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BOE proposals spark controversy

By Doug McNamara
Staff Writer

Sparks flew at Springfield's Board of Education meeting on Monday following a presentation by board member Irwin Sablosky, finance committee chairman, on proposed ways to increase revenue in the district.

On the expense side of the ledger, the district faces significant increases in many state-mandated budget areas, which fall outside of the district's purview, said Jacqueline Shaves, board vice president. Sablosky, who estimated 96 percent of the budget is state-mandated, explained the district "is given very little wiggle room ... by the state." For instance, health-care costs could increase by more than 20 percent from last year, he added.

On the revenue side, however, despite the rising mandated costs, state law prevents a district from increasing its property tax levy past a certain point. A further consideration, said Shaves, isn't legal, but rather political. The board is concerned the town's residents will vote down a significantly increased budget in May 2006. So, some of these proposals are steps to mitigate against a failed budget while still generating revenue.

Since the costs for the mandated programs are fixed, the danger is non-mandated programs — such as extracurricular clubs and activities, the prekindergarten program, student drama productions and sports teams, to name a few — could face potentially fatal budget cuts, said Shaves.

Both Shaves and Sablosky emphasized the board wants to preserve as many of these non-mandated programs as possible. To do so, it has begun considering moves to generate additional revenue.

At the meeting, Sablosky presented three possible solutions generated by the finance committee. None of them have been officially adopted by the board.

First, about 14 years ago, the district had a surplus of about \$1 million. Sablosky suggested charging a monthly \$150 fee, which Sablosky called "much lower than any of those programs" for any student in the district's

prekindergarten program at the Walton School. Similarly, the committee also presented a plan to add a full-day prekindergarten program, with a monthly fee of \$500. "As far as I'm concerned, it needs to be revenue-neutral," said Sablosky. Currently, the district offers a free half-day program and no full-day program.

The board estimated the prekindergarten teaching expenses are approximately \$250,000 and the program's total expense, meaning instructional services and shared services, is around \$300,000-350,000, said Sablosky.

The second proposal was to implement a \$25 activities fee for all students in grades six through 12, which would generate around \$25,000 in additional revenue. Sablosky explained younger students would be exempt because there aren't as many extracurricular activities at the elementary level as at the middle- and high-school levels.

Third, in light of "the new cooperation between the township and the district," remarked Sablosky, the committee focused on working with the township to lower facility expenses through in-kind services.

For example, the township offered to hire a new groundskeeper whose primary responsibility would be to tend to school grounds. Similarly, the township offered to give the school system technical assistance in equipment maintenance and other matters.

Of the three suggestions, the first, regarding the fee for the prekindergarten program, met with the biggest outcry.

"I think that people feel prekindergarten is being targeted... It feels like the weight of these problems is being put on the young kids," said one parent. "We were counting on not having this added expense," said another concerned young parent, who admitted to being new to Springfield and on the lower-end of the town's income distribution.

One parent stressed children's education is the district's top priority. "There are always a few special-education students, new to Springfield, who weren't accounted for in the budget," said Sablosky, meaning before the year even begins, the surplus has taken a hit.

made, emphasize later interview. Sablosky added, "We are looking at (state-mandated) areas... If you please" send them by e-mail.

In a later interview, he said "each time you look at a particular area, you have a different constituent group" affected. He also urged parents to understand certain non-mandated academic areas receive a greater priority than other non-academic areas.

For instance, the board would be less willing to cut the fourth year of high-school mathematics, which isn't state-mandated, said Sablosky.

Another factor complicating this process is a relatively new state law, S-1701 and A-99, which took effect July 1, 2004 and targets a school district's budget. Sponsored by state Sen. Raymond Lesniak and Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, both from Union County, the bill has two main consequences for Springfield.

First, starting for 2005-06 year, the district could only increase its budget by a maximum of 2.5 percent, whereas in the past, it could increase the budget by 3 percent. With a budget of around \$30 million, the Springfield school system can only add about another \$750,000 next year.

Second, the maximum allowed surplus was reduced from 6 percent, or \$1.8 million, to 2 percent, or \$600,000. The district relies on the surplus to fund unexpected emergencies that can't be absorbed by the existing budget, said Sablosky. However, with the current law, there's a much greater possibility the district would have to take any emergency expenses from existing programs.

In addition to paying for emergencies such as a replacement water boiler, stressed Sablosky, the surplus also funds any new special-education students who move to Springfield after the budget has been passed. Under New Jersey law, towns aren't permitted to budget for how many such students they expect to enroll the following year.



A bulldozer sits at Meisel Avenue Park prior to work commencing on Nov. 28. It is anticipated the project to renovate the field will be completed within nine to 12 months.

Work at Meisel Avenue Park begins

By Dan Burns
Staff Writer

Residents of Springfield have been given a handful of different dates for the completion of work on Meisel Avenue Park over the last three years, seemingly a new one every time the old date nears its deadline. But as of last week, residents can now view the park's progress with their own eyes.

Construction workers began tilling the soil at Meisel Avenue Park on Nov. 28. It is the beginning of work that will take place in a new football and soccer field.

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little less rigid: between nine and 12 months.

"The project is on schedule," said Union County Public Information Director John Salerno. "It will take less than one year and the contractor told us it will be ready in time for the fall football season."

Sigmund said Tuesday it's possible Sunday's snow has slowed the progress of construction slightly, but he doubts it will affect the final date.

Facilities at Meisel Avenue Park should be improved once construction is completed, said Salerno. The park will be ready for the fall football season.

about contaminated soil at the site. The field after the Springfield school board proposed a multi-million dollar referendum to renovate the fields, which was defeated by voters.

The Garden State Preservation Trust gave \$1.1 million toward a remediation project to clear contaminated soil from the site and bring in new soil. Approximately 6 to 12 inches of soil from 1/2 acres of land was removed from the park.

Union County received a \$400,000 grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection in July. A previous timeline estimated construction would take from six to nine months.

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variety football program was re-opened with David Breaux High School in Kenilworth since the park closed in 2001.

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School violence is low

By Dan Burns
Staff Writer

The number of violence and vandalism incidents was again low in the Springfield school district for the last school year, though they were far from nonexistent.

A total of 24 incidents of violence or vandalism were committed in school grounds during the 2004-2005 school year, according to the New Jersey Department of Education's Violence Prevention and Intervention Unit.

Of those incidents, 11 were classified as "violence," which is typically a fight or a simple assault like one student pushing another. It also includes more abstract forms of violence, like making fun of someone. One of the reported incidents was the vandalism, three were for weapons violations and four were for substance abuse.

The most disturbing ones to me are drug-related incidents. It's sometimes difficult to get through to those students because drug and substance abuse involvement is so difficult to overcome," Davino said.

The community itself helps Springfield fight against substance abuse, violence and drug abuse, according to Davino. Parents will come forward with information if they're concerned about a student. Even students give teachers and administrators information about illegal activities, like drug use, if they're concerned for a classmate's health.

"We have a caring community. Between the kids and the parents, we get a lot of information," Davino said.

The three weapons offenses reported to the state Department of Education actually stem from two incidents, according to Davino. One offense was reported twice, which is a typical occurrence in state reports.

One report was filed when a DeLeon High School student brought a pocket knife to school. The other two were filed because a girl had a pen knife in her possession at Gardener Middle School.

Another incident involved a student bringing a knife to school. The school district notified the police of all of the incidents. A complaint was filed for four of them.

Springfield students committed 11 of the offenses reported. All of the offenses were also Springfield students. No teachers or non-student staff members were involved.

Davino was satisfied with the way violations were handled last year. "The district has to continue to be firm in enforcing and monitoring important safety regulations."

Davino was content with Springfield's low violence and vandalism numbers, but to say he was "happy" with them would be a stretch. "There are a very, very low number of incidents last year, but you always want it to be better. You want it to be absolutely nothing," Davino said.



ARTISTS AT WORK — At the sponsored craft workshop at Deerfield Middle School on Saturday, above left, 8-year-old Carina Farrah of Mountainside paints flowers. Above right, Paul Hughes helps his 5-year-old daughter, Jenny, make a decorative wreath.

Deerfield Student Council organizes collection drive for evacuees

By Doug McNamara
Staff Writer

For the Student Council at Deerfield Elementary School in Mountainside, the oft-cited "it is better to give than to receive" isn't just a maxim only considered during the holiday season and then quickly forgotten. Rather, giving and community service has

become a year-round activity. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the council organized a schoolwide drive to collect school supplies, as well as money, for Milton Elementary/Middle School in Louisiana.

Milton had agreed to house 76 evacuees from New Orleans, explained Mountainside resident Debbie Hoff-

man, who proposed the idea of helping these students to the council. Within a 2½-week period, they collected 32 boxes of school supplies, as well as \$5,000, for Milton. "I was very grateful... They really marketed the idea to their parents," remarked Hoffman. The school put the donations to good use, outfitting every evacuated student with

school supplies filled with school supplies and more, said Hoffman.

The council also used the money to buy additional items, including gym equipment and additional supplies and materials. The money was also used to fund a cheerleading squad for two dis-

Suzie Kebodeaux, Milton principal in a message sent by e-mail to Hoffman.

In addition to helping the Katrina victims, the council runs a number of yearly service projects, said Linda Shanahan, an eighth-grade language arts teacher and the council's faculty advisor. Most recently, as they've done for almost 10 years, the council set

aside \$500 to buy toys for the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, said Shanahan.

Shanahan, for one, isn't surprised at her students' service spirit, which is just a reflection of the town. "Mountainside is a very, very generous community... The community is very service-minded."

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RECREATION

YMCA collects coats Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., will host a winter coat drive for New Jersey Cares through Dec. 20.

Girls' softball Springfield Recreation Department Girls Softball Program for grades two through nine will have registration at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Softball Parents' Organization. For more information, call 973-912-2227.

Recreation Department seeks lacrosse players Springfield Recreation Department is organizing a lacrosse program in the township.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today
• The Foothill Club will have a luncheon at B.G. Fields restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield, at noon.

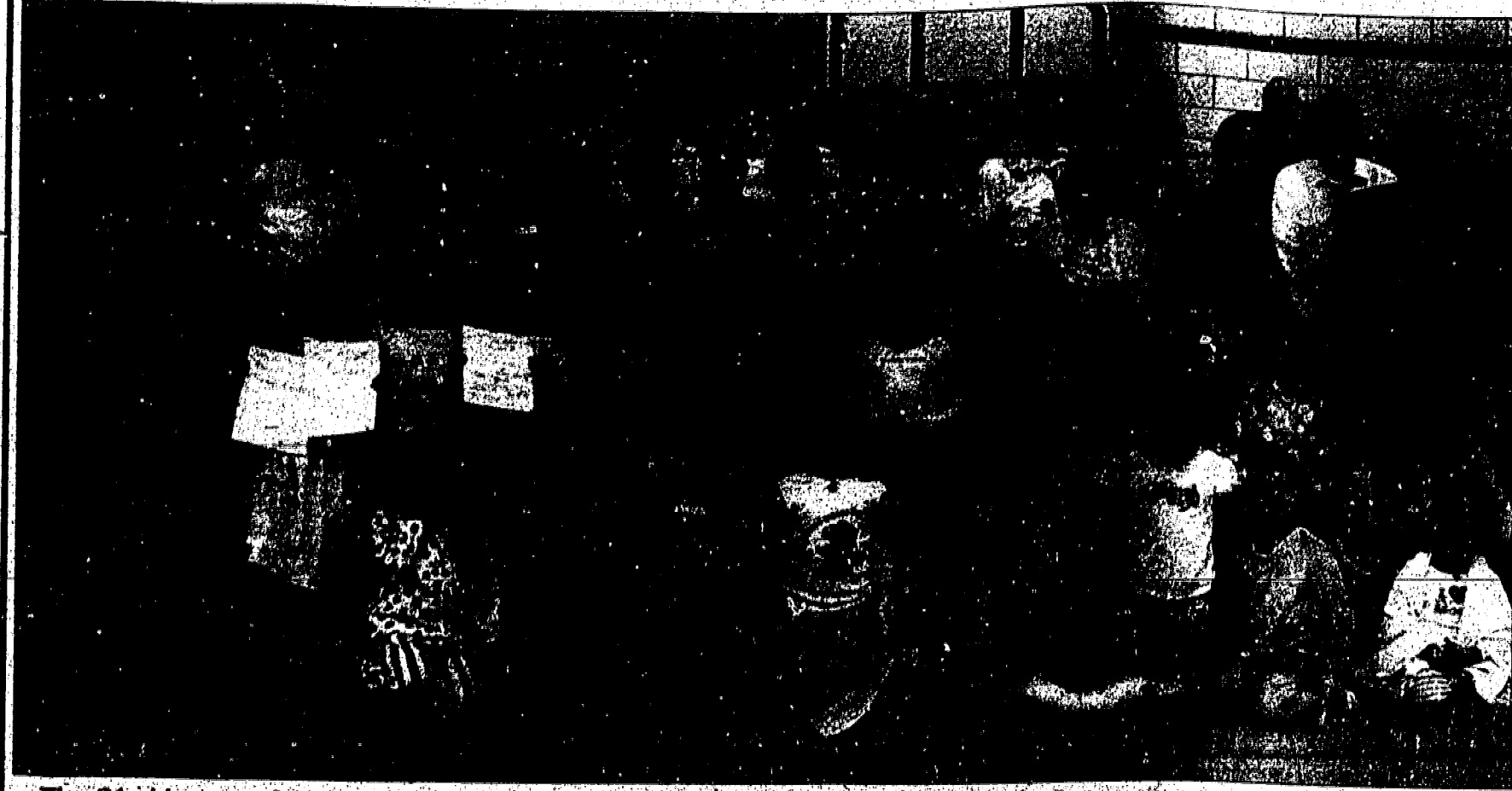
Saturday
• Santa is coming to the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., for breakfast with Santa.

Sunday
• The Widowed Persons Association of Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, will meet to present its Christmas party at Gran Centurions, Madison Hill Road, Clark, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop session in the Municipal Annex Building, 10 N. Trivett Road, at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15
• Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its fall international film festival with "Hero" at noon and 7 p.m.

Grab your partner, do-si-do



The 21 girls, ages 6 to 9, who participated in the Springfield YMCA's Girls Night Out, take a break from their dance lesson with the Harmony Square Dancers, also pictured. The sleep over event took place from Saturday to Sunday and included cooking, crafts, games and movies.

Springfield EMS offers procedures for making 9-1-1 calls

Most medical emergency calls in Springfield begin with a person dialing 9-1-1.

When 9-1-1 is called to report a medical emergency, residents should not hang up until instructed to do so.

When First Aid Squad members cannot find the resident's home due to inadequate numbering.

Precious minutes are often wasted when First Aid Squad members cannot find the resident's home due to inadequate numbering.

These residents who are in good physical condition, have a driver's license with a clean record and would like to make a positive contribution to their community are invited to join the team.

SENIOR NEWS

Prescription drug plan discussion to occur Spring Meadows Summit, 41 Springfield Ave., will host a discussion on the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

'Therapeutic Foods' program scheduled SAGE ElderCare, a major community resource for services for the elderly, is pleased to announce that the Summit Municipal Alliance and SAGE ElderCare will co-sponsor a program titled "Therapeutic Foods" on Friday at 11 a.m. This will be at the Summit Recreation Center, 100 Morris Ave.

Senior Van provides free transportation The Mountainside Senior Van provides free transportation for borough seniors ages 60 and older.

Flu vaccine available The Westfield Regional Health Department, which serves both Mountainside and Springfield, will offer a flu clinic on Monday starting at 2 p.m.

Free immunizations offered to children The Westfield Regional Health Department, which serves Springfield and Mountainside, offers free immunizations and physicals to all children from birth to 18 years.

Training offered for rape crisis advocates The Union County Rape Crisis Center is looking for caring, supportive, and committed individuals who can assist survivors of sexual assault during daytime, evening and weekend hours.

Poster of vintage postcard available A deluxe poster of vintage postcard scenes of the Union County Courthouse and Midtown Elizabeth dating back to the 1890s is now available from the Union County Courthouse Centennial Committee.

COUNTY NEWS

for the Union County Sheriff's Office and Charles Shallcross, an Elizabeth resident.

mittee and the Board of Chosen Freeholders are hosting an ongoing series of activities celebrating the Union County Courthouse's 100 years as a center of law, justice and government in Union County.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

MOMS Club seeking new members The newly-formed MOMS Club of Springfield and Mountainside is seeking new members.

Vendors wanted for Super Saturday market The Governor Livingston High-lander Booster Club invites community vendors/crafters of all types to participate in its Highlander Market at Governor Livingston High School, 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 21.

GL Booster Club raises money for athletics The Governor Livingston Highlander Booster Club invites fans of all ages to kick off another year of fundraising.

Widowed Persons group seeks members The Widowed Persons Association of Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, is looking for new members.

Local organizations receive grants from Heart Program The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders awarded a total of \$41,755 from the Heart Grant Program to 34 non-profit organizations across Union County.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

To support these programs, the Booster Club sponsors a variety of ways for community members to get involved.

The club was formed to provide networking opportunities for stay-at-home and part-time working moms. Events of several types are planned.

Each family will learn the fundamentals for shelter and fire building. Together the group will build a shelter warm enough to sleep in. Preregistration is not required. The fee for this program is a suggested donation of \$1 per person.

The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center at Beechwood School, 1497 Woodcreeks Drive, at 8 p.m.

The group is currently making blankets for Runnels' Specialized Hospital.

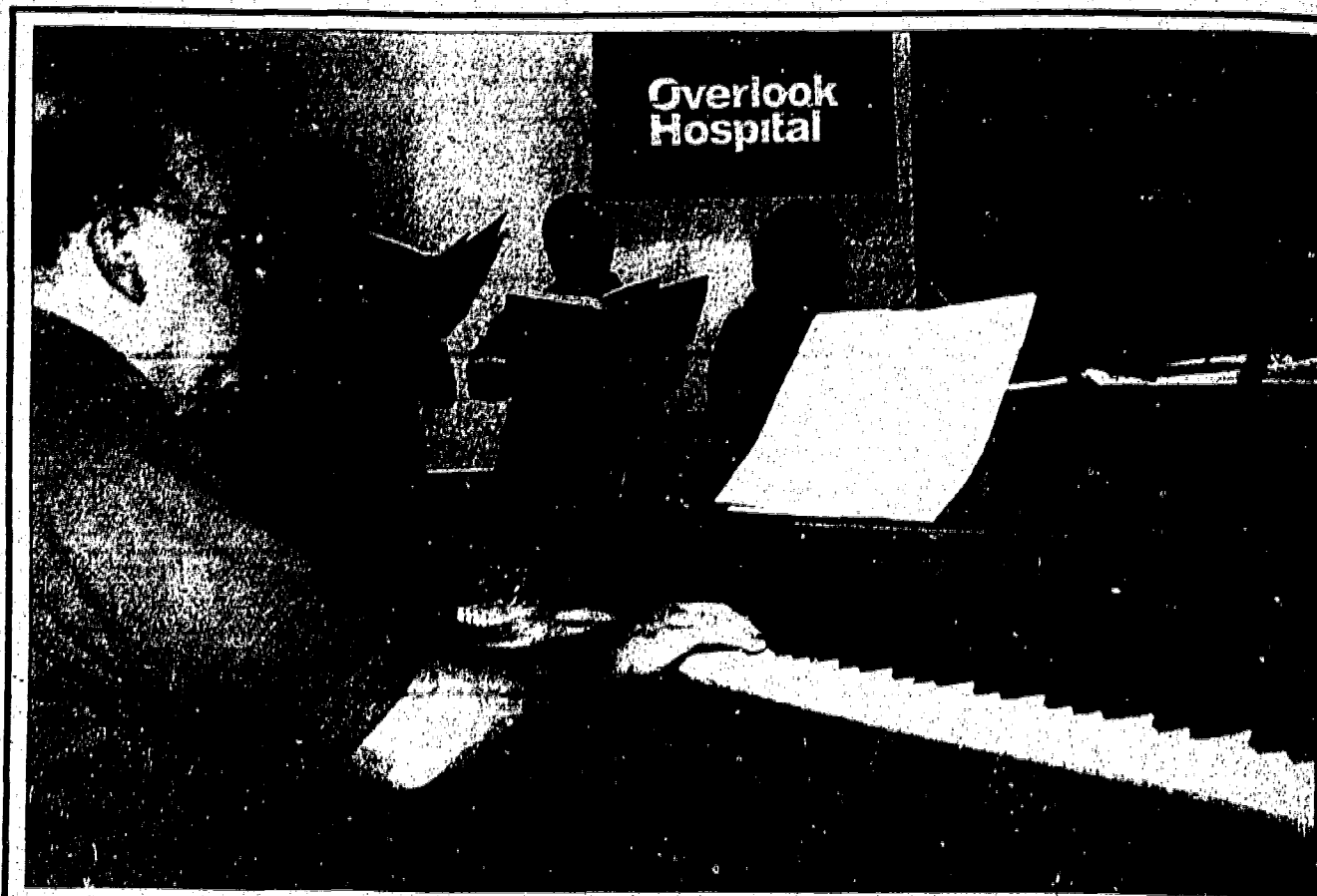
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Overlook Hospital

LIGHTS OF LOVE — Above, members of the Casuals from the Choral Arts Society of Westfield perform at the 'Lights of Love' concert on Dec. 1 at Overlook Hospital. Below, 6-year-old Kyle Hubbard of Summit is lulled to sleep with visions of sugarplums from 'Was the Night Before Christmas.'



Photos By Barbara Kikkhal

Now boarding: changes in passport and Amtrak requirements are on track

With significant changes in U.S. passport laws coming, Union County Clerk Joanne Rappini is urging those with plans to travel to ensure their documents are up to date. Effective Dec. 31, a passport will be required for all air and sea travel to or from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America. As of Dec. 31, 2006, a passport will be required for all air and sea travel to or from Canada and Mexico. As of Dec. 31, 2007, a passport will be required for all air, sea and land border crossings. Currently, U.S. citizens returning to the country from within the Western Hemisphere are not required to show a U.S. passport. Passport application forms may be obtained at the county clerk's main office in the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth and the Annex, 300 North Ave. East, Westfield. Applications and related information can also be found online at <http://www.uncj.org/county-clerk/passport.html>. The Westfield annex is the only county clerk's office in the state that is open during the evening. The annex is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The phone number is 908-654-9859. The Elizabeth office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number is 908-527-4966. Clients are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to closing time to allow for staff assistance with the passport process. More information on travel rules and regulations is available online at <http://travel.state.gov> or by calling, toll-free, 1-877-487-2778. In a related development, Amtrak has also undertaken heightened security measures. Amtrak customers 18 years old or older must produce valid photo identification when obtaining, exchanging and refunding tickets; starting baggage at stations, checking baggage; and, on board trains, if requested by an Amtrak employee. The same rules apply to unaccompanied children ages 15 to 18. Examples of valid identification include passport, driver's license, student identification, and military identification.

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SPORTS

GL football squad does well to wrap 6-4 Highlander expectations upgraded

By Timothy Denman Staff Writer
Governor Livingston football coach Terry Hanratty is 12-9 in his first two seasons at the helm. That includes two winning campaigns and consecutive state playoff appearances. Not bad. A winning season was realized this year after the Highlanders knocked off New Providence 10-0 on Thanksgiving morning in Berkeley Heights. The Nov. 24 victory was only the third-ever for GL over New Providence. The Pioneers, who reached the North 2, Group 1 semifinals, finished 7-4. "We hope this is just the start of good things to come at GL," Hanratty said. "The goal is to change the state of mind of the kids in the program. We want them to come into the season with the expectation of making the playoffs and to have them be willing to work to get there." The holiday series is 5-2-1 in favor of New Providence. The teams have met a total of 24 times. The success Hanratty and his players have enjoyed over the past two seasons should help to change the culture of the football team for years to come. After reaching the North 2, Group 2 semifinals last season following only the second playoff win in school history, GL did extremely well to qualify for the Central Jersey, Group 2 playoffs this year as the seventh seed. After falling to Rahway 14-0 at home in the regular season, this time GL played at second-seed Rahway in the quarterfinals and were defeated 35-7. However, the Highlanders were good enough to bounce back on Thanksgiving and beat a 7-3 New Providence team to finish with a winning record once again. "We didn't take the loss to Rahway as hard as the score might indicate," Hanratty said. "The team was just happy to be there. Making the playoffs was our goal at the start of the season and we fulfilled it."

THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL



Coach Pierre Pellaton of Springfield goes over game strategy with his New Jersey Devils Youth Hockey Club players in a game at South Mountain Arena.

Coach guides entertaining hockey team to success Springfield's Pellaton has quite a resume

The New Jersey Devils Youth Hockey Club's Midget AA 16-and-under team has been turning heads up and down the Garden State thanks to a very special import from Switzerland. It's the man behind the bench. Pierre Pellaton of Springfield - coach Pierre as he is known to two generations of players in New Jersey and Europe - has his high school-aged players whirling and flying around local rinks in a high-scoring motion offense that is as entertaining for hockey fans to watch as any pro game. "In the 1970s and 1980s when Wayne Gretzky and the players who came over from Sweden, Finland, Czechoslovakia and later Russia introduced this style of play to fans in North America, they called it the European system," Pellaton explained during a recent Devils practice at the team's home rink at the Richard J. Codey Arena at South Mountain in West Orange. "The NHL eventually got away from the motion and flow offense and went to a more defensive and less exciting trapping style during the 1990s," Pellaton said. "Today, with the NHL's return to the motion offense, it's good to see that style of play back in the NHL." Pellaton's Devils have adapted to the new style and are sporting a 10-6-1 record in their New Jersey Youth Hockey League play. To achieve the fast-paced motion and offensive flow, Pellaton has placed a high premium on skating, passing and teamwork. He runs his players through two practice sessions each week during which they work on their skating and puck handling skills. The team also works on a variety of breakout plays and offensive plays in its opponent's defensive zone. "We try to stretch the ice and create openings so that our players can use their skating skills to get free in the other team's end and generate shots on net," said Pellaton, whose resume includes lots of international hockey experience both as a player and coach. "Coach Pierre is very demanding, but he's a real character and lots of fun to play for," said Alex Wirt, a 14-year-old defenseman from Chatham playing his first year at the Midget level. It's a sentiment echoed by the rest of the Devils team, which is drawn from throughout North Jersey and New York. The team includes Cory Alexieff of Middletown, John Beatrice of Randolph, Buck Brennan and Joe Drew of Rockaway, Michael Gurlasco of Mahwah, Brian Gaven of Kesmy, Jason Harden of Summit, Bubba Jasinski of Lyndhurst, Andrew Moscardelli of West Nyack, Erik Olson of Morristown, Nicholas Pappas of Alpine, Chi Peinado of Short Hills, Bryan Robinson of South Orange, Michael Smigelski of Mountain Lakes, Mike Taban of Morristown, Kai Toeda of Verona, Anthony White of East Hanover and Wirt. For Pellaton, the 2005-2006 season marks his second tour of duty with the Devils youth organization. From 1988 to 1999, he coached several Devils teams before returning to his native Switzerland where he coached with the Neuchatel-Young Sprinklers HC Junior Elite team during the 1999-2000 season. He served as head coach of the Universite de Neuchatel team from 2001 to 2002 and in 2002 through 2004 was the pro team coach for the Neuchatel-Young Sprinklers. Pellaton began his love affair with hockey back in the 1950s when he joined his boarding school's team. His style of play caught the attention of coaches and he was invited to join the Swiss National team in 1964. Knee and shoulder injuries sidelined his playing career and by 1970 he was in New Jersey where he volunteered to coach for the Livingston hockey club. State with the New Jersey Golden Blades from 1973 through 1977, the New Jersey North Stars from 1977 through 1982 and the Morris County Colonials from 1982 through 1988 followed. He was coach of the silver medal team in the first Grand State Games in 1983. "Hockey is a great game that teaches you a lot of lessons about life," Pellaton said. "It's very rewarding to coach this group of young men and watch them develop and mature both as players and as individuals."

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Season to remember



The Brearley football team was sparked by the play of, from left, Matt Wraz (No. 2), Darrell Brown (No. 11) and Zach Silverman (No. 7). The Bears won 10-2 after falling to Florence 19-6 in last Friday night's Central Jersey, Group 1 game at Rutgers. However, Brearley won its most games since 1988 and captured the MVC Valley Division crown.

Advertisement for 'All-Conference Girls' Tennis' listing winners for Mountain Valley Conference and Valley Division. Includes names of players and coaches.

STUDENT UPDATE

Dayton High School announces honor roll

The following students at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield were named to its honor roll for the first marking period...

J. Floyd, Joseph Furnagura, Shaina Goldberg, Alexander Grey, Kerri Griffin, Melissa Ann Guida, Fideliya Gulchina, Ilana Gutman, Adam Hirst, Maria Inneo, Jaclyn Janowski, Michael Levy, Christopher Mattice, Lam Nguyen, Ashley O'Connor, Marco Pannella, Jonathan Price, Marisa Proto, Bianca Rhodes, Michelle Rittweg, Rachel Rothspan, Zachary Silverman, Jamie Stouth, Matthew Steitz, Kathryn Stigliano, Michael Stromeyer and Allen Yanow.

Sarah Dickert, Alyssa Giannone, Kelly Goense, Peter Goggi, Samuel Greenberg, Adam Greene, Marissa Haggart, Sean Hahner, Kenneth Hoffman, Andi Hoy, David Jennings, Adam Jelaty, Kaelli-McKenna Kusop, Aubrey Marcantonio, Michael McGee, Luke Mirabelli, Brianna Najdin, Grace O'Brien, Brianna Palumbo, Stephanie Pinto, Jason Poon, Jennifer Reis, Steven Ruggiero, Eric Shen, Vienna Vitolo, Lauren Wagner, Jacqueline Wells, America Wilson and William Worswick.

Ladies who lunch



Angie Scalara, Natalie Albright and Eleanor Pottio chat during the recent Springfield Seniors luncheon at the Colonial Inn in Norwood.

Nemiroff named Andrew J. Rider scholar

Jennifer Sara Nemiroff, a junior elementary education major from Springfield, was among 53 students recently honored as Andrew J. Rider Scholars at Rider University.

Each honored student received a certificate from President Mordchai Rozanski during a ceremony on Nov. 5. The presentation was part of the Founders' Day celebration, which marks the establishment of Rider University in 1865.

Area residents receive academic honors

The following students were recently named to the academic honor roll at Roselle Catholic High School for the first marking period.

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Union County

Significant adjustments. Group seeking change hears how it was done. Officers adopt a PD.

Significant adjustments

If the county gets its way, it may become part of the Juvenile Detention Intervention Alternative Program. They will join a small number of counties such as Atlantic, Essex and Monmouth...

Left Out

The goal is easy to recognize. When incorporation is the last alternative, it means something less drastic than locking up the kids has been found.

Officers adopt a PD

Union County is home to 24 local law enforcement agencies. Many of them were forced to respond to devastation that followed Hurricane Katrina.

Domestic partnership measure

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Group seeking change hears how it was done

The entire timeline of county dissolution took nearly three decades, with gradual steps setting the stage for the big event. And, unlike the current New Jersey landscape, the move toward the abolition of county government was initiated by the state, rather than a grassroots committee.

Moore explained that in Massachusetts, individuals can hold more than one office, but they can only take home the salary for one.

Touch the rabbit's foot

Union County law mirrors the Domestic Partners Act that was adopted by the Legislature in 2004, and afforded benefits to same-sex partners of state employees.

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Officers adopt a PD

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The officers in Kenner don't have enough uniforms, Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich said in a prepared statement.

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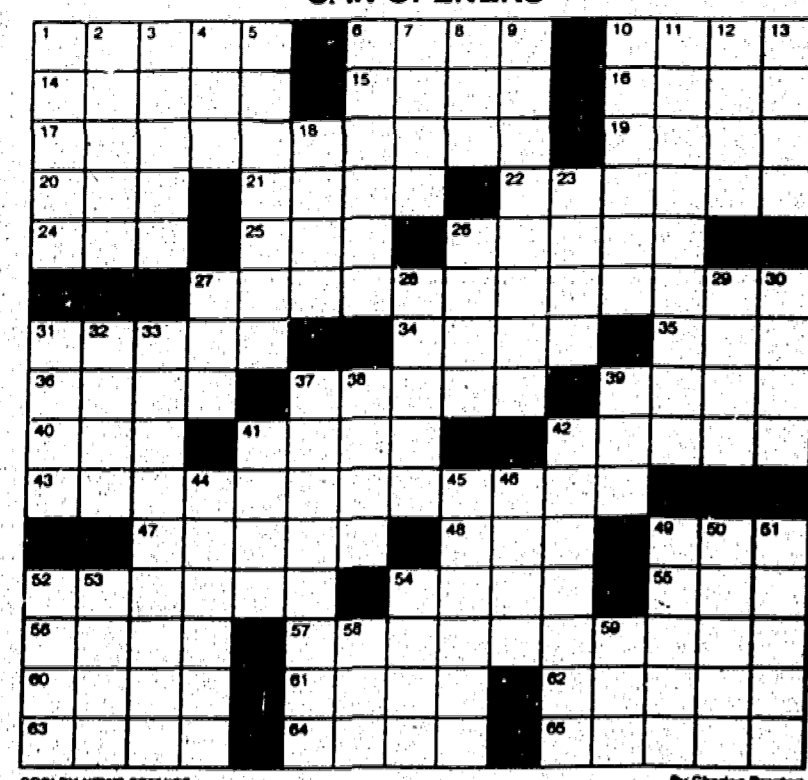
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What's on

FLEA MARKET and CRAFT sections. SUNDAY December 18th, 2005. SATURDAY December 10th, 2005. Includes details for Jeff Cummins, Editor.

REUNIONS section. The following schools are planning reunions: Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.

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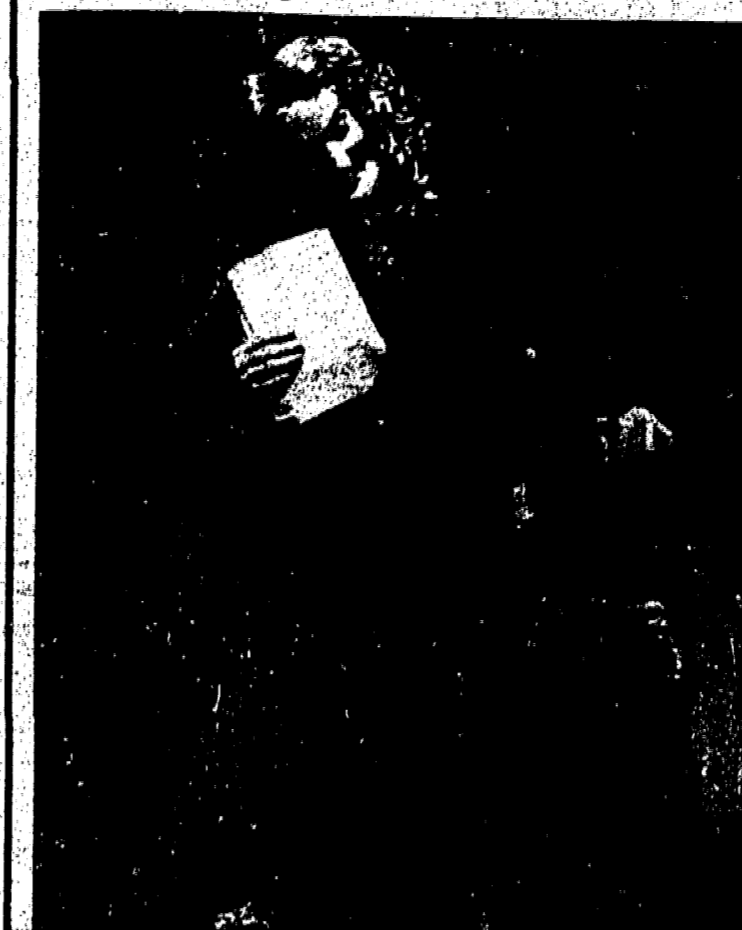
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Rebecca Bellingham as Celia and Victoria Mack as a mustachioed Rosalind, left, Mack on the floor, while Celia, portrayed by Rebecca Bellingham, questions Rosalind's haste in



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Area poets shine in competition at Fanwood Arts Council

The Fanwood Arts Council has announced the winners in the third annual Fanny Wood Poetry Awards. Ten winners were selected from more than 400 entries by judges Tom Plante and Alex Pinto.

Dramatic fare announced at theatrical company in Cranford

The CDC Community Theatre of Cranford has announced its 87th continuous season of quality theatrical entertainment for area residents. CDC is one of the oldest community theaters in the metropolitan area.

HOROSCOPES

Dec. 12 to 18. ARIES, March 21 to April 19: At a crucial time your sage-like, philosophical advice will give a friend or associate the necessary guidance and confidence to proceed.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Information about certain friends or colleagues will come to light this week. Rise above quick judgment and give them an ample opportunity to explain.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: A professional venture is ideal for showing casing your best creative ideas and concepts. Come up with a well-thought-out business plan for success in business.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: You will get a chance to prove to a sibling or peer that you can be trusted. Do what you must do to keep a powerful secret that is meant for your ears only.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: With several fiscal demands or interruptions in your cash flow this week, it is easy to overextend yourself financially. Outline a simple budget and stick to it.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: You cannot substitute conviction or passion in leadership. Step up to the plate and do not hesitate to express your strong and convincing opinions.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: Subconscious activities are likely to affect your performance in the real world. Do your best to balance hopes and wishes with logic and reasoning.

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