002. Parents are requested to bring the following materials to the registration:

1. Child's Birth Certificate

- 2. Current Immunization Records 3. 2-Proofs of Residency
- 4. NJ Driver's License 5. Utility bill, lease, contract, etc

Note: Your child's registration will be officially processed if both age appropriate vaccines and proof of residency are submitted at time of registration.

RECREATION

Disney faves come alive at Continental

The Springfield Recreation Department sponsors an evening where Disney Classics come to life. Enjoy a magical night with the family Jan. 25 at the Continental Airlines Arena, East Rutherford, 7:30 p.m. The price is \$32 per person, and includes transportation to and from the arena.

Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall by calling 973-912-2227. Make checks payable to "Township of

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

on the second and fourth Tuesdays at dy Burdge at 908-232-4373 for info.

conduct its 2002 season registration at the Deerfield School cafeteria, 302 Central Ave., on Saturday from 9 a.m.

> bove dates will be placed on a team if 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-year- olds; T-Ball, 8-year-olds; American League,

to 12:30 p.m. and Monday from 7 to 9

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NEWS CLIPS

Troop 177 chosen for U.S. Naval Jamboree

Mountainside Boy Scout Troop 177 has been chosen to participate in the 15th Annual U.S. Naval Academy Merit Badge Jamboree on Jan. 18, 19 and 20. Several scouts from Troop 177 will join the 1,700 Boy Scouts to be instructed by a class of over 100 Midshipman Eagle Scouts during the three day jamboree. The Scouts will sleep in tents on the grounds of YMCA Camp Letts. A demonstration by the United States Navy Seals and Marines is scheduled. Troop 177 was chosen to participate out of over 300 troops that applied. Scouts must be at least 13 years of age.

Public hearing scheduled Jan. 10

The Mountainside Board of Education will hold a public hearing on Jan. 10 at 8 p.m., in the Municipal Building at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, to review the Beechwood and Deerfield projects at the town planning board meeting.

Bagger elected whip

Assemblyman Richard Bagger, R-Union, was elected Senate Deputy Republican Whip by the Senate Republicans for the 2002-03 Legislative Session. He represents the 21st Legislative Districts, which includes Mountainside and Springfield.

Bagger, who was elected to the state Senate in November, will begin his first term as a state senator and his new leadership role as Deputy Republican Whip on Tuesday when the Legislature meets to reorganize in Trenton. As deputy whip, the senatorelect will serve as a member of the Senate Republican leadership.

Happy to provide years of service



Norma Latora, owner of Norma's Salon of Beauty on Morris Avenue in Springfield, is happy to celebrate 41 years of service to the community. Here she is with some of her dedicated employees. From front left are, Marvanne Zentz and Latora. In back are Janet Uriosle, Sara Peneutinik, Ann DiBella, Ann Peccia, and Dottie Chir-

OBITUARIES

asesi. Missing from the photo are Ada Khords, Ingrid Malkus, Marilyn Portela and

Alfred Labowitch

Roseanne Palmiei

Alfred Labowitch of Springfield died Dec. 23 in Overlook Hospital,

Born in Newark, Mr. Labowitch lived in Springfield since 1960. He owned and operated Al's TV Service in Hillside for many years before

retiring. Mr. Labowitch served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; two daughters, Thelma Sarnoski and Gail Feinberg; two stepdaughters, Heidi Stelzner and Sheila Schechter; two stepsons, Richard Steizner and Peter Schechter, and eight grandchildren.

Lee Sargenti

Lee Sargenti, 80, of Mountainside died Dec. 27 in Berkeley Heights. Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Armando; two daughters, Joy

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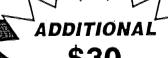
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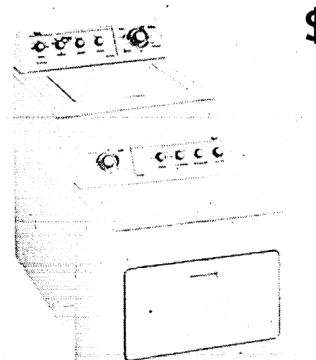
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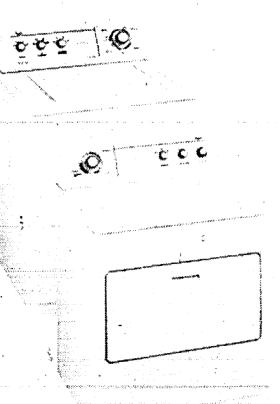
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Kent Place forms new chapter

chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the National High School and Junior College Mathematics Honor Society. inducting 10 members from the senior class. Membership in Mu Alpha Theta is by recommendation and invitation from the math department.

By accepting the invitation for membership in Mu Alpha Theta, the sin and Tara Wedin. students agree to become peer tutors in mathematics for the rest of the student body in the school. The 10 char- ested in mathematics and pursuing ter members, who satisfied the criteria for membership as juniors, have been enrolled in consecutive math courses during all of their years in Upper School, have received a year-end grade of A- or better in all their mathematics courses, have no honor code offenses and are students in good standing at Kent Place.

Head of School Susan C. Bosland welcomed the inductees and their

Among the 2001 inductees were Julia Chabrier, Vardit Haimi-Cohen, Charlotte Hansen, Jessica Keeley, Samantha Lane, Samantha Lynch, Elizabeth Perry, Sarada Putcha, Rebecca Racu-

In recent years Kent Place has seen advanced level courses in the Upper School. In addition, nearly half of the students in grades nine through 12 voluntarily participate in the American Mathematics Competition, a national event aimed at increasing interest in mathematics among secondary school students and developing alent through solving challenging problems in a timed multiple-choice

special event. Math Chair Carolyn and their ability to do mathematics Kostal spoke of the organization's and to be involved in projects that history and purpose before the candle require mathematics," noted Carolyn lighting induction ceremony began. Kostal. "It is exciting to know that when our students leave Kent Place, their background n mathematics prepares them not only for college, but to meet the challenges that the 21st century demands of them, she continued.

Mu Alpha Theta was conceived in 1954 by a committee of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The committee recognized the need for a club to help high school and junior school and junior college mathematics promote interest in the understanding of mathematics. Mu Alpha Theta offers a variety of resources, support and activities for its members and provides a unique experience for students to discuss and interact in the pursuit of mathematical understanding. Today there are over 1.000 chapters of the organization in

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This program will run for eight consecutive Thursdays beginning on Jan. 24, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. "The Girl Project Presents: Coping

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For directions, registration information and a complete winter program guide, call the Center, or for information about similar programs go to www.womensource.org.

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cessive Mondays beginning Jan. 21, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. "Getting Stronger-Intermediate Running, Preparing for Spring 5K" is

for those who have already taken the above running program or are already runners and want an oppportunity to continue their journey with a group of enthusiastic women. You will increase your distance from a base of two miles to four miles in increments over ten weeks.

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Schroeder honored at Georgetown

Georgetown University standout senior goalkeeper Scott Schroeder of Summit received an Honorable Mention selection by Face-Off Yearbook in its pre-season men's acrosse publication. Schroeder was one of six in the

ation to earn that honor. A First Team All-ECAC selec tion in 2001, Schroeder posted ar mpressive 8.47 goals-against averge that was 10th best in the nation For the upcoming 2002 season Schroeder was named a team capain along with fellow seniors Steve Dusseau of Columbus, Ohio: Mike larney of Concord, Mass. and Mike Kanach of Annandale, Va. Schroeder started all 14 games in goal last season for the Hoyas.

Georgetown is scheduled to open ts season Feb. 23 against Ohio State at Harbin Field. Prior to the regular season, the Hoyas will face off against Maryland and Notre Dame in scrimmages scheduled for Feb. 9 and 15.

GU, led by head coach Dave Jrick, finished the 2001 season with an 11-3 record and advanced o the NCAA Tournament for the fth consecutive year.

MYBL registration starts tomorrow

The Mountainside Youth Base ball League will hold registration at the Deerfield School cafeteria Jan. 5 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Jan. 7 from 7-9 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 he time of registration.

The association has five divisions from ages 6-14. Introduction to Baseball is for youngsters age 6 T-Ball is for age 7, American League for ages 8 and 9, Major League for ages 10-12 and Pony League for ages 13 and 14.

Mountainside Youth Baseball i n all-volunteer association and a parents are required to volunteer fo t least four hours of time during the season. More information may be

obtained by calling Sandy Burdge at 908-232-4373 or John Amalfe at 908-273-3262.

SJBB final walk-in registration Jan. 12 The final walk-in registratio

session for Summit Junior Baseball League's 2002 season is Jan. 12 from 9-11 a.m. in the entrance hall at the Summit Middle School. Anyone registering by mail after

Ian. 12 will be charged a late fee of \$25 per player. Representatives from the league will be available to answer

Fees are \$65 per player fo grades K-3 and \$130 per player for grades 4-8. The season starts April

5 and ends June 15. Registration forms can be downloaded from Summit Junior Base ball's web sitc, www.summitnjsports.com

Registration forms will also be available at the registration session More information may be obtained by calling 908-273-6529.

Hoops available for youngsters The Boys & Girls Clubs of

Union County is now open for registration for any of their SMART basketball leagues.

Boys & Girls Clubs, in partner ship with the Sprite Junior Nets and NY Liberty Basketball Leagues. offers boys and girls a chance to have fun and improve their basket-The league's goal is to create a

environment that encourages and supports players to develop socially, mentally and physically. This co-ed league is open to all skill levels ranging from beginner to advanced. Program dates run from Decem-

ber to March and from March to The basketball leagues are

offered to childen ages 10-17 and are free to all participants with a current membership.

More information may be stained by calling Roger Curry at 908-687-2697.

Summit has a quality cast Ice hockey team sports 6-1 mark

Staff Writer

"We're just a very good team," is what Summit High School ice hockey coach Keith Nixon said in describing his squad this season. With a 6-1 record as of today, Sum-

mit is ranked No. 10 in the state. "We play as a team and not as individuals," Nixon said, "Everybody does their job and knows what role they play in our system." The Hilltoppers finished last season

with a 18-7-2 mark. Summit reached the quarterfinals of the NJSIAA Public Schools Tournament after reaching the final two years ago.

"We've reached the quarterfinal

round the last four years," Nixon said. "I would like to go further this

"Players like Kyle have carried the load of late," Nixon said. "They've really stepped up their play."

GL boys' basketball wins

Having a total of 68 kids in the

Leading the way is the senior trio of

"They're our top scorers," Nixon

Craig Oliver, Keith Schroeder and

said. "They're also great leaders."

The Hilltoppers are also receiving

excellent play from senior Kyle

Kramer and juniors Ned Hillenbrand

Mike Tamaro has also been a big

program, Summit has 22 players on

its varsity roster.

and Eric Lupton.

Matt Starker.

Having lost goaltender Richard on the Hilltoppers' first goal at 4:52 James to graduation, Summit has used mark of the first period. In his first Dan Churchill and Kyle Hartlaub. "Dan was the backup last season

and Kyle didn't play," Nixon said. With inexperience at certain spots, the Hilltoppers look to negate that with their strong defense. "That's our strength," Nixon said. "We try to keep the score low."

After opening its season with two straight wins, Summit made it three in a row on Dec. 15 in a 2-1 victory over-Montclair at Clary Anderson Arena. Starker scored the winning goal six minutes into the third period off a pass from Schroeder. Schroeder connected varsity start, Hartlaub made 36 saves.

The Hilltoppers lost their first game of the season two days later in a 3-2 decision to West Essex in the semifinal round of the Cron Tournament held at Warinanco Rink in Roselle. Kramer tallied for both goals. On Dec. 19 in the consolation game

of the Cron Tournament, Summit bounced back with a 4-3 shootout victory. Schroeder scored his second goal in the second round of the shootout for the win. Oliver and Tamaro had the other goals on assists from

two games, which included a 5-2 vic-Warinanco. Oliver, Starker and Tamaro each had a goal and an assist, while Lupton and Hillenbrand also

"Our goal is to make the state tournament and see what happens from there," Nixon said.

Summit's next scheduled game is today at Bayonne. The Hilltoppers are then scheduled to face Montclair on Jan. 10 and then Morristown-Beard the next day. Both of those contests are to be played at Warinanco.

"We're going to be tested next week," Nixon said. "They're both

Not a bad start for the Bulldogs

Roselle Park Tournament The Governor Livingston High School boys' basket-GL managed to tie Madison 8-9 on Dec. 28 as Weltball team captured the Roselle Park Tournament last man scored four goals and Joseph Pijanowski scored in week, while the girls' squad finished second in the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament at New Providence. GL's boys' team, which began the week with a 3-2 record, defeated Glen Ridge 38-29 and Johnson 56-29. GL's girls' team, which began the week at 2-3,

bested host New Providence 45-39 and was defeated by Rahway 46-31. Jason Gionta was named MVP of the boys' Roselle Park Tournament as he scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the championship-game win over Johnson, Teammate Doug Caruso paced the Highlan-

ders with a 16-point effort. Meagan Butler scored 21 points, Katie Dotto and Mary Goodspeed eight and Kerri Moore four in GL's win over New Providence. In the girls' loss to Rahway, Butler poured in 13 and Kathleen Dreitlein added six.

Wrestlers 5th at Rahway The Governor Livingston wrestling team did well to

place fifth at last week's Rahway Touranament. The Highlanders had 101 points, while champion J.P. Stevens gained 139. Rahway was second with 119.

GL had two champions in Mike Fullowan at 130 and Jon Regenve at 152. Highlander grapplers that finished second included Brett Vanderveer at 125, Colin Price at 189 and Shawn Couglin at 215. GL began the week with a 3-1 record. The Highl

ders won their first three matches on Dec. 22 as they defeated Rutgers Prep 60-3, Red Bank 53-25 and Pingry 54-22 at Pingry. Hockey began week 3-3-1

The Governor Livingston ice hockey team began the

week at 3-3-1 after ending December with a 9-3 loss to Cranford last Sunday at the Bridgewater Sports Arena. Kyle Weltman had two goals and one assist for the the final minute for the tie. Kevin Giglio had two goals and two assists, while teammate Anthony Internicola also found the net. GL is scheduled to resume its season tonight at 9:30

against Millburn at Bridgewater. The Highlanders are then scheduled to skate against West Orange Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. at South Mountain Arena in West Orange. Upcoming: Today: Millburn 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewa-

ter; Jan. 10 West Orange 5 p.m. at South Mountain; Jan. 13 Montclair-Kimberley 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-Kimberley 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.

Track athletes outstanding

Governor Livingston track and field athletes turned in outstanding performances at last week's DeSchriver Invitational at Drew University in Madison. On the girls' side, Megs DiDario was second in the

300-meter run in 45.45. Tiffany Clark of West Orange was first in 43.61. DiDario was also second in the 1600-meter run in 5:34.00. Ashley Uniskiewicz of Hillsborough was first

Dana McCurdy captured the 55-meter hurdles com-

petition, winning in an impressive time of 8.95. On the boys' side, Michael Prazak was fifth in the 600-meter run in 1:31.74.

Brian Dressel was fifth in the high jump at 5-6, while Daniel Legiec was fifth in the shot put at 45-2. Mate O'Holla was third in the pole vault at 11-0.

Summit boys' basketball captures holiday tourney

The Summit High School boys' basketball team captured the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament at New Providence last week and began this week with a

The Hilltonpers defeated Chatham 74-58 and then downed host New Provi-Alex Sprinzen scored scored 23 points and teammate Dwayne Reid 16 to

spark Summit past New Providence. The Hilltoppers outscored the Pioneers 25-14 in the second quarter to take a 38-23 halftime lead.

Summit's first two wins came against Dover and Morris Hills and its first loss was against Mendham in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play.

Hot Stove League Dinner to be at L'Affaire Jan. 16 The 66th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner, sponsored by the Union

County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, will feature Milawaukee Brewers outfielder Jeffrey Hammonds as a guest speaker. Hammonds, a former Scotch Plains High School slugger, will induct his Jan. 15 at St. Mary's, 4 p.m.

brother, Reggie, into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame during the Jan. 18 North Plainfield, 7 proceedings. The awards dinner and induction ceremonies will be held on Jan. 16 at 6:30

p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside. At the dinner, awards will be presented to local athletes who have distinguished themselves during the year and four individuals will be inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame. The evening's other honored inductees, besides Reggie Hammonds, include

Ernest Finizio of Roselle Park, George Gross of Summit and Al Blazejewski of According to James Iozzi, dinner chairman, the awards for Most Outstanding Male and Female Athletes of Union County, which will be presented that even-

ing, will be announced soon. Proceeds from the dinner help fund the Union County Youth Baseball League for youngsters ages 8-15 and the newer Fall Teen League, which just completed its third season of play. Begun in 1945, the Summer Youth League reached a new high in participa-

tion this year. Tickets for the dinner are \$35 and can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth.

More information may be obtained by calling 908-527-4910.

Kean University to host seven-week soccer program

Kean University in Union will host a seven-week winter soccer program for boys and girls ages 6-16. More information may be obtained by calling Kean men's soccer coach Tony Ochrimenko at 908-327-2936.

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Feb. 15 at St. Mary's, 7

Dayton Girls' Basketball Jan. 4 at Newark Central. 7

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eral chances on second and third shots." A layup by Listowski on a nice bounce pass from sophomore point guard

Sara Steinman cut the lead to two at 34-32. Roselle then went on a 9-0 run to take a 43-32 lead and remain in control.

with a free throw from Alicia Holmes to make it 44-35. Steinman started the fourth quarter with a driving layup to pull Dayton to

within 44-37. However, the Bulldogs would manage only one more basket the rest of the way, which was a a layup by Listowski with five minutes remaining. "It wasn't their trap that gave us trouble," Rennie said. "It was the fact that we were rushing shots and missing the mark."

57-43 in the championship game. that want to win."

Upcoming: Today: at Newark Central, 7 p.m.; Tuesday: 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

Dayton began week at 4-1

Staff Writer

ROSELLE PARK - Not a bad start to the season. The Dayton High School girls' basketball team sought to improve to 5-1 yesterday with a second consecutive victory over Roselle Park.

day afternoon in the consolation game of the Panther Pride Tournament. The teams were scheduled to play last night in Springfield in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play. Roselle Park entered vesterday's game with a 1-4 record and four-game los-

Dayton, which began the week at 4-1, defeated Roselle Park 47-21 last Satur-

High School Girls' Basketball

In the tournament win over Roselle Park, Dayton received an 11-point effort from senior guard Esther Aizenberg and a 10-point performance from freshman guard Cristin Zavocki. Aizenberg also came up with five steals and dished out Roselle Park was defeated by Johnson 57-32 in its first-round game Dec. 27.

Roselle, with a record of 3-1, and Johnson, with a record of 1-3, were scheduled to play in the Panther Pride championship game last Saturday night. Here's a look at Dayton's first-round tournament game against Roselle A tale of two halfs. That was the case as Roselle came back to down Dayton 53-39 on Dec. 27 at

T. Ralph Williams Gymnasium. After building a 30-26 halftime lead, the Bulldogs were shut down in the

second half, scoring only nine points. "A lot of our shots weren't falling in the second half," Dayton head coach Dave Rennie said, "We were also out-hustled." Things looked good for the Bulldogs early on as they took a 6-2 lead.

After Roselle cut it to 6-5, Dayton went on a 6-0 run that was capped with a layup by sophomore guard Lyndsey Brahm to bring the score to 12-5. A short banker and a putback by Roselle closed the gap to three at 12-9. Dayton was able to add a basket before the close of the quarter as Zavocki put in a layup after a nice give-and-go with Aizenberg, giving Dayton a 14-9

Zavocki led the Bulldogs with 12 points. Aizenberg got things started in the second quarter by hitting on both ends of a one-and-one for a 16-9 lead.

Once again, Roselle responded and went on a 6-0 run to close to within one at Dayton then tried to pull away again as it took a 21-15 lead on a three-pointer

by Zavocki and a pair of free throws from freshman forward Lisa Listowski. 'We'll bounce back. I have a young, confi-

dent bunch of kids that want to win.' — Dayton girls' basketball coach Dave Rennie after the Bulldogs lost to Roselle and before they defeated Roselle Park in the Panther Pride Tournament.

After Roselle's Yolanda Bryon knocked down a 20-footer from the top of the key to make it 21-17, Zavocki scored on consecutive layups to bring the score to 25-17 with 3:33 left before the half.

After Roselle's Philicia Holmes drove into the paint, stopped and popped a five-foot jumper. Dayton junior forward Iyeisha Gordon hit a shot from close range to make it 27-19. The Rams then scored the next two baskets on short five-foot jumpers to cut

the deficit to 27-23. A free throw by Aizenberg and a pair from Brahm boosted the Dayton lead to seven at 30-23. With four seconds left before intermission, Roselle's Luci Custis dropped in

a "trey" from top of the key to bring the score to 30-26. "I felt we played well in the first half," Rennie said. "We were able to get some defensive rebounds and run our fast-break."

The second half started with Roselle going on an 8-0 run to take a 34-30 lead. The first two scores came as the result of offensive rebounds and putbacks. "We couldn't keep them off the offensive glass," Rennie said. 'The had sev-

After a Zavocki three-pointer made it 43-35, Roselle closed out the quarter

Dayton won the Panther Pride Tournament last year by defeating Roselle "We'll bounce back," Rennie said. "I have a young, confident bunch of kids

Dayton's next scheduled game is tonight at Newark Central at 7 in MVC-Valley Division play.

Feb. 8 at Watchung Hills, 8:45 Feb. 15 at Bayonne, 7:45 p.m. Manville, 7; Feb. 12 Brearley, 7; Feb. 15 St. Mary's, 7.

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Grant funds lectures

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a HEART - History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands - Grant to Temple Beth Ahm's Hazak group and Kean University's Jewish Studies and World Affairs program. Grant funding has also been received from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. These monies will support a lecture series titled "Communication in a Multicultural World."

The electures will be presented monthly from January through May at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive. Springfield, and are open to the public at no charge. Each will be on a Monday evening at 8 p.m.; the dates are: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 22 and May 20.

The keynote lecture in January will be presented by Kean University President Ronald L. Applbaum on the series theme: "Crossing Boundaries: Problems and Prospects of Multicultural Communication." Prior to his appointment at Kean University. Applbaum served as president of Westfield State College. He has also held positions as vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Texas-Pan American and as dean of the School of Humanities at Californi-

a State University-Long Beach. Kean Political Science Professor Gilbert Kahn will present the Feb. 11 lecture on the topic: "Jews and Muslims: Is the Arab-Israeli Conflict Based on a Failure to Communicate?," and on March 11, Eric Pennington, professor of literature at Kean, will speak on and give his personal account of "Jews and Latinos Underlying Causes of the Residual Racism in Argentina." Susan Lederman, professor of public administration at Kean, was a "hidden child' during the Holocaust; she will share her personal experiences April 22 as she speaks on "Jews and Christians: Memories of a Hidden Child." The concluding lecture May 20 will be presented by Dennis Klein, historian and director of the Jewish studies and world affairs program at Kean, on the topic of "Jews and Blacks: The Diffe-

rent Sounds of Freedom's Ring." This educational program was made possible in part by a HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and by a grant from the New Jersey Council for Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the

For directions to Temple Beth Ahm Springfield or other information. call 973-376-0539, Ext. 11.

Reorganization meeting planned

The annual reorganization meeting of the Springfield Board of Health will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Springfield Annex Building, 20 N.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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• Mountainside Youth Baseball conducts its 2002 season registration at the Deerfield School cafeteria, B02 Central Ave. and School Prive, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fees are payable at the time of registration. For information, call 908-232-4373.

· Participants can learn how to attract all kinds of birds to their feeding stations in a program offered at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, at 2 p.m. Call 908-789-3670 for

• Mountainside Youth Baseball continues 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.

Tuesday • The Springfield Free Public Library's new Lunchtime Video Series kicks off with "Decoding Nazi Secrets" at noon, a film set in 1940 during

the Nazi invasion of Europe. Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, stop by the library at

66 Mountain Ave., or call 973-376-4930. The Book Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library announces its first winter selection, "One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd" by Jim Fergus, at 7:30 p.m. The book is an American western with an unusual twist. Call the reference department at 973-376-4930, Ext. 228 to reserve a

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• The Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., begins a new health and fitness lifestyle program for girls, sixth to eighth grade. The DAISE 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.

RELIGION

Temple Beth Ahm will

The phrase, v'eylah shemot b'nai

Yisrael begins the second book of the

Torah, Exodus in English, Shemot in

Hebrew: "These are the names of the

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neyed with Jacob to live in the land of

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• The public is invited to a program sponsored by the Springfield Environmental Commission on ways to reduce greenhouse emissions and clean up New Jersey air. The program takes place 7:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church Parish House at 37 Church Mall, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-3436.

• The Mountainside Board of Education will conduct a public hearing at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, Mountainside, to review the Beechwood and Deerfield school projects at the Planning Board meeting.

• The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor the second annual Adopt-a-Trail orientation meeting, rescheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 27, at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

Preregistration for the orientation meeting is required. Call Trailside at 908-789-3670, Ext. 221, to register.

• Mountainside Youth Baseball continues 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 908-273-3262.

• The Springfield Public Library's Teen Music Party comes back to the library at 66 Mountain Ave., 7 to 9 p.m. The party for sixth- to ninthgraders will take place in the Donald B. Palmer Museum, and includes dancing, games, snacks, and a professional deejay. For more information, stop by the Children's Desk or call

973-376-4930, Ext. 232. Jan. 13 • A beach-themed creativity program takes place at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside. Call

• "Crossing Boundaries: Problems and Prospects of Multicultural Communication" will be a lecture presented by Kean University President Ronald L. Applbaum at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 8 p.m. Grant monies will support a series of lectures presented monthly on the topic of multiculturalism at Temple Beth Ahm from January through May.

For more information, call 973-376-0539, Ext. 11.

908-789-3670 for information. The fee is \$2 per craft.



The Mountainside Cub Scout Pack 177 presented a check for \$900 to the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of helmets and masks. The money was raised through the proceeds of a very successful popcom sale, and the scouts were delighted to help support their own local heroes. At the presentation are, from back left, Fire Chief Gary Cantagallo, Scouts Eric Whyte, Geoffrey Barnes and J.P. Zavodny and Scout Leader Sue Zavodny.

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St. James Pack 73 Cub Scouts, Tiger Den 8 recently visited the Springfield Firehouse. The boys were taught about fire safety, they toured the fire engines and got to see first-hand all the tools used during many different drills. From left are Joseph Wightman, Anthony Trusso, Danny Tanelli, Firefighter Stew Jurzzak, Michael Ziobro, Nathan Starzinski and Gennaro DiMuro.

Famous Dave's aims to replace Steak & Ale after board approval

"We're not changing the structure

of the building in any way," said

Fanelli. "If we were knocking it

down, that would be one thing, but the

building lends itself to what we want

to do. We do have to do some things

Saunders said that this is correct.

"They're not changing the footprint

of the building," she said. "They're

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que wants to come in where Steak and Ale used to reside on Route 22 East in Mountainside. The restaurant has submitted its plans to the planning board.

"We do have to appear in front of wroom," he said. "They're custom the planning board for the building's made. The designers meet with us. signs because there were no building signs on the Steak and Ale," said The new pumper, named Engine operating partner Robert Fanelli. Three, will be Springfield's new first-Valerie Saunders, zoning board due piece. This means the engine will officer for the Borough of Mountainbe the first rig to arrive on scene. It side, explained it further, saying that

Steak and Ale had a pole with the restaurant's name on it but that was "What we try to do is carry as much the only signage. as we can on as small a pump as we "The town says if you replace a sign with a sign, I can just grant per-Engine Three will hold medical

mission for that, but they want to put equipment, extrication equipment and wall signs up on the building where firefighting equipment such as hoses no wall signs have ever been, so they and a small ladder. The ladder truck do need planning board approval for The new pumper will measure 32 feet in length, which Gras explained is

The inside of the former Steak and Ale building doesn't need to apply for zoned to be a restaurant. Famous

any variances because the building is Dave's is simply rennovating the building and turning it into another

as the reason for this. "This makes it B'nai B'rith group plans trip of water. "We try to carry as much as

pork, burgers, steaks and salad. The restaurant will also have a full bar.

Paper Mill gratefully acknowledges the support of the 113 State Council on the

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planning board approval.'

hunting/fishing lodge with four separately named dining rooms. "Pretty much except for the bar, the

The theme of the restaurant is a

rest of the place is gutted," said Fanel-

in the late 1970s.

Join the B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples and members of Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, N.Y. Jan. 18 to 20. There are six meals starting with dinner that Friday through Sunday lunch. A cocktail party with open bar will be a highlight Saturday. There will be a new variety show each evening with no cover or minimum. Sell it with a classified ad. For more information, call Phyllis at 973-992-5791 or Larry at

There are 53 Famous Dave's restaurants nationwide, however the closest one to New Jersey resides in the Virginia/Baltimore area. "There are seven of them there with an eighth under construction," said

li. "We're putting a new kitchen in."

As of presstime, there is no date set

for when Famous Dave's will appear not changing the site of the parking in front of the Planning, Board. spaces or anything else. Since they're "The only exterior changes to the changing from restaurant use to building itself will be that it'll be restaurant use, without doing any made to look like a log cabin," said changes to the site, they don't need

The restaurant has a tentative date To conform with local laws, Famof March 25 to be fully up and ous Dave's will have to change some

things that have come into effect after "Mountainside is a great area," said Steak and Ale was originally erected Fanelli. "Of the towns that we targeted in New Jersey, Mountainside Famous Dave's is a family-style fit the criteria for what we are looking restaurant that serves barbecued ribs, for as far as the type of building we St. Louis spare ribs, chicken, pulled want to build and how it will fit into the neighborhood."

there wouldn't be enough police officers to handle all the traffic lights that would go out. The Auxiliary Police would fill in where the regular

OEM seeks new volunteers

By Joshua Zaitz

In a recent mailing, Springfield residents were sent an application form to fill out if interested in joining officers could not. the township's Auxiliary Police. The Auxiliary Police would also The Auxiliary Police are a division

active in the township for more than Currently, the Auxiliary Police have 23 members but they would like to have between 26 and 28 members. explained OEM Coordinator John arrest and seizure laws, first aid and

CPR, hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction awareness. "People retire or move out of town, personal safety dand the use of so we've lost some members through the years," said Cottage. "From time to time we run a recruitment drive. We figured everyone's interested in homeland defense these days, so we kind of tuned into that theme to get a

Springfield requires its members to work at least eight hours a month. The state mandates that each member has to work a minimum of 96 hours a

The Auxiliary Police are strictly volunteers, much like the Volunteer Fire Department and the Volunteer First Aid Department. They do not get

better response."

"There are three ways for people to help in the town's public safety arena and each has a different emphasis to fit the person's personal preference," said Cottage. "All of them need members. It's a matter of asking yourself which one you want to join."

The Springfield Auxiliary Police work in the evenings. They assist the Police Department in many areas. "The purpose is to augment the regular Police Department when a situation in town exceeds the capacity of the number of regular working police

officers," said Cottage He cited a power outage in Spring-

help in other emergencies such as of the Springfield Office of Emergenfloods or other natural disasters. cy Management. They have been Members are required to complete the N.J. State Auxiliary Police Training Program. The training includes a law enforcement curriculum covering such items as criminal law, traffic control, preservation of evidence

> The courses are offered Saturdays or weekdays and take two to three months to complete, depending on the number of hours a week they are

The town provides all the equipment the Auxiliary Police officer would use as well as any fees that the courses might require. Members also. get to use the Auxiliary Police cars. Cottage pointed out how there are three Auxiliary Police members who

first joined in 1968. "The people who stay in it the longest are in it for community service," said Cottage, "They want to do Cottage said the Auxiliary Police is

not really a good way for a person who is interested in joining the regular Police Department to get their foot in the door. Although this has happened in the past, Cottage advises against it. He says it's costly to the town to train and outfit the person only to have them leave after a year or two. "People should join for community

our outstanding members have done.' For more information, call 973-467-3388 or visit the Web site at field as an example. If that occurred, www.springfield-nj.com/oem.

service," Cottage said. "That's what

Local Kiwanis give holiday party for community spirit

children of the Millburn Regional Day School Dec. 13 by sponsoring a Christ-In addition, on Dec. 20, the Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis delivered Christ-

in 79 countries with more than 600,000 members, recently entertained the

mas turkey baskets to needy residents of Springfield and Millburn. Once again. the Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis was assisted in the endeavor by members of the Jonathan Dayton Springfield High School Kiwanis Key Club.



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Kimberly Rego and Leah Hirst, both students at James Caldwell School in Springfield, get caught up in the excitement of the school's biannual PTAsponsored Bingo Night.

Registration for Springfield Pre-K

Registration for the 2002-2003 Prekindergarten Program in the Springfield Public Schools — which is also for those children eligible for kindergarten in September who are not currently enrolled in the Walton School Early Childhood Center Prekindergarten Program — will be conducted on the following

- Jan. 10, for last names beginning with A-E. 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.
- Jan: 11, F-K, 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m. Jan. 14. L-O. 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.
- Jan. 15, R-Z, 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Registration will be conducted at the Edward V. Walton School Early Child hood Center. Parents are requested to call the school at 973-376-1304 if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session.

To be eligible for Prekindergarten, a child must be a resident of Springfield, and be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2002. Children entering Kindergarten must reach their 5th birthday on or before Dec. 1, 2002. Parents are requested to bring the following materials to the registration:

- 1. Child's Birth Certificate 2. Current Immunization Records
- 3. 2-Proofs of Residency
- 5. Utility bill, lease, contract, etc.
- Note: Your child's registration will be officially processed if both age appropriate vaccines and proof of residency are submitted at time of registration.

RECREATION

Disney faves come alive at Continental

The Springfield Recreation Department sponsors an evening where Disney Classics come to life. Enjoy a magical night with the family Jan. 25 at the Continental Airlines Arena, East Rutherford, 7:30 p.m. The price Registration opens portation to and from the arena.

The bus departs 6 p.m. from the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall by calling 973-912-2227. Make checks payable to "Township of

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 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, call to 14-year-olds. 973-912-2227.

on the second and fourth Tuesdays at dy Burdge at 908-232-4373 for info.

Sarah Bailey from 2 to 4 p.m. They are also looking for some card players to play pinocle on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If anyone is interested or has a question, call Theresa at

Mountainside Youth Baseball will conduct its 2002 season registration at the Deerfield School cafeteria, 302 Central Ave., on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. Children registering after the above dates will be placed on a team if 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-year- olds; T-Ball, 8-year-olds; American League, from the second Wednesday to the 8- to 9-year-olds; Major League, 10third Wednesday of each month from to 12-year-olds, and Pony League, 13-

A parent or guardian must accom-The Springfield Senior Citizens are pany youths. Youths registering for looking for members to join the the first time must provide a copy of "Young at Heart Singers." They meet the child's birth certificate. Call San-

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NEWS CLIPS

Troop 177 chosen for U.S. Naval Jamboree

Mountainside Boy Scout Troop 177 has been chosen to participate in the 15th Annual U.S. Naval Academy Merit Badge Jamboree on Jan. 18, 19 and 20. Several scouts from Troop 177 will join the 1,700 Boy Scouts to be instructed by a class of over 100 Midshipman Eagle Scouts during the three day jamboree. The Scouts will sleep in tents on the grounds of YMCA Camp Letts. A demonstration by the United States Navy Seals and Marines is scheduled. Troop 177 was chosen to participate out of over 300 troops that applied. Scouts must be at least 13 years of age.

Public hearing scheduled Jan. 10

The Mountainside Board of Education will hold a public hearing on Jan. 10 at 8 p.m., in the Municipal Building at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, to review the Beechwood and Deerfield projects at the town planning board meeting.

Bagger elected whip

Assemblyman Richard Bagger, R-Union, was elected Senate Deputy Republican Whip by the Senate Republicans for the 2002-03 Legislative Session. He represents the 21st Legislative Districts, which includes Mountainside and Springfield.

Bagger, who was elected to the state Senate in November, will begin his first term as a state senator and his new leadership role as Deputy Republican Whip on Tuesday when the Legislature meets to reorganize in frenton. As deputy whip, the senatorelect will serve as a member of the Senate Republican leadership.

Happy to provide years of service



Norma Latora, owner of Norma's Salon of Beauty on Morris Avenue in Springfield, is happy to celebrate 41 years of service to the community. Here she is with some of her dedicated employees. From front left are, Maryanne Zentz and Latora. In back are Janet Uriosle, Sara Peneutinik, Ann DiBella, Ann Peccia, and Dottie Chirasesi. Missing from the photo are Ada Khords, Ingrid Malkus, Marilyn Portela and Roseanne Palmiei

OBITUARIES

Alfred Labowitch Alfred Labowitch of Springfield died Dec. 23 in Overlook Hospital,

Born in Newark, Mr. Labowitch lived in Springfield since 1960. He owned and operated Al's TV Service in Hillside for many years before

retiring. Mr. Labowitch served in the Army during World War II. Surviving are his wife, Helen; two daughters, Thelma Sarnoski and Gail Feinberg; two stepdaughters, Heidi

Schechter, and eight grandchildren.

Lee Sargenti, 80, of Mountainside died Dec. 27 in Berkeley Heights. Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Armando; two daughters, Joy Stelzner and Sheila Schechter; two Lebner and Denise Wood; two sons, stepsons, Richard Steizner and Peter Dennis and Reymond; a sister, Norma Stumm, and 11 grandchildren.

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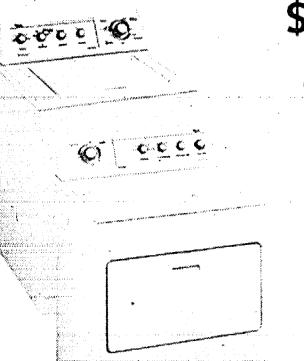


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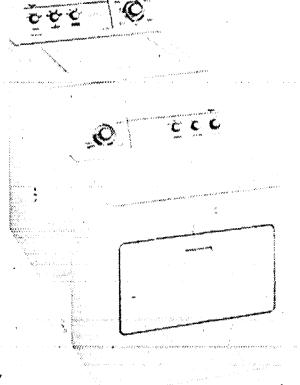


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This fall, Kent Place formed a chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the National High School and Junior College Mathematics Honor Society, inducting 10 members from the senior class. Membership in Mu Alpha Theta is by recommendation and invitation from the math department.

By accepting the invitation for membership in Mu Alpha Theta, the students agree to become peer tutors in mathematics for the rest of the student body in the school. The 10 charter members, who satisfied the criteria for membership as juniors, have been enrolled in consecutive math courses during all of their years in Upper School, have received a year-end grade of A- or better in all their mathematics courses, have no honor code offenses and are students in good standing at Kent Place.

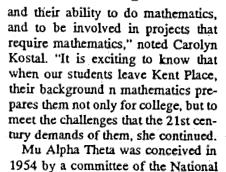
Head of School Susan C. Bosland welcomed the inductees and their families who had come to witness the

Among the 2001 inductees were Julia Chabrier, Vardit Haimi-Cohen, Charlotte Hansen, Jessica Keeley, Samantha Lane, Samantha Lynch, Elizabeth Perry, Sarada Putcha, Rebecca Racusin and Tara Wedin.

In recent years Kent Place has seen a rise in the number of students interested in mathematics and pursuing advanced level courses in the Upper School. In addition, nearly half of the students in grades nine through 12 voluntarily participate in the American Mathematics Competition, a interest in mathematics among secondary school students and developing talent through solving challenging problems in a timed multiple-choice

special event. Math Chair Carolyn and their ability to do mathematics, Kostal spoke of the organization's and to be involved in projects that history and purpose before the candle require mathematics," noted Carolyn lighting induction ceremony began. Kostal. "It is exciting to know that

national event aimed at increasing ces, support and activities for its "We are so proud of our students the United States and abroad.



1954 by a committee of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The committee recognized the need for a club to help high school and junior school and junior college mathematics promote interest in the understanding of mathematics. Mu Alpha Theta offers a variety of resourmembers and provides a unique experience for students to discuss and interact in the pursuit of mathematical understanding. Today there are over 1.000 chapters of the organization in



Holding their new Mu Alpha Theta certificates are, from left, Kent Place School students Julia Chabrier, Jessica Keeley, Charlotte Hansen, Tara Wedin, Sarada Putcha, Samantha Lynch, Elizabeth Perry, Samantha Lane, Rebecca Racusin and

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For directions, registration information and a complete winter program guide, call the Center, or for information about similar programs go to www.womensource.org. Two running programs, both led by

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Georgetown University standout senior goalkeeper Scott Schroede of Summit received an Honorable Mention selection by Face-Off Yearbook in its pre-season men's

lacrosse publication. Schroeder was one of six in nation to earn that honor.

A First Team All-ECAC select ion in 2001, Schroeder posted an mpressive 8.47 goals-against averige that was 10th best in the nation For the upcoming 2002 season Schroeder was named a team captain along with fellow seniors Steve Dusseau of Columbus, Ohio; Mike Harney of Concord, Mass. and Mike Kanach of Annandale, Va. Schroeder started all 14 games in

goal last season for the Hoyas. Georgetown is scheduled to open ts season Feb. 23 against Ohio State at Harbin Field. Prior to the regular season, the Hoyas will face off against Maryland and Notre Dame in scrimmages scheduled for

Feb. 9 and 15. GU, led by head coach Dave Urick, finished the 2001 season with an 11-3 record and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

MYBL registration starts tomorrow

The Mountainside Youth Baseball League will hold registration at he Deerfield School cafeteria Jan. 5 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Jan. 7 from 7-9 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 6-14. Introduction to Baseball is for youngsters age 6, T-Ball is for age 7, American League for ages 8 and 9, Major League for ages 10-12 and Pony

League for ages 13 and 14. Mountainside Youth Baseball is an all-volunteer association and al parents are required to volunteer for at least four hours of time during he season.

More information may b obtained by calling Sandy Burdge at 908-232-4373 or John Amalfe at 908-273-3262.

SJBB final walk-in registration Jan. 12

The final walk-in registration session for Summit Junior Baseball League's 2002 season is Jan. 12 from 9-11 a.m. in the entrance hall at the Summit Middle School. Anyone registering by mail after

Jan. 12 will be charged a late fee of \$25 per player. Representatives from the league will be available to answer

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. Registration forms can be down-

loaded from Summit Junior Baseball's web site. www.summitnjsports.com. Registration forms will also be available at the registration session. More information may be obtained by calling 908-273-6529

Hoops available for youngsters

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County is now open for registration for any of their SMART basketball leagues. - Boys & Girls Clubs, in partnership with the Sprite Junior Nets and NY Liberty Basketball Leagues,

offers boys and girls a chance to have fun and improve their basketball skills. The league's goal is to create ar environment that encourages and

supports players to develop socialy, mentally and physically. This xo-ed league is open to all skill levels ranging from beginner to Program dates run from Decem-

ber to March and from March to

The basketball leagues are offered to childen ages 10-17 and are free to all participants with a current membership.

'More information may be obtained by calling Roger Curry at 908-687-2697.

Ice hockey team sports 6-1 mark

what Summit High School ice hockey Having a total of 68 kids in the Having lost goaltender Richard on the Hilltoppers' first goal at 4:52

With a 6-1 record as of today, Sum-Leading the way is the senior trio of mit is ranked No. 10 in the state. Craig Oliver, Keith Schroeder and "We play as a team and not as individuals," Nixon said, "Everybody does their job and knows what role

they play in our system." The Hilltoppers finished last season with a 18-7-2 mark. Summit reached the quarterfinals of the NJSIAA Publ-Kramer and juniors Ned Hillenbrand ic Schools Tournament after reaching and Eric Lupton. the final two years ago. Mike Tamaro has also been a big

"We've reached the quarterfinal round the last four years," Nixon said. "I would like to go further this

"We're just a very good team," is

his squad this season.

coach Keith Nixon said in describing program, Summit has 22 players on James to graduation, Summit has used mark of the first period. In his first its varsity roster,

> "They're our top scorers," Nixon said. 'They're also great leaders." The Hilltoppers are also receiving excellent play from senior Kyle

contributor.

"Players like Kyle have carried the load of late," Nixon said. "They've

straight wins, Summit made it three in a row on Dec. 15 in a 2-1 victory over Starker scored the winning goal six . out for the win. Oliver and Tamaro minutes into the third period off a pass had the other goals on assists from from Schroeder. Schroeder connected Starker and Schroeder.

with their strong defense.

Dan Churchill and Kyle Hartlaub. varsity start, Hartlaub made 36 saves. "Dan was the backup last season The Hilltoppers lost their first game and Kyle didn't play," Nixon said. of the season two days later in a 3-2 decision to West Essex in the semifi-With inexperience at certain spots, nal round of the Cron Tournament the Hilltoppers look to negate that held at Warinanco Rink in Roselle.

"That's our strength," Nixon said. Kramer tallied for both goals. "We try to keep the score low." On Dec. 19 in the consolation game of the Cron Tournament, Summit After opening its season with two bounced back with a 4-3 shootout victory. Schröeder scored his second Montclair at Clary Anderson Arena. goal in the second round of the shoot-

Warinanco. Oliver, Starker and Tamaro each had a goal and an assist, while Lupton and Hillenbrand also

two games, which included a 5-2 vic-

fory over Westfield last Thursday at

"Our goal is to make the state tournament and see what happens from there," Nixon said.

Summit's next scheduled game is today at Bayonne. The Hilltoppers are then scheduled to face Montclair on Jan. 10 and then Morristown-Beard the next day. Both of those contests are to be played at Warinanco.

"We're going to be tested next week," Nixon said. "They're both

GL boys' basketball wins Roselle Park Tournament

The Governor Livingston High School boys' basketball team captured the Roselle Park Tournament last week, while the girls' squad finished second in the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament at New Providence. GL's boys' team, which began the week with a 3-2

record, defeated Glen Ridge 38-29 and Johnson 56-29. GL's girls' team, which began the week at 2-3, bested host New Providence 45-39 and was defeated by Rahway 46-31. Jason Gionta was named MVP of the boys' Roselle

Park Tournament as he scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the championship-game win over Johnson. Teammate Doug Caruso paced the Highlanders with a 16-point effort.

Meagan Butler scored 21 points, Katie Dotto and Mary Goodspeed eight and Kerri Moore four in GL's win over New Providence. In the girls' loss to Rahway, Butler poured in 13 and Kathleen Dreitlein added six.

Wrestlers 5th at Rahway The Governor Livingston wrestling team did well to

place fifth at last week's Rahway Touranament. The Highlanders had 101 points, while champion J.P. Stevens gained 139. Rahway was second with 119. GL had two champions in Mike Fullowan at 130 and Jon Regenye at 152. Highlander grapplers that finished second included Brett Vanderveer at 125, Colin Price at

189 and Shawn Couglin at 215. GL began the week with a 3-1 record. The Highlan ders won their first three matches on Dec. 22 as they defeated Rutgers Prep 60-3, Red Bank 53-25 and Pingry 54-22 at Pingry.

Hockey began week 3-3-1

The Governor Livingston ice hockey team began the week at 3-3-1 after ending December with a 9-3 loss to Cranford last Sunday at the Bridgewater Sports Arena. Kyle Weltman had two goals and one assist for the

GL managed to tie Madison 8-9 on Dec. 28 as Weltman scored four goals and Joseph Pijanowski scored in the final minute for the tie. Kevin Giglio had two goals and two assists, while teammate Anthony Internicola also found the net.

GL is scheduled to resume its season tonight at 9:30 against Millburn at Bridgewater. The Highlanders are then scheduled to skate against West Orange Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. at South Mountain Arena in West Orange. Upcoming: Today: Millburn 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewa-

ter; Jan. 10 West Orange 5 p.m. at South Mountain; Jan. 13 Montclair-Kimberley 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-Kimberley 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.

Track athletes outstanding Governor Livingston track and field athletes turned in outstanding performances at last week's DeSchriver

On the girls' side, Megs DiDario was second in the 300-meter run in 45.45. Tiffany Clark of West Orange was first in 43.61.

Invitational at Drew University in Madison.

DiDario was also second in the 1600-meter run in 5:34,00. Ashley Uniskiewicz of Hillsborough was first in 5:32.97.

Dana McCurdy captured the 55-meter hurdles competition, winning in an impressive time of 8.95. On the boys' side, Michael Prazak was fifth in the

600-meter run in 1:31.74.

Brian Dressel was fifth in the high jump at 5-6, while Daniel Legiec was fifth in the shot put at 45-2. Matt O'Holla was third in the pole vault at 11-0.

Jan. 25 at New Providence,

Feb. 1 at Newark Central, 7

Jan. 29 Roselle Park, 7

Feb. 8 Manville, 4 p.m.

Feb. 15 at St. Mary's, 7

Girls' Basketball

Jan. 4 at Newark Central, 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

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Feb. 12 Brearley, 7

Ice Hockey

Jan. 5 Watchung Hills, 8:45 p.m.

Jan. 25 at Mountain Lakes, 8:45

Feb. 1 at West Orange, 7 p.m.

Feb. 8 at Watchung Hills, 8:45

Feb. 15 at Bayonne, 7:45 p.m.

Home games played at

Twin Oaks in Morristown.

Jan. 8 at East Side, 4 p.m.

Jan. 19 Mountain Lakes, 9

Jan. 26 Gov. Livingston, 9

Jan. 30 at Johnson, 6 p.m.

Feb. 2 Lawrence, 9

Feb. 9 Johnson, 9

Jan. 12 West Orange, 9

Jan. 11 Watchung Hills, 8:45

Dayton

Feb. 15 St. Mary's, 7

Jan. 8 Oak Knoll, 7

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Dayton

Summit boys' basketball Boys' Basketball captures holiday tourney Jan. 4 Newark Central, 7

Jan. 8 at Oratory, 7 Jan. 10 at Manville, 7 The Summit High School boys' basketball team captured the Coaches vs. Jan. 11 Brearley, 7

Cancer Tournament at New Providence last week and began this week with a Jan. 15 St. Mary's, 7 Jan. 18 at North Plain., 7 The Hilltoppers defeated Chatham 74-58 and then downed host New Provi-Jan. 22 Bound Brook, 7

Alex Sprinzen scored scored 23 points and teammate Dwayne Reid 16 to spark Summit past New Providence. The Hilltoppers outscored the Pioneers 25-14 in the second quarter to take a

38-23 halftime lead. Summit's first two wins came against Dover and Morris Hills and its first

loss was against Mendham in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play. **Hot Stove League Dinner**

to be at L'Affaire Jan. 16 The 66th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner, sponsored by the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, will feature Milawaukee Brewers outfielder Jef-

frey Hammonds as a guest speaker. Hammonds, a former Scotch Plains High School slugger, will induct his brother, Reggie, into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame during the

The awards dinner and induction ceremonies will be held on Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside. At the dinner, awards will be presented to local athletes who have distinguished themselves during the year and four individuals will be inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame.

The evening's other honored inductees, besides Reggie Hammonds, include Ernest Finizio of Roselle Park, George Gross of Summit and Al Blazejewski of Union Township. According to James Iozzi, dinner chairman, the awards for Most Outstanding

Male and Female Athletes of Union County, which will be presented that evening, will be announced soon. Proceeds from the dinner help fund the Union County Youth Baseball League for youngsters ages 8-15 and the newer Fall Teen League, which just

completed its third season of play. Begun in 1945, the Summer Youth League reached a new high in participa-Tickets for the dinner are \$35 and can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at

the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth. More information may be obtained by calling 908-527-4910.

Kean University to host seven-week soccer program

Kean University in Union will host a seven-week winter soccer program for boys and girls ages 6-16. More information may be obtained by calling Kean men's soccer coach Tony Ochrimenko at 908-327-2936.

for the Buildogs Dayton began week at 4-1

Not a bad start

ROSELLE PARK - Not a bad start to the season. The Dayton High School girls' basketball team sought to improve to 5-1 yes-

Dayton, which began the week at 4-1, defeated Roselle Park 47-21 last Saturday afternoon in the consolation game of the Panther Pride Tournament. The teams were scheduled to play last night in Springfield in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play.

Roselle Park entered yesterday's game with a 1-4 record and four-game los-

terday with a second consecutive victory over Roselle Park.

High School Girls' Basketball

In the tournament win over Roselle Park, Dayton received an 11-point effort from senior guard Esther Aizenberg and a 10-point performance from freshman guard Cristin Zavocki. Aizenberg also came up with five steals and dished out

Roselle Park was defeated by Johnson 57-32 in its first-round game Dec. 27. Roselle, with a record of 3-1, and Johnson, with a record of 1-3, were scheduled to play in the Panther Pride championship game last Saturday night. Here's a look at Dayton's first-round tournament game against Roselle

That was the case as Roselle came back to down Dayton 53-39 on Dec. 27 at T. Ralph Williams Gymnasium. After building a 30-26 halftime lead, the Bulldogs were shut down in the

second half, scoring only nine points. "A lot of our shots weren't falling in the second half," Dayton head coach Dave Rennie said, "We were also out-hustled."

Things looked good for the Bulldogs early on as they took a 6-2 lead. After Roselle cut it to 6-5, Dayton went on a 6-0 run that was capped with a layup by sophomore guard Lyndsey Brahm to bring the score to 12-5. A short banker and a putback by Roselle closed the gap to three at 12-9. Dayton was able to add a basket before the close of the quarter as Zavocki put in

a layup after a nice give-and-go with Aizenberg, giving Dayton a 14-9 Zavocki led the Bulldogs with 12 points. Aizenberg got things started in the second quarter by hitting on both ends of a

one-and-one for a 16-9 lead. Once again. Roselle responded and went on a 6-0 run to close to within one at

Dayton then tried to pull away again as it took a 21-15 lead on a three-pointer by Zavocki and a pair of free throws from freshman forward Lisa Listowski.

'We'll bounce back. I have a young, confident bunch of kids that want to win.' — Dayton girls' basketball coach Dave

Rennie after the Bulldogs lost to Roselle and before they defeated Roselle Park in the Panther Pride Tournament.

After Roselle's Yolanda Bryon knocked down a 20-footer from the top of the key to make it 21-17, Zavocki scored on consecutive layups to bring the score to 25-17 with 3:33 left before the half.

After Roselle's Philicia Holmes drove into the paint, stopped and popped a five-foot jumper, Dayton junior forward Iyeisha Gordon hit a shot from close range to make it 27-19. The Rams then scored the next two baskets on short five-foot jumpers to cut

the deficit to 27-23. A free throw by Aizenberg and a pair from Brahm boosted the Dayton lead to

seven at 30-23. With four seconds left before intermission, Roselle's Luci Custis dropped in a "trey" from top of the key to bring the score to 30-26.

"I felt we played well in the first half," Rennie said. "We were able to get some defensive rebounds and run our fast-break." The second half started with Roselle going on an 8-0 run to take a 34-30 lead.

The first two scores came as the result of offensive rebounds and putbacks. "We couldn't keep them off the offensive glass," Rennie said. "The had several chances on second and third shots."

A layup by Listowski on a nice bounce pass from sophomore point guard Sara Steinman cut the lead to two at 34-32. Roselle then went on a 9-0 run to take a 43-32 lead and remain in control.

After a Zavocki three-pointer made it 43-35, Roselle closed out the quarter with a free throw from Alicia Holmes to make it 44-35.

Steinman started the fourth quarter with a driving layup to pull Dayton to within 44-37. However, the Bulldogs would manage only one more basket the rest of the way, which was a a layup by Listowski with five minutes remaining.

we were rushing shots and missing the mark." Dayton won the Panther/Pride Tournament last year by defeating Roselle 57-43 in the championship game.

"It wasn't their trap that gave us trouble," Rennie said. "It was the fact that

"We'll bounce back," Rennie said. "I have a young, confident bunch of kids that want to win."

Dayton's next scheduled game is tonight at Newark Central at 7 in MVC-Valley Division play. Upcoming: Today: at Newark Central, 7 p.m.; Tuesday: 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.

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Celebrity bartenders raise funds for parade

The 2002 Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Commings recently. held a planning session for the annual celebrity beneaders fund-raiser. The event will be lan 19 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Township of Union Knights of Columbus Hall, 1034 Jeanene Ave. All proceeds from the event will be growing in the entire state, attracting the exployees covered by the PBA. more than 25,000 people annually for

the last several years The celebrity barrenders fundraiser will feature various celebrities from the sports world and daytime television Last year's event dreaover a thousand donators. Organizer's a half, "to the families of our brother ed this year's event will look to top.

"This fund-raiser has become a key event for more sing the awareness of the parade Parade Chairman Jim Disgreen, said "We look forward to all of Thian County periodysting in

Federal funds allocated for county's homeless

The U.S. Department of Housing assissi in New York 'City ard Other Development ewerded Or o Organy 11 444 &6 under in \$20,000 to the New York Policemen's Contract of Care Supporting House Children : Fund and \$20 000 to the and Arogram. The far is well be allow Sanom Fremer's Association where the hosting projects for the . Will we aid Children: Fund On P.M. With electric Elizabeth, and Plainfield NOW 130 \$20,000 way dinated to the The for in will be sent to Bridgeway. Non Jersey State Politiemen's Bene-House CHER SOLOGE Interfails. volent Association Survivors hand Council for the Homeless of Union. Welfare Road to a bit Fort Authority Chargo CHEE \$116.098 Interface. Countil for the Homeless of Univer-Coarty CHP \$492334 and Come,

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Corrections officers donate \$60,000 of pay

The tragic events that occurred o Sept. 11 were devastating to every uniform correction officer at the Union County Jail, Many watched the

Unpopular cuts in '02 (Continued from Page B1

promises to curtail any major state initratives. Here's a hunch that for most, acknowledgement of tough times means for everybody else and not the guy facing the cutback in service or increase in taxes,

Long after the hugs are a memory. the 21 people in the center seats in our county will be making some unpopular cuts. It may be the reason Scanlon faid out the agenda with some needed bluntness on Tuesday.

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When the governor of New Jersey declared a state of emergency, all non-essential employees were sent home from work. Correction officers. however, were mandated to remain at their posts within the jail facility. The Policemen's Benevolent Asso-

holder Chairman Alexander Mirabella ciztion Local 199 contract which represents Union County corrections used to put on the sixth Annual 5t. officers, states that if county employ-In each 30-minute program, free-Patrick's Day parade in the Township ees are given a day off, the same shall holders and guests discuss news of Union. The parade is the fastest be considered as an extra holiday for events and issues affecting the lives of Union County residents. Freeholders According to Vincent DeLouisa, pres-Forum" is brought to viewers by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and is ident of PBA Local 199. Corrections made possible through the facilities Officer Gordon Dagnall contacted and technical direction of Union union PBA Local 199 officials and suggested that all staff donate their added day's pay, which was time and and sister uniform personnel that so bravely gave their lives on this most

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Volunteers wanted for HUGS, SKIP programs

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Our greing up what is considered. Program, PSVP, of Union County hillday pay from Bert 11 is some- helps sponsor two local intergenerathing that just made sense to us. Let tional school programs. One is an out in hetery benefit it working an after chool program called Seniors this harrendous day go to where it and Kids Intergeneration Program belongs - to the families who have SKIP, in Linden. At that program, Not their lived one art in memory wolunteers work with students on of the heries who make us proud. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons helping them with reading, math, basic study skills and homework by prowiding that extra bit of care and attention. The other program is at a Roselle elementary school and its called Help

Us Gain Success. HUGS. This is a late to Freeholder, Forum television during school program, where volunshow sponsored by the Board of Cho- teers assist the teachers in the If you are interested in SKIP or from the county's recently held annu- HUG, call Community Access Unlimited and ask for Laurie or Kel-

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Tinen, who is president of the Union County Economic Development Corporation, was introduced to the fund when she moved into her .

"What moves me is the extraordinary sincerity of everyone who partici- fund and sometimes to actually propates," said Tinen. "It's small and it's vide service/assistance to a client," kept small so every client can be said Tinen. Lots of people are into treated personally. This is not a charing giving to a charity in lieu of a gift. It's www.pauljacksonfund.com.

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Commuters decry proposed increase

"Sometimes that's challenging

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Some of the feedback ran along the lines of "How can you raise fares given the present level of service/the economy/Sept. 11 conditions?" Several individual rider group representatives refrained "a fare increase is a tax increase." A few more suggested the Legislature be pressed to boost the gasoline tax and dedicate the increase for

John Drennan and Robert Moss, both of Bloomfield, said the elimination of the weekday round-trip excursion fare would discourage use of rail lines by reverse commuters or casual riders. Drennan gave an example of the cost of taking himself, his wife and two guests on the Montelair Branch and PATH tubes into New York. The NJ Transit portion would rise from \$14 to \$22 and the trip would ultimately cost \$34 when PATH fares are added.

The projected 40 to 80 percent increase by ending the weekday round-trip excurstion fare was not the only inequality critics found. At least one Newark rider pointed out that the Ivy Hill section is the only part of the city where bus riders have been paying an extra zone since 1999. Irvington Councilman David Lyons cited the lower bus fares in southern New Jersey and charged NJ Transit of regional descrimination.

State Association of Railroad Passengers official Wilham Wright of Cranford considered the plan as not making

economic, environmental or social sense. David Peter Alan of South Orange asserted that NJ Tranist was not legally giving the public enough time to consider and comment on the increases. Alan, as chairman of the Lackawanna Coalition advocacy group, considered using ZORF as delegating fare hikes to the state Division of Motor Vehicles, who he says uses the formula to regulate private bus company fares. Fellow South Orange resi-

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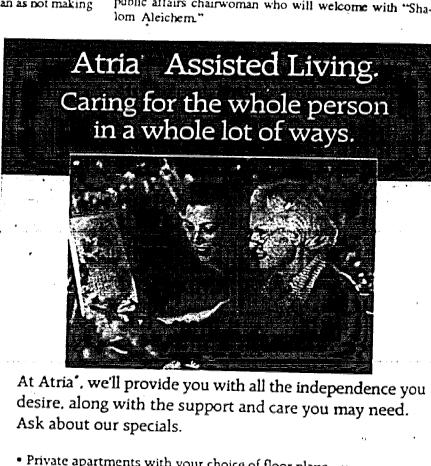
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National Council of Jewish Women, Union County Secion, will sponsor its annual NCJW Shabbat Service today at 8:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Or/Beth Torah, 111 Valley

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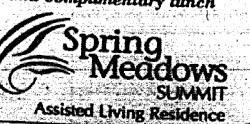
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Former band leader keeps on strumming to carry the torch

Staff Writer

Johnny Lenard, an 89-year-old musician, composer, teacher, band leader and accordion player, cannot remember when music was not a part of his life. He has played in bands throughout his life in and around the metropolitan area, composed his music, made an album which is now a compact disc, "Smiling Polish Eyes," and taught students the accordion and the piano. Now, he has limited his musi-

cal programs to entertaining nursing homes "all around. "From the time I was born in Newark to parents, who came from Poland, there was music everywhere," said the personable, ever-smiling Lenard. "It was automatic. My father played the violin; he taught himself. Before I knew it, I began playing the mouth organ.

"I was raised in Elizabeth. Before I was even graduated from St. Adalbert's School and Jefferson High School, I had graduated from the mouth organ, bought a small accordion and played on my own. It was easy to make the transition. I even took piano lessons from Mrs. Mary O'Brien," he recalled. "I was a youngster at the time, and I took lessons for five years.'

Lenard then decided to teach the accordion privately to at least 30 students, and gave accordion concerts at Hamilton Junior High School in Elizabeth. "I organized a threepiece orchestra, the Johnny Lenard Orchestra, and played at social affairs, you know, weddings and dances. Back in 1936 until 1940, when I had a six-piece orchestra, I played on a radio station called WAAT in Jersey City. I had a lot of bookings then."

During World War II, Lenard worked for Eastern Aircrafts in Linden as a stock man. "I didn't go into the service, so I worked during the day, and kept myself busy on weekends with my band. "I reorganized my orchestra back in 1947 and until

1949, I played at a radio station WCTC in New Brunswick on Sunday afternoons. Then we played at Manville Roller Rink, a dance hall, where 400 to 500 people attended." He and his band played for the summer picnics at the Sons of Poland Camp from 1949 to 1955, "Thousands of people attended," Lenard said, "and about 40 buses came from all over. In June 1964, we played the New Jersey Pol-ish Day music at the World's Pair at Plushing Bay, New York City. We played popular and Polish music at a dance hall at the Polish Home in Irvington from 1969 to 1970. three nights a week. There always was a full house."

The album that Lenard made in 1969, "Smiling Polish Eyes," featured orginal songs, a waltz, polkas written and arranged by Lenard. They included the title song, "Going to a Picnic," "South River," "Hupay Shupay," "Riverhead," "Major & Minor," "Here We Go," "Old Smoky." "Irvington," "Easy Come - Easy Go," "Leon's" and "Mother Told Me." Lenard served as orchestra leader and pianist, with Billy Cowen at the trumpet, Tony Lenard, Johnny's brother, tenor sax; Michael Yudd, accordion; Tony Disavino, guitar, and Johnny's son, Tommy Lenard,

Lenard married Mary Lenard of Jamesburg. "No relation, before she became my wife. In fact, her folks came from the same part of Poland that my family did. We had five children, Barbara, Carol, Thomas, Kathryn and Peter. Now, we also have a dozen grandchildren and about 10 great-grandchildren."

Lenard taught music instruction on the accordion and piano at the homes of his students, "including Ray Lesniak, who had his own orchestra, and Walter Lesniak and Billy Stiles." From 1977 to 1982, he was associate organist at St. Adalbert's Church. In 1991 and 1992, Lenard and his orchestra played at the annual Pulaski Parade for the Polish Falcons from Somerville in New York City.

The musician-composer, who also had entertained at business meetings and at nursing homes for many years, has limited his entertainment just to nursing homes now. "I've entertained such nursing homes as the Cranford Hall Nursing Home for the past 25 years, at Cornell Hall in Union for 12 years, Greenbrook Nursing Home, Green Brook, Villa Maria Nursing Home in North Plainfield, Winchester Gardens in Maplewood.

"I love playing for these people," he admitted. "It lifts



Johnny Lenard, 89, of Elizabeth plays his accordion with his band, left, Tony Lenard Johnny's brother, on the saxophone; Chet Drozd, on the violin, and in background. Teddy Marczak on the drums, during a nursing home entertainment program. Sister Mary Louise of the Little Servant Sisters, administrator of St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Woodbridge, looks on.

up their spirits. Some even join me in singing — the old tunes, which they always loved. Songs like 'You Are My Sunshine,' 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart' and 'When Irish Eyes Are Smiling.' I also play patriotic and ethnic songs on request. And I always close my program with 'God "I prefer the standards. I play the kind of music the

senior citizen likes. I try to make people happy." Lenard shows no signs of slowing down. "People ask me, 'How old are you?' Or, 'When do you plan to retire?' I tell them, I don't need to retire - that is, unless I become ill. Only God knows when that will be," he smiled. "My band members all retired in 1991. I'm carrying on the torch

Paper Mill Playhouse to play host to 'The Dinner Party'

Neil Simon play opens Tuesday

The Broadway hit in its first regional theatre production, Neil Simon's "The performances on CBS's "As The World Turns." Dinner Party" opens Tuesday and runs through Feb. 10 at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. For tickets, call 973-376-4343

The production is directed by John Rando, director of Broadway's hit musical "Urinetown," the revival of "A Thousand Clowns" and the original production of "The Dinner Party," stars Catherine Lloyd Burns, Meg Foster, Elizabeth Heslin, Michael Mastro, Greg Mullavey and Steve Vinovich.

The Carriage House Special Post Show Supper Menu is available after all He has appeared off-Broadway in Eugene O'Neil's "Ah, Wilderness!" and evening performances; \$30 for all three courses. Call 973-379-2420 for Paper Mill, the State Theater of New Jersey, under the leadership of Execu-

tive Producer Angelo Del Rossi and Artistic Director Robert Johanson, is proud in Yonkers" directed by Gene Saks. He appeared on the big screen with Robin to present the regional theatere premiere of Neil Simon's "The Dinner Party." Williams and Robert DiNiro in "Awakenings" and with Tim Allen in "The San-Tickets are \$29 to \$59. Call 973-376-4343, stop by the box office or buy ta Clause." Vinovich may be recognized from his recurring television appearonline@www.papermill.org.

As the most successful writer of Broadway comedies of the last half-century, Simon has made audiences chuckle and guffaw to our heart's content. Now this prolific playwright tackles new, more serious ground in this comic drama about the ways husbands and wives seem doomed to hurt each other.

A gilded, glittering, gourmet restaurant in Paris "sets the table" for three divorced couples who have, unbeknownst to one another, been mysteriously invited to dine together in a private room. What ensues is a social smorgasbord where arguments, accusations, and revelations are hurled through the air like a verbal food fight. There are surprises around every place card and with Simon, America's "patron saint of laughter" as the author, you know that you're in for a Women;" "The Goodbye Girl;" "Laughter on the 23rd Floor;" "Proposals;" devilishly good time.

Who's who in the cast

Catherine Lloyd Burns as Yvonne Fouchet recently appeared with Ben Stiller, Jenna Elfman and Ed Norton in "Keeping the Faith" on the silver screen. She also appeared with John Travolta in the film "Michael." She is a series regular on the Fox network hit "Malcolm in the Middle."

Meg Foster as Gabrielle Buonocelli has appeared in more than 40 movies for the silver screen and television. She was the original Cagney in the hit television series "Cagney and Lacey." She has made more than 30 guest apperances on TV sitcoms ranging from "Bonanza" to "The Cosby Show" from "The Twilight

Elizabeth Heslin as Mariette Levieux appeared on Broadway with Tony Ran-

dall and Jack Klugman in Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple." Television audiences may remember her from her role on NBC's "The Pretender" or recurring Michael Mastro as Albert Donay recently appeared on Broadway in "Judge-

ment at Nuremberg." Other Broadway appearances include "Side Man," for which he received a Helen Hayes Award nomination, "Barrymore" with Christ-Greg Mullavey as Claude Pichon starred on Broadway in Simon's hit comedy "Rumors," as well as starring opposite Mia Farrow in "Romantic Comedy."

"Long Days Journey into Night." Television audiences will remember Mullavey as Tom Hartman in "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman." Steve Vinovich as Andre Bouville appeared on Broadway in Simon's "Lost

ances on "ER" and "Family Matters." Simon has been represented on Broadway by "Come Blow Your Horn;" "Liftle Me;" "Barefoot in the Park;" "The Odd Couple;" "Sweet Charity;" "The Star-Spangled Girl;" "Plaza Suite;" "Promises, Promises;" "Last of the Red Hot Lovers;" "The Gingerbread Lady;" "The Prisoner of Second Avenue;" "The Sunshine Boys;" "The Good Doctor, God's Favorite;" "California Suite;" "Chapter Two;" "They're Playing Our Song;" "I Ought To Be In Pictures;" "Fools;" Brigthon Beach Memoirs;" "Biloxi Blues," which won a 1985 Tony Award; the new version of "The Odd Couple;" "Broadway Bound;" "Rumors;" "Lost in Yonkers," which won a 1991 Pultizer Prize and Tony Award;" "Jake's

"The Dinner Party" and the current "45 Seconds From Broadway." Off-Broadway, Simon has written "London Suite and Hotel Suite." His films include "Barefoot in the Park," "The Odd Couple," "The Out-of Towners," "Plaza Suite," "The Heartbreak Kid," "The Prisoner of Second Avenue," "Murder by Death," "The Sunshine Boys," "The Goodbye Girl," "The Cheap Detective," "California Suite," "Chapter Two," "Seems Like Old Times," "Only When I Laugh," "I Ought to Be in Pictures," "Max Dugan Returns," "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues," "Lost in Yonkers" and "The Odd Couple II."

Director John Rando directed the Broadway productions of "Urinetown," "A Thousand Clowns" and Simon's "The Dinner Party," also at the Mark Taper Forum and the Kenndey Center. New York credits include "Do Re Mi" and "Strike Up The Band" for City Center Encores!; "Mere Mortals" at the John

Houseman; "Ancient History, English Made Simple" and "An Empty Plate in the Cafe Due Grand Bouef(at Primary Stages; "The Venetian Twins," "When Ladies Battle" and "Twelfth Night" at the Pearl Theatre Company; "Things You Shouldn't Say Past Midnight" at the Promenade.

Regional credits include productions at Berkshire Theatre Festival, Cleveland Play House, Studio Area in Buffalo, the Philadelphia Theatre Company, Playmakers Rep in North Carolina, Syracuse Stage and the Portland Stage

"The Dinner Party" set is by Jonn Lee Beatty Costumes by Maryann D. Smith and lighting by Brian MacDevitt The performance schedule is Wednesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Satruday

at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday matinee at 2

A conversation series is free and open to the public and meets in the theater's questions with members of the cast and staff. An ideal way to further enjoy the

Paper Mill experience. Audio-described performances — sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain — will be Feb. 7, 12:30 p.m. seminar, 2 p.m. curtain; Feb. 9, 1 p.m. semi-

nar, 2:30 p.m. curtain; Feb. 10, 6 p.m. seminar, 7:30 p.m. curtain. Sign-interreted/open-captioned performances will be Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Paper Mill Playhouse, located on Brookside Drive in Millburn, is easily Faccessible by car from both New York — 30 minutes from Midtown — and 'New Jersey via the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike and 1-78. From New York City, PATH trains to Hoboken, change to NJ Transit train to Dover and get off at Millburn. The theatre is on selected days and time, conve-

nient for weekday matinees and Saturday/Sunday performances. For more information, call NJ Transit at 800-772-222. Paper Mill Playhouse is barrier-free and completely accessible to people with disabilities; TTY box office number: 973-376-2181 for patrons who are hearing

For each production, Paper Mill offers audio-described performances for the visually impaired, as well as sign-interpreted and open captioned performances for the hearing impaired. Braille and large-print programs, as well as an infrared

listening systems are also available for selected performances. Tickets are \$29 to 59. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express accepted. \$15 student rush tickets available day of performance with current ID. For information, call the box office at 973-376-4343. For group sales of 20 or

more, call 973-379-3636, Ext. 2438.

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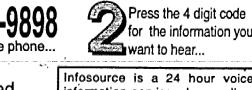
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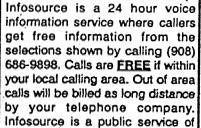
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OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPEC-TIVE on Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, features the work of 10 adults with developmental disabilities. The exhibit will tour the county. For information, call 908-354-3040,

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evalyn Dunn's Gallery, 549 South Ave., Westfield. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and

by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412. CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The Merck 2001 Union County Juried Art Show will be on exhibit in the Freeholders Gallery on the sixth floor of the p.m. in the Westfield Presbyterian Union County Administration Building,

Elizabeth, through today. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Administration Building is located at Elizabethtown Plaza, Rahway Avenue,

Elizabeth. For information, call 908-558-2550. MAKING A MARK - the work of New Jersey artists Gary Briechle, Caroline Burton, Eric McLendon, Gloria Rodriguez and Barbara Stork - will be on exhibit through Saturday at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St.,

For information, call 908-273-9121. bit of black-and-white and color photographs by Helen Leucke extolling the beauty of America, is on display in the Les Malamut Gallery in the Union Public Library, through Jan. 10.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., Union.

For information, call 908-851-5450. JOURNEYS: "Black and White Photographs by Howard Nathenson" will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Jan. 13. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St.

Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121. FLOWER COMFORT, the works of Martha Suhr Rolland, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House Gallery at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through Jan. 14.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit.

For information, call 908-789-2075

or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

by Jessica Lenard - will be on exhibit

in the Members' Gallery at the New

Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Sum-

tion for the artist will take place Jan. 27

Gallery hours, are Mondays to Fri-

days from noon to 4 p.m., and Satur-

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For information, call 908-273-8787. CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPI-TAL in Mountainside will exhibit the Now Jersey Photography Forum seventh annual Juried Show and the call 732-574-1818. watercolors of Vi Shipley through January. Children's Specialized Hospi-

tal is located at 153 New Providence tion, call 973-376-8544. EIGHT ARTISTS from the Exhibitors

Co-Op will have their work on exhibit at Group will meet at Barnes and Noble, The Arts Guild of Rahway from Wed-1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7:30 p.m. nesday through Feb. 8. A reception will the third Friday of each month to read a take place Jan. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. Shakespeare play out foud. The group Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; is led by Kevin Muller. For information, call 732-574-1818. Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild of WOMEN'S READING GROUP will

Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark the last Wednesday of each month. Bar-For information, call 732-381-7511 nes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road, For information, call 732-574-1818. PRINT AS PARABLE — monoprints, etchings, collographs and giclee prints

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offer an artist demonstration titled mit Jan. 14 through Feb. 15. A recep-"Pastel Figure Painting," taught by Annette Hanna, Jan. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Westfield Community Room, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield. Admission is free. For information, call 908-687-2945

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN in Westfield offers various music classes to child-For information, call 908-273-9121. ren between the ages of 10 months and 8 years old. For information on class offerings or to reserve a space at NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY either open house, call 908-232-4881: INC. will conduct auditions today at

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For information, call 908-789-9696. For information, call 908-665-9788 WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' **NEW JERSEY THEATER ALLIANCE** COOPERATIVE will offer professional

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10 envelope: Mail entries to New Jersey Theater Alliance, P.O. Box 21, Florham Park. 07932. Entries must be postmarked by

METRO RHYTHM CHORUS of Sweet Adelines International is seeking female singers. The group rehearses every Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Cranford area. For information, call Janet Manfredonia at 908-654-8641 or send e-mail to manfredonia@postbox.csi.cuny.edu; or call Judy McCord at 973-895-8983.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB is seeking male and female adult singers to participate in the club's 77th season. Rehearsals are Mondays from 8 to 10 Church choir room. For information, call Dale Juntilla at

A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN' by Virginia

Woolf will be the topic of a book discussion sponsored by the Women's Resource Center in Summit Monday at noon. Participants may bring a brownbag lunch. The Women's Resource Center is located at 31 Woodland Ave.,

For information and to register, call 908-273-7253. UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY Book Discussion Group will discuss "The Hand-

maid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. Union Public Library is located in Friberger Park on Morris Avenue. For information, call AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, an exhi- 908-851-5450. BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT

WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For -information, call 973-376-8544

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READ-ING GROUP will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark, Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818 **EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITER'S**

CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets at Bames and Noble in Clark the second and fourth Monday of each. month. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call

MYSTERY READING GROUP will meet at Bames and Noble in Clark the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets at 7:15 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, the third Monday of each month. For informa-

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading information, call 973-467-8278.

in voice and/or acting are available. Westfield High School is located at 728 Westfield Ave. For information, call 908-233-3200.

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SOPRANO FRANCESCA ANGIUOLI will present her one-woman concert, "Frangelika's Muse," at Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., Union, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call 908-851-5450. NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY will appear in concert Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. at Jonathan Dayton High School, 139

is by donation; students are admitted free. For information, call 908-771-5544 or visit www.njys.org. BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will present musical performances throughout the autumn. All concerts are from 8 to 10 p.m. in the cafe section

Mountain Ave., Springfield. Admission

For information, call 973-378-8544. BARNES AND NOBLE, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, will present musical performances throughout the autumn. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe For information, including a concert

schedule, call 732-574-1818.

DISCUSSION

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jaml Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. tan Road, Clark, at 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road. For information, call

732-574-1818. WRITER'S WORKSHOP will meet Monday at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West. The year: group meets every other Monday. For information, call 973-376-8544.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10

The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call 908-354-6060.

KIDS TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER in Mountainside will sponsor

all after-school workshops in the coming weeks and months. After-School Exploration: Nature exploration and science experiments for tirst- and second-graders; Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.; \$8 per

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West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rarl-For information, call 732-574-1818.

MUSEUMS LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM in Union

Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.: "Tea Served" on the glass porch, \$20 per Thursdays, 11 a.m., and 1 and 3 p.m.: "A Child's View of History" tours

and activities for children 7 to 12 years Liberty Hall is located at 1003 Morris Ave., Union. Tours are offered Wednesdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4

\$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children;

children younger than 6 are admitted For information, call 908-527-0400 or visit the web site, at

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road In Scotch Plains. The group meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of every month.



NEIL SIMON's 'THE DINNER PARTY,' directed by John Rando, opens at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn on Tuesday and runs through Feb. 10. For ticket information, call 973-376-4343.

CRAFTS

THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-755-7653.

JANCI SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS continues its 2001-02 season with Friday gatherings at 8 p.m. — beginners are asked to arrive at 7:30 p.m. - at The Connection, Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Summit. Gatherings are scheduled for today, which is the holiday party, and Jan. 11 and 25, a Chinese. New Year celebration. Admission is \$2; special workshops are \$4. For

reservations, call 973-642-1226.

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cake and strawberry mascarnone cheesecake.

sandwiches and salads.

Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.; \$8 per

For information, call 908-789-3670. BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and Kids Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10

For information, call 973-376-8544. UNION RECREATION DEPART MENT will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation Building, 1120 Commerce Ave., from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 908-964-4828

Theater Square Grill raises another curtain

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22

Theater Square Grill, the highly regarded restaurant at the New Jersey Per-

forming Arts Center, kicked off its own fifth anniversary season in conjunction

with the opening performances of NJPAC's exciting new season. The Theater

Square Grill is now accepting reservations for the entire NJPAC season, both on

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Since its own opening, which coincided with the center's October 1997 pre-

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pappadelle with bolognese sauce; grilled salmon fillet with warm potato salad;

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herb sauce and vegetable couscous timbale; spicy lobster, fennel and tomato

sauce over linguine; Swiss chard lasagna with tomato ginger coulis and baked

artichoke; braised pork braciola with lemon oil and herbed potato salad; grilled

salmon with coconut cardamom spinach and basmati rice; and a selection of

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Square Grill has added a variety of exciting new programs and packages to its

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"The Unexpected Guest" Saturday through Jan. 19. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are 704 Washington Ave., Linden, will pre-\$12. WCP is located at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will pre-

SINGLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAY-ERS will present Agatha Christie's nesday night.

For information, call 908-232-1221.

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m. and karaoke every Thurs-The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6455. CASUAL TIMES In Clark will present

Central Ave., Clark. For information,

noon to closing, see all the games with

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sent "An Enemy of the People" by Hen-

rik Ibsen Jan, 18 to Feb. 17. Shows are at 7,30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 2

Dp.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$8 for gen-

eral admission, \$8 for students and

senior citizens. Elizabeth Playhouse is

located at 1100 E. Jersey St.,

For information, call 908-355-0077.

VARIETY

offers several events throughout the ntertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 Casual Times is located at 1085

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as p.m., with the last tour beginning at 3 football-themed nights. p.m. Tour admission is \$5 for adults, Every Sunday: Sunday Football,

\$2 domestic pints and wing specials. Every Monday: Monday Night Football. Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam, all pints www.libertyhallnj.org. are \$2.

For information, call 908-241-5758.

For information, call 908-232-5666. EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by nusical artists. Eat to the Beat Coffeehouse is ocated at 1465 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of East Cherry Street. For

nformation, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call 732-381-0505. FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse n Rahway will present entertainment at various times. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St. in Rahway.

For Information, call 732-381-4700. HILLTOP CAFE AND GRILL in Summit presents "From Broadway to the Silver Screen" every Sunday at 6 p.m.. preceded by an all-you-can-eat dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost Is \$29.95 and reservations are required. The Hilltop Cafe and Grill is located at 447 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-0220.

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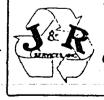
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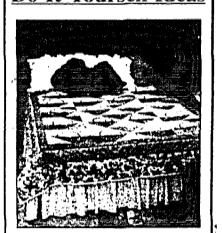
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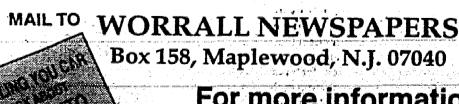
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nvestment, largely unaffected by the ation they realize is based on the total volatile movements of the stock value. market, according to the New Jersey Association of Realtors.

The sharp changes in the financial markets during the last year underscore the stability of residential real estate as a safe choice for consumers. "Homeownership should be approached as a long-term investment, providing both equity accumulation and tax benefits over time," NJAR President Rosanne Citta said. The National Association of Real-

percent last year, while Freddie Mac said home values increased 7 percent in 2000. In the same time frame, stock indexes finished in negative territory. However, Citta pointed out that the true return on a home investment should not be based simply on home appreciation, but also the amount leveraged. Homebuyers typically use

their own money to cover only 5 per-

in real estate as a career because of

economic market changes and a popu-

lation strongly affected by the Sept.

"We have found that when the

market changes, and when unemploy-

ment rises, people are more willing to

make a career change. In the current

economy, and with the isse in lay-offs, people are turning to the real

estate profession in order to gain back

control over their career and life."

according to Linda Trott, chairperson

of Education for the ERA Brokers of

New Jersey and broker/owner of

Residential real estate agents are

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tors reports the median existing-home

price increased a little more than 4

a leveraged buy-in," she added. In addition, home buyers receive tax benefits for their investments, in the form of deductions allowed for mortgage interest and property taxes. 'This leveraging of borrowed funds

"In other words, homeownership is

The 1998 "State of the Nation's Housing" report from Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies shows a dramatic increase in the rate of return on housing the longer it is held. For instance, the housing survey shows that the typical annual home appreciation rate of 5 percent and who made a down payment of 10 percent will generally growth rate of 11.7 percent. receive a 94 percent return after owning the home only three years.

cent to 20 percent of the purchase 10 years, the rate of return jumps to ed a decrease in overall stock prices; members.

als a greater level of control over their

career, their compensation and their

"The calls we are now receiving are

hesitant to make the move," Trott

Brokers are also hearing from peo-

Manhattan, individuals facing

increased commute times, and those

with an overall sense of wanting to

work closer to home. The attraction of

working in the city is being replaced

by the security of working closer to

one's community and family.

Real estate brokers across New usually independent contractors, and

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Jersey are seeing an increased interest not employees, which offers individu-

is 46 percent; after five years, 110 percent; and after 10 years, 305 percent In comparing changes in stock prices to changes in housing prices, NJAR President Citta noted that while the stock market has experienced

gives housing a return far in excess of the market's appreciation," she said. wide swings in value during the past 20 years, home values overall have continued to rise steadily. Between 1976 and 1997, before the more recent period of wild stock market variations, the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Price Index (S&P homeowner who experiences an 500), a widely accepted measure of the performance of the U.S. stock market, recorded an annual average

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623 percent. For those making a 20 while housing prices in general percent down payment and experienc- increased consistently. In fact, during ing the same amount of home appreci- that time period, the variance in stock ation, the rate of return is lower, but returns was more than 13 times that of still very respectable: after owning the variance in home appreciation at three years, the average rate of return the national level.

> Citta added that "Housing is not a quick-in, quick-out investment. However, when purchased for the long term, housing is one of the safest investments a consumer can make." "In addition to the savings accumulated through a buildup of equity and

the tax advantages, a home provides shelter. Absolutely no other investment provides this benefit," she The New Jersey Association of MAPLEWOOD, 3 BEDROOMS, living Realtors is a non-profit organization

serving the professional needs of approximately 36,000 real estate agents in the state. NJAR and its At the same time, the resale value member boards of Realtors are part of of homes rose at an annual average the National Association of Realtors, After owning five years, the rate of rate of 5.7 percent. However, during the largest trade association in the return increases to 225 percent, after four of those years, the S&P 500 post- United States with more than 750,000

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The section on selling a home

estate market and trying to predict

on both the unemployment and mort-

gage interest rates, both of which tend

to foreshadow the real estate market.

ditions and future economic expecta-

tions, Realtors try to predict what lies

ahead for the real estate markets

The National Association of Real-

fors reported at the end of November

that it expects existing-home sales to

reach 5.19 million for 2001, the sec-

percent from 2000. This expectation

is based on strong demand and favor-

able affordability conditions such as

the sustained decline in mortgage

interest rates throughout much of this

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Looking at past trends, current con-

where it is heading should keep an eye ing a slowdown in home price

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Chris Giugliano, vice president of training and development of Weichert

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market is headed, the NAR is predict-

increases across the nation given the

overall economic slowdown. While

nationally it is predicted that the

median existing-home price will rise

only 3.4 percent next year, market

trends differ by geographic area.

Prices in many New Jersey communi-

ties appear to be leveling off already.

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market has a lot to do with the unem-

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economy can bounce back, and peo-

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home. Currently, inventory is higher

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NAR expects jump in existing home sales

market."

than it was earlier in the year, but still a result of job instability. We still In terms of where the real estate tight. Days on the market, an industry have many buyers in need of homes. measure, is also greater, though, Come February and March, if interest according to several Realtors, inventory that is not moving is generally overpriced and not in selling

One Realtor who is optimistic

about the spring market is Suzanne Krouse, broker/manager of ERA Gallo & DeCroce, said, "Homes in movein condition and realistically priced are selling quickly; however, an overpriced listing will not sell now because the public is very sensitive as PUBLIC NOTICE

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