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School board candidates file for elec...

By Jim Foglio and Walter Elliott

Eight people are vying for six seats in respective boards of education elections in Mountainside and Springfield.

Mountainside board President Pat Tieschler, Vice President Sally Riviccio and board member Richard Kress have filed for re-election bids Friday. They will run unopposed for the borough's board seats April 21.

Springfield board President Gary Tis and fellow board members Richard Falkin and Ben Saravato have filed for re-election in Springfield's board races. They will have company, however, as Linda Duke and Harry Pappas have filed as challengers. Three seats are in question on the township board.

Tieschler, who is seeking her second term as board president, said deciding to seek re-election was a no-brainer.

"Now that I'm right in the middle of things, with the strategic planning committee and some other programs, I am so involved with the decision making processes that I am excited to run again," she said.

But Tieschler also said the Board of Education does not independently run the school. "Sometimes people think we run the school, but this is not the case," said Tieschler. "It's a very tricky situation sometimes, but we are here to help make, and get the right people to make, what we feel are the right decisions for the district," she said.

"I make sure that the children are my primary focus," Tieschler said. "I'm dedicated to my position and put forth much effort to my responsibilities as board president," she said. "I have children of my own, you know."

Kress also said he is looking forward to the future.

"I have always been committed to the board," he said. "This past term we achieved my major goal — the dissolution of the regional district. I am looking forward to also setting and upgrading the curriculum for the next century," he said.

Riviccio, who will be seeking to serve a second term as vice president, was unavailable for comment.

Tis, who has served on the board for 10 years, is seeking a third full three-year term.

"I want to continue to build on what we have done," said Tis. "The board has done a good job of providing a quality education while at the same time being sensitive to the community and the taxpayer."

Board mates Falkin and Saravato are after their fourth and third terms on the board. The pair has six and nine years' respective experience under their belt.

"We are out to support a quality education into the year 2000," said Falkin, "while, at the same time provide it at the lowest cost to the taxpayer."

"There is a lot of work which needs to be done," said Saravato. "We have gone through a tough period during the high school decentralization. I believe we have the support of the community behind us as we continue to heat the woods."

Duke, currently a teacher at Clark's Arthur L. Johnson High School, has about 25 years' experience as an instructor at Jonathan Dayton High

School. Pappas, a former Township Committee member, is the deputy executive director of the Union County Utilities Authority.

"I hope my election to the Board of Education will provide the experience and understanding of the particular needs of high school education so necessary in this time of transition," said Duke. "I offer myself as a fresh voice who will ask pertinent and informed questions and seek the best education possible for all students in the Springfield system."

"What is most important in this year's election are the voices of the voiceless our students, parents, professional teaching staff and PTAs," said Pappas. "I hope to bring years of experience in government, business and management and combine them with common sense logic to the board."

GOP sets convention for seat

By Jim Foglio

The Mountainside Republican Club will hold a local convention for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the Borough Council. The meeting will be held March 18 at 8 p.m. to determine a candidate to fill the seat that will be left vacant by David M. Hart, who will officially step down on Dec. 31.

Republican Chairman Bill Van Blarcom said the convention will be, in effect, a meeting of the Republican Club, which normally holds official meetings every other month. But the sole purpose of this meeting will be to determine what candidates will be seriously considered to replace Hart.

"With the primary coming up in June, the deadline to file applications is 40 days before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June, which turns out to be March 26. We have to get moving," Van Blarcom said. "We hope to have a list of a few serious considerations by the meeting."

"The general election is in November and the primary is in June. Since Werner Schon has indicated he will be running for re-election, it leaves only one vacancy pending," Van Blarcom said.

As for the new candidate, no names have been mentioned. "There have been some discussions around the countryside," said Van Blarcom. "We hope to have some bodies to present to the group to help in the selection process. But at the moment, no real names have been thrown around," he said.

Hart, who will be retiring after six years on Borough Council, served as council president in 1996.

"I feel very privileged to have worked with such a professional



Manuela Gantea, a student at Jonathan Dayton High School, reads to Sandmeier second-grader Brittany Baron during Read Across America Day.

Seuss is honored in reading program

By Donald M. Kelly

The birthday of Theodor Geisel, known as Dr. Seuss to the rest of his children's books, was celebrated in a variety of ways by school children in Springfield. Skits were performed, green eggs consumed and stories read; but at the heart of all the activity was the importance of reading.

Annette Lacioppa, co-chairman of the Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration at Junior Caldwell School, said the school was participating in a nationwide effort to promote reading by young children.

"We want to get children involved in reading," Lacioppa said. "But we want parents reading to their children also. Studies have shown that children who have been read to, do better in school."

Those thoughts were echoed by

James Caldwell School Principal Ken Bernabe, who joined many of the school's staff in wearing the Cat in the Hat's distinctive headgear.

"Reading is not something done in isolation," Bernabe said. "Our plan was to be reading into the other educational disciplines. That's why we chose a particular Dr. Seuss book and joined it to a particular social issue."

The activities of students in grades one to four would seem to reflect that plan. The first-graders read "Green Eggs and Ham" and sampled scrambled eggs dyed to match the book title. The emphasis on grades two to four was "environmentalism, peaceful conflict resolution and how everyone's effort counts."

In one third grade class, David Zaitz and Priyanka Mishra, were working on a save the environment mural inspired by "The Lorax."

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Springfield gives OK to tentative budget

By Walter Elliott

The Springfield Board of Education, in a special public hearing, voted to approve the tentative 1998-99 school budget Monday night. The \$19.254 million plan did not go to the Union County Superintendent peacefully, however, before some public questions were answered and some rumors quashed.

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland presented the plan for review during the three and a half hour session. The projected outlay includes a \$16.04 million tax levy on the Township and a 2.63 percent increase from last year's budget. Friedland cited increases in elementary school enrollment and special education crisis while leaving unfunded mandates and decreasing aid from the state.

Friedland and the board explained to 18 audience members how they reduced about \$1.5 million in expenses. Efficiencies include elimination of the Reading Recovery program in the elementary schools, slowing the rate of buying classroom computers and elimination of 13 employees.

"We have a budget where 85 percent is dictated by complying with state mandates and salary contracts," said board member Keith Kurner. "That gives us 15 percent to our discretion. Can you imagine a private corporation faced with a similar situation?"

Questions from the audience ran from class sizes to salaries during the 40-minute public comment segment.

"Is there a formula regarding the amount of square feet per student," said Debbie Lemanski. "There are classrooms which appear large while containing 23 to 25 children and others that appear small with 19 or 20 kids."

There is a state formula where we have to decide to add an aide or create

an extra section when the classroom count reaches around 24 students," said Friedland. The formula was set, however, before the computers and their furniture were put in the classroom.

The board explained that most of the 13 layoffs will come from retirements or consolidating jobs. The panel would spend the meeting's final hour locating the two administration jobs, worth about \$81,000 in salary, which would also be cut from the budget. "I want to ask how much the superintendent makes," said Virginia Petrilli. "I've heard that, in light of the addition of the high school and the responsibilities thereof, he has received a \$75,000 raise."

"I make a \$35,000 salary plus \$3,500 in bonuses or about 10 percent of the budget," said Friedland. "Keep in mind that the superintendent works 60 to 70 weeks, including three weeks of sick weeks. There was an \$8,000 increase when the current contract with the board was set in 1996 — and not after the high school was absorbed."

"I walk my children to the Caldwell School," said Dave Mays. "I've heard that Caldwell may close. If so, what would happen to the idea of a neighborhood school?"

"Caldwell is the oldest school in our district," said Friedland. "When we had a long range planning committee evaluate or enrollment and building needs a few years ago, they suggested reconfiguring the Walton School for early education. We also have ample space in the middle and high schools to handle our basket of younger students."

"In the 10 years of being on this board, we have never closed a school," said Board President Gary Tis. "It is the consensus of this board that we will not close a school."

Boy Scout is soaring like an eagle with award

By Walter Elliott

Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73 held an event both unique and familiar when they awarded Adam Gerbauer his Eagle Scout medal Sunday afternoon.

About 90 family members, scout troop members and civic officials saw Gerbauer become Eagle Scout. Gerbauer attained the highest rank in scouting by organizing and executing a trail clearing and restoration program in Watchung Reservation.

In the space of 30 minutes, Troop 73 Treasurer Joe Karevitz and all 22 scouts outlined the meaning of obtaining Eagle Scout and bestowed Gerbauer the symbols of the rank. The ceremony, which was held in the Presbyterian Church Pariah Hall, included letters and words of congratulations from within and from without the Troop.

"To obtain Eagle Scout, one must attain the objectives of loyalty, service, citizenship, courtesy, helpfulness, obedience and service," said Karevitz. "Adam Gerbauer has shown this by earning 36 merit badges and planning and conducting a community project by his 18th birthday. The leadership skills Adam has learned will prepare him well for any future avenue in life."

Karevitz described Gerbauer's project. With permission of the County Department of Parks and Recreation, Gerbauer and his fellow scouts had led removed trails of fallen trees, installed a bird cost station and replaced woodpecker nest boxes in the area.

"The project was done on Sunday mornings, before church and around Adam's duties on the Springfield First Aid Squad," said Karevitz. "That must be his leadership skills tested in bringing his fellow scouts out. We knew he can also handle any medical emergency."

"I want to thank my troop leaders and scouts and my family for working with me on this project," said Gerbauer. "We use the trails a lot but, when the paths are blocked, hikers start making their own paths. I want to especially thank Scout Coordinator Sheryl Behar and County Park Operations Manager Daniel Bernier for their arrangement and permission for the project."

While the ceremony will most likely be remembered by Gerbauer and those assembled, hints of familiarity crept in. Adam's older brother, Gregory, a fellow Eagle Scout, applied the pin on him. Jan Cordoni and one other scout also wore Eagle kerchiefs.

"Adam joins about 1 million other scouts as a Eagle since the medal was created in 1911," said Karevitz. "While it represents over one percent of all past and present scouts, Troop 73 has a 20 percentage rate — a testimony to Scoutmaster Gerry Gerbauer and the troop's leadership."

"I've been involved with the scouts for 38 years," said Veterans of Foreign Wars officer Sal Gibaldi. "Although what Adam learned by becoming an Eagle can take him anywhere, he can still aim for Bronze, Silver or Golden Eagle. I've known only one scout, however, who has made it that far."

Gibaldi was joined by representatives of the local American Legion, Jewish War Veterans and Vietnam Veterans of America. Among those on hand were members of the First Aid Squad, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, the Township Committee and Assemblymen Kevin O'Toole and Joel Walzgratan.



Adam Gerbauer of Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73 receives his Eagle Scout Award.

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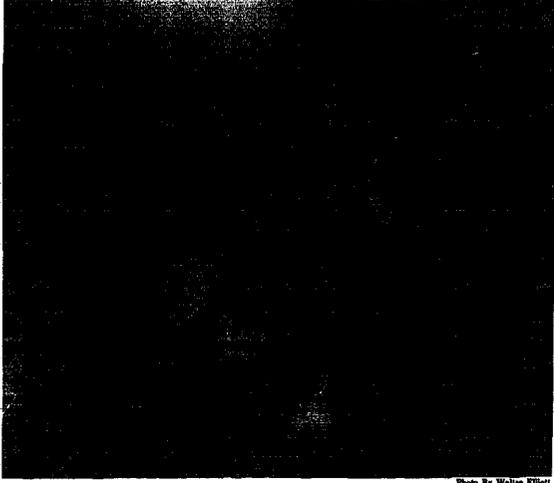
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Adam and Andrea Block of Springfield hold their first child, Sam, who was also Springfield's first baby of the year.

Sam Jacob brightening lives of parents

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer
Sam Jacob Block became Springfield's first baby of the year by way of Hackensack University Hospital Jan. 5. His parents, Adam and Andrea, have been township residents three months.
"Sam was delivered in Hackensack," said Adam Block, "because that is where we and our doctor were living at the time. Sam was delivered at about 2 p.m. and both he and Andrea went home two days later."
A centralized location, according to the Blocks, made for Springfield's gain and Hackensack's loss.
"Andrea and I wanted a place about

midway from where our parents live," said Adam Block. "I'm from Queens and Andrea's from Middletown, near the shore. We wanted easy access and I heard that Springfield has a good school system."
"Sam came about 16 days early," said Andrea Block. "He was expected to arrive on Jan. 21."
Adam and Andrea met while both were studying at the State University of New York in Binghamton. When they got their bachelor degrees, they married and moved back to New Jersey.
Life with Sam, according to his parents, has so far been delightful.
"Sam is a very good-natured baby,"

said Andrea. "He rarely cries unless he wants something right now. He does a lot of smiling and has a mouth for it."
"Sam has really made our family closer," said Adam of their firstborn. "His first name is after his paternal grandfather and his middle name comes from his mother's side of the family."
Andrea has taken leave from her job in a local Modell's, where she worked until a week before the delivery. Adam continues to work in New York.
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GOP to hold convention

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group on the Borough Council," Hart said. "It has been a very effective time for us."
Mayor Bob Vigilanti said filling Hart's seat is necessary, but not something he will enjoy. "David leaving will leave a void. He will be missed very much by this governing body," he said.

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• Overlook Hospital's Healthy Avenues Van will be at Mountaintide Library for Senior Screening Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. As a special service, there will be cholesterol screenings with results in 10 minutes. No fasting is necessary. There is a fee of \$10 for the test. The Healthy Avenues Van was developed to increase awareness of the latest medical information via on-board computers and to promote cardiovascular wellness by providing a series of health screenings. Call (908) 322-5355 for more information.

Coming events
March 13
• St. James The Apostle School of Springfield will sponsor a Lenten Fish & Chips dinner and Basket Bonanza from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at 41 S. Springfield Ave. Eat in or take out and pursue the theme baskets available for choice. Advance tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. For tickets or further information, call the school office at (973) 376-5194.

March 17
• Just moved into the area? Come to a Newcomers Club membership coffee and learn about activities for the whole family, where you can meet new friends and have fun. This month's membership coffee is scheduled for 8 p.m. Prospective members should call Jennifer Hollenbaugh at (908) 273-8312 (Summit), Amy Kovar at (908) 273-3912 (New Providence), or Lynne Olivio at (908) 598-9529 (Berkeley Heights).

March 18
• The Mountaintide Republican Club will sponsor a local convention for the purpose of selecting candidates for the Borough Council. It will be held at Mountaintide Borough Hall at 8 p.m. Candidates who are interested in being considered by the convention must forward a letter of intent and brief resume to Republican Chairman Bill Van Blarcom by March 16. His address is 284 Meeting House Lane, Mountaintide. For information, call Van Blarcom at (908) 233-0836, or Marilyn Hart at (908) 233-4036.

March 19
The Mountaintide P.T.A. is sponsoring its 12th annual fashion show. The fashion show is originated by the parents and teachers of Deerfield School. All proceeds from the event go directly to Deerfield School social enrichment programs. In the past, the fashion show has provided funds for special cultural programs at The Lincoln Arts Center, and other cultural and educational programs. The fashion show will be held from 10 to 10 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountaintide. Donations toward this event will be greatly appreciated. Drop off contributions or send them to Deerfield School, Central Avenue and School Drive, Mountaintide, 07092.

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Zoning dispute between CVS and township set to be heard

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer
Superior Court Judge John T. Pisansky has scheduled to hear the zoning dispute between CVS Pharmacy and the Township of Springfield for March 13. Township Attorney Bruce Bergen announced the hearing during a special meeting at the Municipal Building Monday night.

Bergen, before about 25 residents and the Township Committee, said Pisansky ordered the hearing Feb. 5 and asked both sides to present written arguments. At issue is the wording of a letter outlining the administrative routes CVS and developer J.D. Mack may take through the township government.

"Pisansky directed the township in December to write a letter to J.D. Mack on what planning and zoning procedures it has to take with the Township," said Bergen. "We wrote the letter but J.D. Mack's attorney Vincent D'Elia, brought it back to Pisansky, saying it was too vague."

J.D. Mack and CVS have been pursuing approval to build a 10,500-square foot pharmacy at 225 Mountain Avenue for about 14 months. The Township Zoning Board of Adjustment denied three use var-

iance applications March 18. Over the summer, the Township's Development Review Commission, citing need for legal consultation, postponed deciding whether the applicants should go to the planning board or back to the zoning board.

The applicants, including land owner Montgomery Consultants, took Springfield to court last fall on a claim of obstructing due process. Pisansky ruled that J.D. Mack has not exhausted all administrative avenues and that the Township should write a procedural outline.

The plan, including two drive-through ports, would move in after a contractor modifies the former Conestates bank building. The Five Corners Association and other merchants and residents oppose the plan, however, on safety, traffic and quality of life grounds.

Bergen, during his update, also said that Pisansky may rule on one or more of the application variations.

"There is a question about a zoning variance about the rear parking lot," said Bergen. "The lot covers the retail commercial zone and an area zoned for residential use. Pisansky may decide on the proposed variance."

Should Pisansky judge on the CVS

lot, it may set a precedent in another outstanding zoning case. A similar parking lot crossing use zones is on the former Sixks Fifth Avenue Store property along Millburn Avenue. It is one contentious point among Stop and Shop Supermarkets, Springfield and Millburn.

A call D'Elia's Mount Laurel office was not returned Tuesday.

Pisansky is no stranger to Springfield cases. He is overseeing the Township's master zoning plan for Mount Laurel affordable housing requirements.

The meeting revives the first Monday of the month workshop series after a 15-month absence. Residents may approach the Township Committee on various topics at that time.

"A flyer was sent out to area homes about the meeting, which included all of Oakland and Waverly avenues and parts of Henshaw, Mountain and South Springfield avenues," said Five Corners Association leader Tom Georgia. "The meeting showed that the CVS plan is far from dead."

Pisansky has set the hearing in the Union County Court House in Elizabethtown. It is to start at 1:30 p.m. The public may listen but not to comment.

Speaking to an all-star



NBA All-Star Jayson Williams of the New Jersey Nets talks with Gerrell Henry at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Henry recently participated in a teleconference at CSH during which past and present basketball greats spoke from locations in Charlotte, N.C. and New York City, about overcoming adversity. The teleconference was sponsored by Lucent Technologies.

NJ Transit balks on announcing grant funds until April

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer
Springfield and Summit's bids for minibus operating grants are now in the hands of New Jersey Transit. The Transit Authority has decided, however, not to announce the grant awards until April 1.

"Summit and Springfield are among 10 towns which have filed for the Morris and Essex Line Shuttle Challenge Grant by Friday," said NJ Transit spokesman Steve Coleman on Monday. "They, Bedminster, Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Madison, Millburn, Montclair, South Orange and West Orange are having their applications reviewed. Several towns said they needed more time to develop their studies in January, so we extended both our filing deadline and awarding date."

'Summit and Springfield are among 10 towns which have filed for the Morris and Essex Line Shuttle Challenge Grant by Friday.'

— Steve Coleman
NJ Transit spokesman

Coleman said NJ Transit started the program to alleviate parking shortages along the Morris and Essex commuter rail line. Some 35 towns on or next to the Morris and Essex stations were open to the program. The seven who filed are vying for five \$50,000 one-year grants.

"We've never done this sort of feeder program before," said Coleman. "We want to see how well the

program goes the first year. If it's successful, we may want to expand it to other Morris and Essex towns or on other rail lines."

The grant, according to NJ Transit application literature, is to match funds the community has allocated for the minibus or jitney service. While the service is to primarily operate during rush hours, additional hours or routes may be added at the commu-

ty's expense. Details include the community providing a second minibus bus as a reserve.

Springfield's plan consists of a jitney running from key lots and landmarks to Summit and Millburn. The plan, as drafted by Township Committee Roy Hirschfeld, is to counter the recent reduction of non-resident parking spaces in Millburn and Summit.

Summit's bid, as proposed by the Suburban Chambers of Commerce, is to revive the minibus service of the mid-1970s. Two minibuses would run three loops fanning out to the city limits from the railroad station during rush hour.

Chamber president Joe Steiner has said he would consider expanding hours and routes provided other concerns provide commensurate sponsor-

ship. Steiner said he had talked with officials in adjacent towns, including Mountainside and Springfield about expanded service should the initial plan prove successful.

Coleman said, however, that NJ Transit would award five \$50,000 grants next month. The authority anticipates reducing the amount of matching grant funds for each successful applicant renewal.

Both Hirschfeld and Mountainside Mayor Bob Viganiti said they

haven't been approached by Steiner's group and aren't sure what service. The question of how Hirschfeld to pose a suggestion to NJ Transit.

"I asked NJ Transit if they would have considered a joint application by adjacent towns," said Hirschfeld. "The idea would enter into a joint operating agreement and share the grant. Since only five grants will be awarded, it doesn't make sense for neighboring towns to compete against each other."

Mountainside PTA to sponsor book fair

The Mountainside Parent-Teacher Association announced that Deerfield School's annual book fair will be April 2 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and April 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., located off Route 22 West at 302 Central Ave.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Farewell

Mountainside is bidding adieu to two officials who announced their retirements within the last couple weeks.

Borough Councilman David Hart, who spent six years on the council and served the borough in other capacities for the last 18 years, will not seek re-election this year. Police Chief William Alder, who served as chief 17 of his 31 years on the police force, retired as of Sunday.

Both officials deserve congratulations from this newspaper and from the residents of the borough, because their presence in their capacities all these years has contributed to making the borough the efficient, safe town it has become today.

Although he is retiring from the local scene, Alder will move to another level of law enforcement, becoming the director of Public Safety for the Union County College campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield.

Hart plans to leave government completely, saying he wants to spend his retirement fishing with his family and traveling with his wife.

Wherever either man goes, they should know they spent many years serving their community, and residents are better for having known them.

Heads should roll

Whether or not the school aid fiasco is resolved this week and local school districts can recalculate their budgets based on any new numbers before adopting the tentative spending plans, someone in Trenton must be held accountable for the errors that will surely have an impact on every school district in the state.

Last week, when most local school districts were planning to introduce their budgets and schedule public hearings before finally adopting them, the state Department of Education announced that it had miscalculated its funding formula to about 30 districts and that it may have to redraft the aid numbers that have been promised to all school districts this year.

This means that if one district received an increase in aid from the amount it received last year, and school officials in that district calculated that figure into this year's spending plan, that district will have to reshuffle its budget if the aid figures actually represent a loss in money from last year.

We have to wonder who is running the state Department of Education and how it can be so incompetent that it can use post office Zip Codes as a way to measure the wealth of a community and thereby determine how much aid should be given to that community's district. Towns sharing postal Zip Codes are impacted by this method of distributing aid, and it has been discovered that they are receiving an incorrect amount of aid.

Because of this, other school districts are waiting, wondering if the state is going to take some of the promised funding away from them. These are the same school districts that have been following state guidelines regarding budget introduction, public hearing and adoption, before, in most cases, presenting the spending plans to the public on school election day.

Will the state be held accountable for paying local school officials for the time they spend revamping their budgets, if that is the case? Will some school districts be forced to cut more programs this year because they calculated their budgets based on promised aid figures, only to learn that they will lose that aid? What about the taxpayers who have been attending budget hearings and are perhaps satisfied with the school budget as introduced? Is the state requiring these taxpayers to endure another round of budget hearings because the numbers weren't accurate from the beginning?

We also wonder why the state, in its infinite wisdom, chose this year to change the method of funding school districts? This is the year when the state Supreme Court is ordering more funding to the state's special-needs districts, a move that has almost guaranteed a loss of funding to many school districts in the state.

We doubt that someone in Trenton will be held accountable for this school aid fiasco. Government employees seem to be untouchable, no matter how much they harm the tax-paying public. If this crisis does anything, we hope it reveals that the state is being run by people who seem to have no idea what is going on at the local level and, sadly, we're the ones paying them to do their jobs.

"We have lost our ability to express our own opinions in public, lest we offend someone within earshot."

—Jim Etweia
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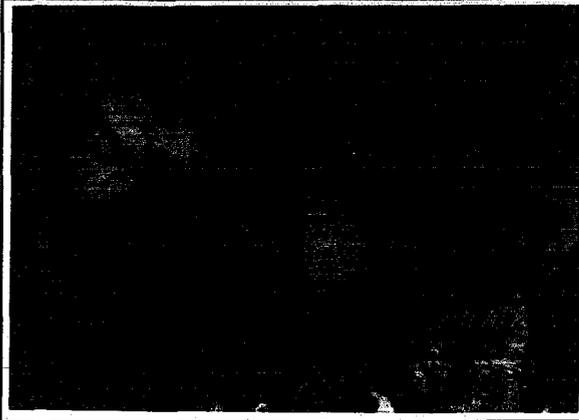
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CAT IN THE HAT — Barbara Komorowski of Deerfield School in Mountainside reads to students Monday dressed as a Dr. Seuss character in recognition of Read Across America Day. Listening is Alexa Barton.

We should have taken out Hussein in '91

At least, for the time being, there will be no military action against Iraq. If you think Saddam Hussein isn't already hatching and plotting ways and means to violate the terms of the proposed agreement, you must still believe in the round-evil person who is not to be trusted. I imagine seconds after the deal was brokered, Saddam gathered his cohorts to a meeting to find loopholes in order to circumvent the agreement.

No doubt this agreement will work for a couple of months until Hussein begins to get bored and forces another confrontation and the world will be back to square one. It is so ironic that soon after the end of World War II in 1945, the cry went up that "Never again," meaning the world will never again permit the likes of Adolph Hitler to permeate the world with the stench of tyranny and wholesale slaughter of neighbors and defenseless people.

The whole scenario is eerily similar to the days leading to the outbreak of World War II in 1939. For too many years, Adolph Hitler was catered to, believed to be honored and looked upon as a savior of the world. Every year or so, he would make another demand which the so-called allies went along with. The word was

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

assessment and Hitler went on his merry way dismembering one nation after another. Austria was absorbed into Germany, the Saar Region was absorbed, the Sudetenland was invaded by Hitler on grounds this would be the last of the Fuehrer's demands. However, the height of treachery came in September, 1938, when Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Nazi Germany signed the Munich Agreement, which handed Czechoslovakians over to Germany without the knowledge of the Czechoslovakians. The pact was promised by Chamberlain to mean "peace in our time." Hitler must have laughed himself silly while signing it since the pact was no more than a piece of paper which could be put in the round file after the signing was filed. Appeasement again reared its ugly head.

Within a year, Hitler reared his ugly head. Hitler was outnumbered

when France and England said if Germany attacked Poland they would come to Poland's defense. Hitler gambled that France and England were bluffing and would do nothing if Nazi Troops invaded Poland. Hitler used all the lies, treachery and rumors at his command to goad Poland into giving in to Germany. Both the French and English stood by their guns and warned Hitler not to start a war. Thus began World War II. Of course Poland was all but destroyed and Hitler was free to bully the rest of Europe for the next six years. We know how it turned out: Germany was reduced to nothing more than an ill-kept bowling alley. There was no Germany since there was no government and hardly anything was left except an embezzled nation, its people starving and the shame of what Germany had done. The so-called "Thousand year Reich" was thoroughly beaten and humiliated.

Is this the fate of Saddam Hussein's Iraq? It is the fate of if we continue to believe this tyrant of tyrants, who murders his own people. This "pact" could be likened to the Munich "pact" of 1938, exactly 50 years ago. What happens if Hussein goes back on his promises and begins to again raise his swords? Is the

United States going to start negotiating with the Arab Nations again to gain their permission to use military force to halt this mania?

I think we are getting a little tired of this one-man act who likens himself to Hitler and Napoleon to see who can be the biggest bully before the Iraqi house of cards tumbles over into debris.

Hussein is playing with a lighted stick of dynamite if he thinks he can unlawfully annex land, dictate to the United Nations and continue to scheme, plunder and lie. He can't even be honest with his own people when he told them in 1991 that Iraq was the war when we all witnessed thousands of Iraqi soldiers surrendering in the desert.

Unfortunately, when we had Hussein's armies surrounded, badly mauled and in a state of confusion and frustration, President Bush didn't give the order for Allied troops to march onto Baghdad and hopefully bring down the arch demon Hussein. But that wasn't to be. Maybe next time we'll crush the bug for good.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher in Summit, is an active member of the Summit community.

Unlike Olympics, we created our own rinks

These days everyone seems to be watching the Winter Olympic skating events, where the contestants have the entire rink to themselves, and it brings back to mind some of the places we used to skate when the weather was cold enough to freeze all of the lakes and ponds and little streams in the area.

There were no ice rinks around here at that time for indoor skating, so we all bundled up in winter jackets, woolen caps and mittens, some of which were knitted by our grandmothers. Grandpa was great at fancy knitting, and sometimes had to contend with the family cat, who preferred to play with the ball of wool that she was using.

There were numerous places for skating, and most were within walking distance from home, although after a couple hours of skating, your feet felt rather odd in walking, after balancing on those single steel blades. Both the Elizabeth River and the Rahway River wandered through several towns, and in some places dams created lakes. There was Fairbairn's Pond in Union that was large enough for many skaters when the ice was thick and safe to use.

In Elizabeth, the dam at Westfield Avenue that made Dravis' Pool also held back enough water up-river to make a smooth sheet of ice above the rough and rocky bottom. On that stretch of river, a skater could pass under two stone-arched bridges, but for some reason, the ice always seemed to be a little thinner under the bridges, and you could see it wavering slightly from the weight of the skater as he moved along. Breaking the ice and falling in did not present much of a danger, as the water was only two or three feet deep, but such an accident meant walking home soaking wet, and

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

enduring the laughter of the more fortunate skaters.

There was a variety of skates to be had in those days, and some of them simply were fastened to the shoes you were wearing, using a clamp at the toe of the shoe, and a leather strap that passed around your ankle. Most of us had high shoes available at home, and we used them for better ankle support. A skate key was used to operate the clamp at the front, just like the one used on roller-skating, and once in a while that clamp would loosen, causing the skate to come off, and the skater to do some fancy footwork to avoid a fall.

On occasion, one might see a skater using an old pair of skates that were made of wood with a metal blade inserted in the bottom and curling upward over the toe. These skates were held with leather straps at both ends and no toe clamp. They were usually used by an older gentleman who had retained them from his youthful days and still knew how to use them gracefully. These days, such skates are found only in museums and antique shops, or perhaps in Grandpa's attic.

After a while, shoe skates became quite popular, and we all walked to our favorite pond in our street shoes, with the skates hanging around our necks by lightly trying the laces together. As these blades were permanently fastened to high shoes, there was no danger of a skate becoming

loose while in use. When we arrived at the pond, we sat on the ground at the frozen water's edge and changed our shoes for the skates. Of course, there was the problem of what to do with our street shoes while we were enjoying the skating, but life was easier in those days, and we just left those shoes sitting on the ground next to the ice. They were always there when it was time to go home, although you might have had to search around a little if you had forgotten exactly where you had left them.

There were several games that we played while we were skating, such as a gentle form of hockey, or tag, or crack the whip. If we were skating on a river, the banks formed the sides of the hockey rink, and a couple of handy stones laid on the ice formed the goals. Sometimes we even had a real puck, but a flat stone or even a chunk of ice would suffice, if necessary. Hockey sticks were sold in some of the stores, and could be purchased for 25 cents, and we were careful not to break them, as quarters were not easy to acquire.

A game of "tag" was better played on a pond, where there was more room to roam around in, and more non-playing skaters to hide behind. That game could be played with teams of skaters, where you could tag any member of the opposing team, and it was not always easy to know who was "it." If you let your mind wander carelessly, suddenly that question was answered because it was you.

"Crack the Whip" needed a large area and was usually done on a lake, such as Union Lake on North Avenue near Ursino. In this activity, we started by having the leader skating backward and grasping a second person arm to arm. Then the rest of the players linked up in a long chain while skating as fast as possible. When the chain was 15 to 20 people in length, the leader would make a sharp turn and stop, brace himself and send the rest of the skaters flying across the ice and shattering the chain. Then we would get together, link up and do it all over again, until we got tired.

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

SPEAK OUT

System could be much better

This is in reference to the new voucher list system in effect in Mountainside. I know that the mayor and council members work very hard, but this way of reimbursement leaves a bad flavor in my mouth.

Additionally, it's a lot of a tax free way of getting an income because all they have to do is collect it and, of course, expense reimbursements are not taxable.

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Would commuters use a new minibus?

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield hopes to operate a rail station shuttle bus, with the help of New Jersey Transit grant money, by year's end. The township has filed a grant application with the Transit Authority by Friday to start the service and awaits a decision by April 1.

The grant application, as filed by Township Committee Roy Hirschfeld, foresees a minibus linking commuters from various points in Springfield with the Morris and Essex Line stations in Summit and Millburn. It would operate during weekday rush hours at a nominal fee.

Hirschfeld made the grant application to NJ Transit as one route to improve Springfield's commute.

Hirschfeld had also backed the creation of Union's Townley Station on the Raritan Valley Line.

Springfield is seeking \$50,000 to start the service under NJ Transit's Morris and Essex Feeder Bus System Challenge Grant Program. NJ Transit, responding to parking shortages, has opened the program to some 15 towns on or near the line.

The \$50,000 would go to providing a minibus and starting runs. The money is good for the first year, however, and is dependent on user response. While expansion of service hours and routes are possible, they may need additional support from Springfield.

Springfield is one of 10 towns who have applied. NJ Transit, however, will award the grants to only five applicants.

The Echo Leader asked bus and rail riders in Springfield Friday to see if they'd consider using the

minibus service. The newspaper also asked some township commuters at Summit station to see the proposed service would help.

"I really don't know if it would help people in Springfield who commute from Summit," said Ed Schowalter. "It would add another step to their ride."

"It would add more people to already crowded rush hour trains," said Moura Williams. "There are people standing in the train when it leaves Summit. NJ Transit may have to add more cars."

NJ Transit has experienced a 10 percent ridership boost since the long-awaited Midtown Direct service started in June 1984. Some commuters along the line, however, underestimated the resulting demand for parking space.

"I think it's a good idea," said John Landis. "It would help some riders, even if not for me."

Landis was waiting for an east-bound bus on Morris Avenue mid-morning, away from Summit and Millburn.

"It's a very good idea," said Blance Townes, "especially if it gets me into Summit sooner."

"No," said fellow NJ Transit 70 bus user Antonio Modesto. "The additional bus service would take away from the 70."

"It's a good idea," said Sophia Rojas. "It would be more frequent runs to Summit."

"I'm just taking the No. 66 today since my car is in the shop," said Marc Johnson. "This is my first time on the bus. I can see how a minibus can serve points in Springfield."

"I've been taking the bus for two weeks," said Onica White. "The minibus can help get people to the train station."

Man arrested for forgery in Springfield

Springfield

A Brooklyn resident was taken to the Union County Jail Friday after being arrested on forgery and attempted theft by deception charges in Springfield on Feb. 23. A township police patrolman and a detective saw a man fleeing the Summit Bank on Morris Avenue at about 2 p.m. and apprehended him.

Bank officials said the man, identified as Paul T. Aynghean, 34, was asking for a \$1,900 cash advance on a stolen credit card with a counterfeit New Jersey drivers license. Aynghean was also charged with false impersonation and two related charges.

The suspect, as of press time, is being held in the county jail on \$20,000 bail. Summit police detectives are investigating a possible connection to a similar crime committed on Dec. 5.

A Millburn man motoring on Mountain Avenue was arrested for driving while intoxicated Feb. 26. The motorist, identified as Georgios Pibbs, 26, was picked up at about 3:08 a.m., processed and released on his own recognizance.

An officer stationed at the corner of Morris and Mountain avenues saw an unidentified car brake sharply in front of a Nissan Maxima and a Nissan four door at about 2:50 p.m. Feb. 26. The four door, unable to brake in time, rear ended the Maxima. The Maxima driver and passenger were injured in the mishap.

A Mercedes Benz and a Chrysler, both operated by Roselle Park residents, collided along Miesel Avenue about 10 minutes after the Morris and

POLICE BLOTTER

Mountain Avenue accident: A Buick driver accidentally severed the drivers side mirror of a Ford Probe parked on Morris by Baltusrol Way at about 9:15 a.m. the same day.

The owner and a fellow resident of a Henshaw Avenue home saw a car back onto their driveway and into their stair railing at about 5 p.m. Feb. 25. They said the car, a tan four door occupied by six young men, pulled away.

Another unknown vehicle was involved in a two car accident on Miesel Avenue Feb. 24. The vehicle caused a Pontiac and a Nissan to collide while approaching Riverside Drive at about 8:08 p.m. — and drove off. The Nissan also left the scene, was apprehended and was charged for fleeing plus improper passing.

The driver of a Ford pickup truck took a jughandle off Main Street the wrong way Feb. 24 and found himself going against traffic on Springfield Avenue. He collided with an oncoming Mitsubishi at about 2:47 p.m. The Mitsubishi driver was injured and the Ford trucker was ticketed for driving against one-way traffic.

The owners of a Dodge Caravan and a Dodge Spirit reported an overall \$2 in change was taken from the vehicles while parked on Salter Street at about 8:30 a.m. Feb. 24. A Route 22 car dealer said a 1998 motor vehicle inspection sticker is either missing or stolen as of 3:15 p.m. Feb. 23.

Authorities in Springfield and Irvington teamed up to apprehend a Union man using false identification

Feb. 23. The Springfield Motor Vehicle Agency told township police that a man tried to obtain a driver's license and a car registration with a credit card actually belonging to a Mechanicsburg, Pa., man.

The Union man, identified as Patrick Decimus, 39, left that agency for another one in Irvington the same day. Irvington agency and police arrested Decimus and notified Springfield. Decimus faces \$2,500 bail for false impersonation and possession of a stolen credit card.

Mountainside

During the early hours of Sunday at approximately 12:30 a.m., Mountainside police arrested two adults and several juveniles for possession of marijuana at a party on Willow Road. Officers Ken Capobianco, Tom Murphy and Kevin Beytman responded to an anonymous phone call reporting a party at a residence where, according to Capobianco, there had been several parties involving fights in the past few months.

According to Capobianco, when the officers knocked on the front door, it pushed open and they saw several people try to escape out the back door. After a search of the home and a brief chase, the officers found 10 people in all, eight of whom were juveniles. Of the juveniles, who were all charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, four were Mountainside residents and one resided in Berkeley Heights.

The adults, Daniel E. Palmer, 23, of Union and Courtney Cunningham, 20, of Maplewood, were charged with possession of a controlled dangerous

substance. They were released on their own recognizance, but await a March trial date.

A Plainfield man was arrested on Feb. 26 and charged with possession of heroin.

According to Officer Stephen DeVito, at approximately 4:30 p.m., while driving west on Route 22, he stopped a suspect for having fictitious plates on the rear of the vehicle. The suspect, Luis Delvalle, 35, was found to have a suspended driver's license. After a brief search of the vehicle, DeVito, along with Officers Andrew Sullivan and Donald Amberg, found Delvalle to be in possession of a small bag containing heroin.

Delvalle was arrested and released on \$1,275 bail.

A Basking Ridge man was arrested for DWI on Feb. 26. At about 11 p.m., Officer Kevin Beytman charged Kenneth Campbell, 57, with driving while intoxicated, after he was involved in a minor motor vehicle accident. Campbell did not sustain any major injuries and awaits a March court date.

On March 1, a Plainfield man was charged with driving while suspended when he was stopped for an overdue inspection sticker. While driving on Route 22 West, Officer Michael Jackson stopped the suspect, later identified as John Graham, 40, for an out-dated inspection sticker. It was later found that Graham's license was suspended and there were outstanding warrants out for his arrest in South Plainfield and Mountainside. At press time, he was being held in the Mountainside district jail on \$1,500 bail and awaits a March court date.

Fingerprinting is available

Free child fingerprint and video identification services will be provided at Children's Specialized Hospital in Auditorium A and B, 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside on March 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In celebration of Children and Health Care week, the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Great Escape Committee of Children's Specialized Hospital are offering these services to children accompanied by a parent or guardian on a first come, first served basis. Children who have previously been videotaped should bring their tapes, and new footage will be added.

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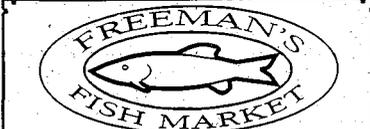
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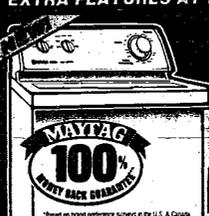
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Programs address assertiveness, finance

Upcoming workshops at the Resource Center for Women address assertiveness and negotiation skills, personal finance, empowerment and recovery. Located in downtown Summit in Calvary Episcopal Church, the Resource Center for Women is a regional non-profit, non-sectarian organization committed to providing programs and services for all area women for personal and professional growth.

Partial scholarships are available for all workshops. For additional information on these workshops, other services or to receive a copy of our upcoming Spring program guide, call (908) 273-7253.

• **Assertiveness skills**, a three-week workshop series, begins Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Registration deadline is Friday. Learn to deal effectively with confrontations and manipulations, and make all your relationships better by communicating more assertively — without trampling on others' feelings and rights. In a supportive environment practice incorporating the concepts and techniques of assertiveness into your life. Fee: \$35 for Center members; \$45 for non-members.

Purim festival to be fested

Congregation Beth Hatikvah in Chatham will celebrate the festival of Purim with a piece of participatory theater on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. An interactive Megillah (a scroll containing the biblical Book of Esther) at the synagogue, located at 158 Southern Boulevard, will involve the entire congregation in retelling the story of how the Persian Jews foiled a genocide plot almost 2,500 years ago.

The evening will start with a re-enactment of the royal feasts with which the Book of Esther begins. Rabbi Amy Levenson will then read the Megillah, interrupted along the way by frequent interludes in which children of the religious school and adult volunteers act out portions of the story, including a wild balloon battle between children and adults. The evening will end as the story does, with another "feast" (dessert) to celebrate the Jews' triumph and salvation. Organizer Catherine Lyons of Sifting describes the event as "very complex, like a bedroom farce."

Beth Hatikvah's celebration is in keeping with a long heritage of Purim plays and hilarious celebrations. Children and adults often dress in costume, and everyday behavioral norms are turned upside down. Traditionally, Jews are instructed to drink until intoxicated. Beth Hatikvah's congregation will get "drunk" on a magic Purim potion (non-alcoholic) concocted by Liz Miller of Summit.

Lead roles in the interactive Megillah will be played by Beth Hatikvah's president, Box Max of Summit, as the Persian king Ahasuerus; Andrea Savage of Millburn, as the giddy Vashti who defied the king's edicts; Mark Finkel of Fanwood, as the evil Haman, instigator of the plot against the Jews; Kit Sinson, of Maplewood, as the courageous Esther; Dick Marshall of Morrisown, as her wise uncle Mordechai; and Marc Waldor of Westfield, as the chamberlain Harvona. Philip Walker of Sifting will be the evening's Master of Ceremonies. Congregation Beth Hatikvah is an intimate but growing Reconstructionist synagogue. For more information, call (973) 701-1665.

Blood drives in effect

Because of a shortage in the area blood supply, the following Red Cross blood drives are being held in March in the Summit area:

• **March 16** from 1 to 6:30 at the Rotary Club/Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave., Summit.

March 10. This workshop focusing particularly on employment, labor, and civil rights issues, will teach the basics of negotiating the best arrangement for yourself with greater confidence and skill. Practical strategies, and counter-strategies common to the negotiating process will be discussed by facilitator Stephanie Davis, a labor law attorney. Fee: \$35 for Center members; \$45 for non-members.

• **Taking control of your money:** Three Thursdays, beginning March 12, 7 to 9 p.m. This series will cover the six areas every financial management program must consider: cash management, risk management,

investment planning, tax planning, retirement planning and estate planning. Participants will receive a financial management workbook to develop and use as a personal resource and guide. Fee: \$55 for Center members; \$65 for non-members.

• **Women and alcohol:** Finding the help we need. March 16, 8 to 9 p.m. Registration deadline is March 12. This workshop, designed for women concerned about their own addictive patterns or those of a friend or relative, will explore the resources available to women and suggest ways common programs, developed for men, can be customized to suit women's

particular needs. Fee: \$7 for Center members; \$10 for non-members.

• **Tools for change:** an empowerment workshop. March 21, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration deadline is March 16. This day-long workshop offers women a chance to begin to discover and assess the internal resources and strengths that are the foundation of personal empowerment. This workshop will offer the tools needed to help participants find the inner strength and motivation necessary to make decisions for change, to set personal goals for progress, and to begin the process of self-change. Fee: \$40 for Center members; \$50 for non-members.

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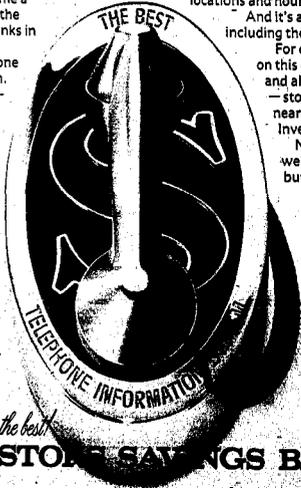
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Jewish Community Center Nursery School has day openings

The Summit Jewish Community Center Nursery School has a few openings in its kindergarten enrichment program as well as in its nursery school extended day programs. All of these extended programs are open to the entire community.

Kindergarten Enrichment at the Summit JCC is one of the only area programs that offers both a morning and afternoon session to complement the schedules of area kindergartners. It is a secular, academic-based course where learning occurs in a fun and caring environment with an emphasis on individual choice of activities. Covering a multitude of subjects, Kindergarten Enrichment is taught by a certified teacher and class size is limited to 10 students. The morning session meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. The afternoon session meets Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The SICC Nursery School extended day programs include Music Together, Creative and Literature Workshops, Drama Enrichment Classes, and Extend Your Fun, all including lunch. Children must bring a nutritious, dairy lunch from home. "Music Together" is a creative, playful and non-performance environment, children will learn basic music competency like keeping a beat and singing in tune. They will learn both traditional and original songs and chants, tonal and rhythmic patterns, and "play along" with various instru-

ments. The children also receive a songbook and a cassette tape with plenty of music for jumping, dancing, and marching. Instructor Fiona Murray has both training and experience in Early Childhood and Music education. Classes meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays for three year olds and on Thursdays for four year olds. Tu Music is for children who were 24 to 35 months old by Sept. 30, 1997, and their parent or caregiver. It meets on Mondays from noon to 12:45 p.m.

Workshops are offered at the SICC Nursery School on Mondays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Creative Workshop, offered on Mondays, provides children with the opportunity to explore art, cooking, and similar activities to develop their creative skills. The Literature Workshop, offered on Fridays, will focus on a different story and project each week. In Drama, offered on Fridays, children explore elements of drama through mime, puppetry, improvisation, role playing, among other methods.

The 4-year-old enrichment class is a year-long program held on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and the 3-year-old enrichment class is a year-long program held on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The classes include a variety of experiences such as cooking, science, games, puppetry and extensive use of the arts.

Extend Your Fun is a structured extended care program that is offered on a permanent or a drop-in basis. Extend Your Fun sessions are available for any child who is now between the ages of three and five years. Sessions meet either from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

As mentioned above, all the enrichment as well as extended day programs are secular and are open to the entire community. Registration is ongoing for classes now in session as well as for regular nursery school classes for the 1998-1999 school year. For information about registering for classes now in session, as well as information about registering for these and SICC's regular nursery school classes for the 1998-1999 school year, call the director of the school, Barbara Rich, at (908) 277-3919. For information about the Summit Jewish Community Center, located at 67 Kent Place Boulevard in Summit, call the synagogue at (908) 273-8130.

YWCA teaches African dance

The Summit YWCA is offering a free and open to the community dance workshop on Sunday at the Summit YWCA, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the YWCA auditorium/Wall and Andara Rahman Ndiaye will present West African Dance.

Explore and learn the basics of folkloric dance and music of the Sahel and West Africa. This West African dance form will be taught by Andara and will be accompanied by Wall on percussion instruments with some history and cultural discussions.

The Rahman-Ndiaye team has put together a dance theater called SARA. SARA are words in the Wolof language which translate to mean Drum and Spirit of Africa Society (Saba Akh Ru Afrig). SARA is an ensemble of artists who are recognized as outstanding performing artists and teachers to the African arts and sciences.

The works performed are based on life experiences, rites of passage, fertility and ancient healing ceremonies of Senegal, The Gambia, Old Mali, West Africa and African American, visions of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Children and adults will enjoy watching this beautiful performance and may participate in learning these unique and ancient dances if they wish. The dance portion is recommended for those age 12 and older. Interested participants may call the YWCA and register a place for themselves. (908) 273-4242. The YWCA is located at 79 Maple St., in Summit, just off of Morris Avenue. Free parking is available and the YWCA is also just two blocks from the Summit train station.

This workshop is presented as part of the YWCA's Community Dance Program, coordinated by Myung Bondy, Executive Director at the YWCA. Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Dance benefits Oak Knoll School

A gala dinner dance to benefit Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit will be held at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, on March 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The 23rd annual Grand Prix has a theme a Shangri-La and is co-sponsored by the school's Mothers' Auxiliary and Fathers' Club. The fundraising event, which begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, features a raffle as well as live, alien, and ticket auctions. All proceeds will go to Oak Knoll School's operating budget, helping bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of an Oak Knoll education. The Grand Prix raffle offers the chance to win either a 1998 Chevrolet Blazer or a \$25,000 tuition credit. Among this year's auction items are a swing set travel opportunities, donations by area mechanics, and a one-of-a-kind French country playhouse designed and built by Oak Knoll parents.

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Working in cooperative groups



Students in the sixth-grade reading class at Deerfield School in Mountaineer worked in cooperative groups to produce life size renditions of characters in the mystery story 'Miss Hinch' by Henry Syndor Harrison. Back row from left are Jonathan Moss, Steve Bobko and Eric Feller. Front row is Nicole Bassell.

NEWS CLIPS

Pool positions open

The Township of Springfield is now accepting applications for summer pool positions. Positions which are available include pool manager and assistant pool manager, both of which require C.P.O. certification and experience. Lifeguards which require lifeguard, CPR and First Aid certification, and front desk/recreation house staff, and maintenance. Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 372-2227 or stop by the office to pick up an application. The recreation department is in the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield.

Computer room open

The computer lab in Room 16 at Jonathan Dayton High School is open to the public on Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. The computer lab provides high-speed access to the Internet world processing program; full-text databases with health, business and general-interest magazines, and a faxed scanner. Mainframe and PC computers are available. A media specialist and a computer technician will supervise the lab. Children not yet in seventh grade age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. Computer lab users will be required to sign the Springfield School District's acceptable use policy.

Volunteers needed

The Sharing Network, a non-profit organization responsible for recovering organs and tissue for transplantation in New Jersey, is looking for volunteers. Those who have had transplants, are awaiting transplants, families of donors, or anyone interested in volunteering for a life-saving

cause may volunteer to assist in the public education efforts. Such projects would include speaking at businesses, churches, civic organizations, schools, and participating in various events and health fairs. Free training is provided. For more information, call The Sharing Network at (973) 379-4535, extension 3336.

Post office seeks help

Local authorities and the public can help the Postal Service deliver the mail as timely and safely as possible this winter.

The Postal Service emphasized the need for ice and snow removal from walkways as an aid to preventing slips and falls that result in injuries to letter carriers and messengers. Other winter weather hazards that impede mail delivery, according to the Postal Service, are ice and snow on streets, roads, driveways, stairways and porches.

Local road authorities and postal customers are requested by the Postal Service to keep public and private approaches to residences and mailboxes clear during the winter months.

The Postal Service expresses great appreciation for the cooperation of all communities in reducing winter safety hazards.

Temple holds exhibit

Congregation Israel of Springfield will be conducting its Gala Art Exhibit and Auction March 14 at 8 p.m. at 339 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Admission is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door and will include wine and hors d'oeuvres. The collection of works will feature art in all media and all price ranges. Call (973) 467-9666 for tickets and further information.

Scholarship set

The Mountaineer Board of Education is offering one Fred E. Rosenstiel Memorial Scholarship to a deserving student who has been accepted to attend a full-time post secondary program at an accredited university, college or trade school. One thousand dollars per year will be given to the recipient for each year (not to exceed four years) that they attend the school full-time and remain eligible. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

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Workshops offered

The Hypnosis Counseling Center with offices in Flemington and Bloomfield will present a special set of workshops on March 24 for smoking cessation and weight loss at Jonathan Dayton High School, Mountain Avenue, Springfield.

Each workshop involved hypnosis exercises, discussion and an optional audio cassette for a \$10 fee, which remains the possession of the partici-

ant and which assists in reinforcing immediate positive results and ensuring long range success. The workshops can be taken individually or as a set. The Smoking Cessation workshops are 6:30 to 8 p.m., and the Weight Loss group will continue from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Barry Wolfson, who has a Master's Degree in Counseling and has over a decade of proven success in the science of hypnosis, will lead each workshop. The cost per workshop is \$35. Registration begins immediately, and participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Hypnosis is a scientific and medically approved method of tapping the normally inaccessible power of the mind and correcting negative behavior. For registration or further information on this program, call Pat Darcy at (973) 376-1025, ext. 5175. For information on Hypnosis techniques or other Hypnosis workshops contact Barry Wolfson, Hypnosis Counseling Center at (908) 788-0250 (<http://members.aol.com/hypnosis1>).

Fish and chips

Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield, will sponsor a Fish and Chips Dinner, March 14, 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children under 12 years old. For tickets or further information, call the church office at (973) 376-4695.

Attention churches

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day.

Firefighters respond to one-car rollover

FIRE BLOTTER

Springfield
The Springfield Fire Department, joined by the State Police and the Springfield First Aid Squad, handled a one car rollover on Interstate 78 West Feb. 25. The compact car, according to official records, was clipped by another vehicle at about 6:40 a.m. The car became airborne and landed on the grass median separating the local and express lanes at about milepost 49.

Firefighters righted the car while a trooper patrol directed traffic. The driver suffered injuries but refused medical aid.

• All units responded to two calls within a 15 hour period. An activated fire alarm from an Adams Terrace home brought all hands in at about 8:01 a.m. Saturday. It was preceded by the report of smoke in a Mountain Avenue business at about 5:27 p.m. Feb. 26.

The force, between the two calls, assisted with a water condition at a Lelak Avenue residence at about 8:25 p.m. Feb. 26.

• A Fieldstone Drive home owner had trouble with a stuck propane cylinder valve at about 6:46 p.m. Feb. 23. A unit responded to the owner's call, assessed the cylinder's attachment to the gas grill and closed the valve. The gas leak was proceeded by a water condition in a Wentz Avenue home by about seven hours.

• All hands went to a Route 22 business on an activated fire alarm call at about 1:39 a.m. Feb. 24. It was followed by two more water problems in

homes at Hawthorne Avenue at about 1:37 p.m. and at Janet Lane at about 9:37 p.m.

Fire and police personnel helped a Mountain Avenue resident break into his own house at about 4:38 p.m. Feb. 23. Springfield's bravest detected an odor in a Linda Lane basement at about 9:51 p.m.

• Firefighters and utility workers converged at Rose Avenue Feb. 22 on the report of a large tree branch fallen on an electrical wire at about 8:35 p.m.

Mountaineer
The Mountaineer Volunteer Fire Department responded to three calls this past week, but no injuries were reported.

• On Feb. 23, firefighters responded to a call from a resident on Chapel Hill Road. A smoke alarm had been activated, but upon investigation it was found to be a false alarm.

• On Feb. 25, a carbon monoxide detector was activated in a residence located on Hillside Avenue. Fire Chief Marc Franciosa said the alarm had been activated due to smoke from the furnace, but there were no injuries.

On Thursday evening, residents of a home on Timberline Drive complained of a smoky barbecue fire. Several firefighters responded, but they determined excess smoke, to be the reason for their concern and no damage was done.

Ladies group readies pasta dinner

The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold their annual Pasta Dinner April 4 in the Parish House on Church Mall at 6 p.m., in conjunction with an original play titled "Bob" based on the play "Harvey." The play was written by Barbara Moore expressly for the "Treas" youth group who will perform. The menu consists of salad, baked ziti, bread, dessert and beverage. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 or children under 12. Call the church office for reservations and further information at (973) 379-4320.

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SPORTS

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association (NJSCA), Reebok and Sneaker Stadium are pleased to announce that the 1998 Annual North-South All-Star Basketball Games will be played at the Rutgers Athletic Center on Sunday, April 5.

The girls' game will take place at 2 p.m. and the boys' game will begin at 4.

Local coaches involved include Elizabeth's Al Thompson as one of the North boys' coaches. Elizabeth's Bob Firestone will serve as one of the North girls' coaches.

Both have led teams to state championships. Proceeds from this All-Star Classic will be utilized by the NJSCA, Reebok and Sneaker Stadium. The funds will help institute a "New Jersey Coaches Education Program."

This program will offer two courses: "Coaching Principles" and "First Aid For Coaches."

The NJSCA and its corporate partners, Reebok and Sneaker Stadium, believe that there is more to coaching than just X's and O's and wins and losses.

The basics of coaching, aspects that include respect, courtesy, sportsmanship and fair play, are what make a true coach.

Tickets may be purchased for \$5 by calling the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association office at 609-259-2776 or from any of the participating coaches and players along with at the door at Rutgers.

 SportsSmarts Baseball Camps will continue their winter camp season at Union Catholic High School on Sundays March 15, 22 and 29, with a special pre-season offense/defense camp from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The camp is open to all ages and instruction will be led by Union Catholic baseball coach Paul Reddick. Guest instructors include Rich Shied of the Florida Marlins and South Hall University All-Big East catcher Bill Reddick.

Players will learn all facets of offense and defense such as learning a second position, playing the mound game, breaking a slump.

Students will also receive a camp T-shirt, evaluation form, Certificate of Achievement, full-color camp photo, instruction on a 5-1 player/coach ratio and students who register early will receive a free copy of the new Baseball Skills video produced by the SportsSmarts staff.

Parents will enjoy SportsSmarts' special parent clinics and complimentary coffee and doughnuts. More information may be obtained by calling Reddick at 908-686-6057.

 Mike Oatley, head coach of the Mercer Maulders of the EBA, will again be directing eight weeks of Sharp Shooters Basketball Camps in New Jersey and Pennsylvania this summer.

All camps are for girls and boys, ages 5-18, and are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 An academic discount will be offered to all individual campers (2nd grade and above), all new circuit drills will be incorporated into daily stations and an expanded NBA Division (ages 16-18) will again be offered.
 A brochure may be obtained by calling Mike Oatley's Hotline at 609-585-0248.

Searching for right chemistry



Photo by Milton Hill

Dayton High School junior guard Maria Stravato, was one of the girls' basketball team's most aggressive players this year. "In our second game against St. Mary's (a 39-38 Dayton win in Elizabeth) Maria refused to leave the game after suffering a broken nose," first-year head coach Dave Rennie said. Stravato scored 11 in that triumph and will be a key returning player on next year's squad.

Dayton boys' hoops played last night

The Dayton High School boys' basketball team was scheduled to play at Bloomfield Tech last night in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 quarterfinals.

Spring, Rec Spring Tennis reg. March 23

Springfield Recreation Spring Tennis registration will take place at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center on 30 Church Hill in Springfield on Monday, March 23 from 7-8 p.m. Lessons at the Irwin Park courts will be instructed under the supervision of Barry Ruback, a world ranked tennis professional and accredited member of the United States Professional Tennis Association, and his professional staff.

A 1998 lesson from All Pro Tennis includes:

- Levels of instruction for the beginner through advanced.
- One-hour sessions with a maximum 5-to-1 student to pro ratio.
- An emphasis on strategy, exercise and fun.

Session 1
 Wednesdays, starting April 1: 9:30-10:30 adults, 10:30-11:30 adults, 3:30-4:30 grades 1-2, 4:30-5:30 grades 3-4, 5:30-6:30 grades 5 and up.
Wednesday nights (Adults): 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Dayton High School courts.

Session 2
 Wednesdays, starting May 13: 9:30-10:30 adults, 10:30-11:30 adults, 3:30-4:30 grades 1-2, 4:30-5:30 grades 3-4, 5:30-6:30 grades 5 and up.
 All rain dates will be made up and rackets will be made available for lesson time.
 The fee is \$70 for each five-week session and checks may be made payable to Barry Ruback.

More information may be obtained by calling 201-568-3946.

Wrestlers advance to Region 3

The Brearley High School wrestling team, a co-op team made up of students from Brearley in Kenilworth and Dayton in Springfield, had three wrestlers advance out of last weekend's District 10 action in Millburn and into Region 3 competition that commenced last night in Union.

Those three grapplers included Attila Vigilante at 145, Jon Zika at 189 and Joe Ruggiero at 103. Vigilante and Zika were second in District 10. Vigilante falling in the 145-pound final to Joe Gorelov of Millburn 4-3 and Zika falling in the 189 final to Almeson Swint of Irvington 12-0.

Ruggiero advanced by placing third at 103 pounds. Region 3 competition will continue with the quarterfinals tomorrow night and the semifinals and finals Saturday.

Roselle Park won the team title for the third consecutive season and had eight champions and 11 wrestlers qualify. Brearley finished eighth in the team standings.

Springfield's Cooperator a champion for Blair Academy. Cory Cooperator of Springfield, 14, is having an outstanding freshman season for the Blair Academy wrestling team.

Cooperator became a Prep state wrestling champion for the No. 2 ranked team in the country at this year's competition held at the Peotide School in Highstown Feb. 21.

Cooperator continued his winning streak last weekend by winning the Prep National Title at 105 pounds at Lehigh University.

Cooperator was a place-winner this year at the Mid-Atlantic Tournament in Delaware, the Ironman Tournament in Ohio, the U.S. Open Tournament in Oklahoma and winner of the St. Albans tournament in Washington, D.C.

Cooperator is also an honor roll student at Blair.

DISTRICT 10 AT MILLBURN
TEAMS: 1-Roselle Park 170.5, 2-Union 129.5, 3-Millburn 66.4, Columbia 58.5, 5-Irvington 58, 6-Barringer 48, 7-Seaton Hall Prep 46, 8-Brearley 38.

FINALS
 103: Dare Ajibade, Union, dec. Lance Russo, Seaton Hall Prep, 16-6.
 112: Rory Adams, Roselle Park, pinned Mike Yannell, Union, 1:54.
 119: Graham Markel, Union, pinned Omar Smith, Barringer, 5:17.
 125: Bryan Garrison, Roselle Park, dec. William Cook, Barringer, 7-5.
 130: Craig Frost, Roselle Park, pinned Matt Koppenhoffer, Seaton Hall Prep, 3:44.
 135: Yurko Gramajo, Barringer, dec. Phineas Kruppnick, Columbia 6-5.
 140: Phil Torino, Roselle Park, dec. Matt Shear, Millburn, 13-4.

145: Jon Gorelov, Millburn, dec. Attila Vigilante, Brearley, 4-3.
 152: Eric Swick, Roselle Park, pinned Dave Pignatore, Union, 1:32.
 160: Kevin Kolbeck, Roselle Park, dec. Andrew Spey, Millburn, 9-1.
 171: Austin Castelly, Irvington, dec. Doug Schoening, Roselle Park, 16-6.
 189: Almeson Swint, Irvington, dec. Jon Zika, Brearley 12-0.
 215: Pat Appelo, Roselle Park, dec. Jeremiah Fleming, Columbia, 6-3.

HWT: Mike Munoz, Roselle Park, pinned Adam Klimkowski, Seaton Hall Prep, 1:53.

Third-Place Qualifiers for Region 3 at Union
 103: Joe Ruggiero, Brearley
 112: Tristan Pelham-Webb, Millburn
 119: Adam Leberstein, Millburn
 125: Anthony Lawson, Irvington
 130: Chris Mann, Union
 135: Kevin Davis, Roselle Park
 140: Sean Ajibade, Union
 145: Chris King, Roselle Park
 152: Romaine Cochran, Columbia
 160: Barry Stein, Union
 171: Daxxon Smith, Union
 189: Chris Greenwood, Union
 215: Sherwin Hall, Irvington
HWT: James Wilson, Columbia

Dayton improved as season progressed

By Joe Ragozzino
 Staff Writer

Chemistry. If you're a high school student, the thought conjures up images of long equations, complicated formulas, boiling liquids in beakers and nightmare exams.

But if you're a member of the Dayton High School girls' basketball team or first-year head coach Dave Rennie, chemistry was something that was constantly worked on for the better part of a 2-18 season.

No, the lack of a strong chemistry at the outset wasn't due to constant player bickering. Rather, the players came into the season with no varsity experience. Throw in a new coach with a new system and you have a formula that resembles something like this: T-N-T.

High School Girls' Basketball

But as the season progressed, the players and Rennie increasingly became familiar with each other, yielding positive results.

"It took the girls some time to get to know one another both on and off the court," said Rennie, who previously served as the head girls' coach at Union and who is currently a teacher in the Springfield school district. "Although we didn't win a lot of games, I think we improved over the course of the season and played more as a team."

Indeed, that was evident in a grueling overtime loss to Middlesex 53-48 back on Jan. 30. Coming off a hard-earned 29-38 victory at St. Mary's of Elizabeth, the Bulldogs were hoping to maintain their momentum at home against Middlesex.

Sull, the loss was extremely valiant, considering the Bulldogs were crushed by Middlesex in their first meeting 40-14 back on Jan. 9 in Springfield.

"Although it was disappointing to lose, I felt like it was what you would call a moral victory," Rennie said. "We improved so much from the first time we played them. I felt the girls responded well to a close game."

It was also a game that proved to be beneficial to the players in their development.

"Those are the kind of experiences that, although we lost, are important to be involved in because they teach us how to play in close games," Rennie added. "Knowing what it feels like to be in a pressure situation is important. When you lose by 20 or 30 points, you don't get that much out of it. But if you're in a close game, you learn to deal with the mental side of it."

The Bulldogs were led by a solid group of promising underclassmen, although seniors Sara Nagger and Nautilus Clarke, both co-captains, had a major impact on the team despite seeing very little time.

"They led by example," Rennie said of the two seniors. "They definitely put the team ahead of themselves. I thought they handled not getting a lot of playing time very well. They still came to practice on time and worked hard in practice."
 One of the chief problems for the Bulldogs was their inconsistent shooting. As a team, Dayton averaged only 28 points.

The team's main offensive threat was freshman point guard Linda Agostinelli, who averaged nine points. Agostinelli, who netted a season-high 22 points in the Middlesex overtime loss, showed signs of becoming a major force in the next few years.

"I look for her to become our leader," Rennie said. "I put a lot of responsibilities on her shoulder and she really responded well, especially as a freshman. I counted on her to make good decisions on the floor and I think she provided that for us."

Junior guard Maria Stravato was one of the team's most aggressive players. In the second meeting against St. Mary's, Stravato refused to leave the game after suffering a broken nose, noted Rennie.

Dayton defeated St. Mary's at home 48-30 on Jan. 6 behind 12 points from Tracey Saladino and 12 from Agostinelli. The Bulldogs' one-point victory in Elizabeth against their Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division foe was aided by an 11-point performance from Stravato.

"She's always around the ball and plays very aggressively," Rennie said about Stravato, who was the team's leading three-point shooter and who is also a standout goalkeeper for the girls' soccer team. "She was never afraid to dive for the ball and always found herself in the middle of the action."

Saladino, a junior forward, also performed with passion. "What she lacked in skill, she made up for in aggressiveness," Rennie said.

Sophomore center Rachel Tisa emerged as the team's best defensive player, holding her own against the taller centers in the conference.

Despite missing several games due to the flu and a sprained wrist, freshman forward Tara Listowski made the most out of her opportunities, displaying a nice outside shot, said Rennie.

Sophomore forward Danna Wolfert was also a big impact on defense. Freshman guards Christina Tomasina, Dana Rukowski and Lisa DeNicolo also saw some varsity time, while contributing significantly to the junior varsity level.

Now that the team has successfully worked on its chemistry, the new goals are to improve on its skills, particularly on offense. And that improvement starts in the off-season.

"What I've been stressing is that they need to make a commitment in the off-season, such as hitting the weight room and playing ball in the summer," Rennie said. "I've been telling them that basketball is not the type of sport you can forget about until November and expect to improve."

An extremely young Bulldogs squad saw the senior-dominated Dayton boys' team capture its first divisional title in 14 years after the group had been together for the past four years.

"So, can the girls' team follow in its footsteps?"
 "Who knows?" Rennie said asked. "In the next couple of years, perhaps we could be one of the top teams in the conference. I don't think that's out of the realm of possibilities."

Springfield Minutemen hoop teams excel

The Springfield Senior Minutemen (8th grade) basketball team bested Warren 58-46 last Sunday in the first round of the Springfield Tournament.

The Minutemen will now host Scotch Plains this Sunday at 11 a.m. in one of four quarterfinal-round games. Scotch Plains advanced by beating Millburn.

Man Paz was the game's high-scorer with a 25-point performance, his first 18 coming in the first half. Andre Callender scored 10 points and Mo Abdelaziz six, four of his coming on reserve plays.

Joe Albies finished with six points, Chase Freundlich had three and Mike Alfa, Alex Belous, Carl Nazarin and Brian Birch had two. Adam Cohen and Nazarin came off the bench to spark Springfield to an easy 34-21 win over Owen Brook last Saturday in the first round of the Dunellen Tournament.

Springfield will travel back to Dunellen for a game this Saturday night at 7 against either Holy Trinity of Westfield or Lincoln Middle School of Dunellen.

Cohen came up with a number of steals and dished off 11 assists en route to his 18 points and 10 rebounds. Paz had 10 points and Callender had six and Cohen and Albies each had three.

three and Chris Saracino, Woody Woodruff, Belous and Ross Rahmani two.

Springfield split regular-season games last week against Bloomfield and Summit, leaving the team with an 11-12 record.

In a 73-67 win over Bloomfield Feb. 25 in Springfield, Paz scored 27 points, including 6-of-6 from the free throw line in the game's final minutes.

Chambers had a big game with 20 points and six rebounds. Callender finished with 13 points.

Abdelaziz scored 11 points and grabbed four rebounds and Albies had three points and eight assists. Freundlich had six assists and three steals.

In a 67-28 loss in Summit Feb. 26, Paz poured in 10 points.

Springfield's Junior Minutemen (7th grade) team was defeated by Bloomfield 61-46. Mike Nitolo had 15 points, and Nick Perrotti and Callender played well.

Springfield bested Summit 44-35 as Perrotti had 12 rebounds and Callender 12 points, and then topped Scotch Plains, as Nitolo had 12 points, Callender 10, Dean Chenshank eight and David Levine six. Yuri Portugal and Kevin Disk played well.



The Springfield Senior Minutemen (8th grade) basketball team will play in the Dunellen Tournament Saturday night and in the Springfield Tournament Sunday. The Junior Minutemen (7th grade) team defeated Summit and Scotch Plains.

OBITUARIES

Bernadette Carey

Bernadette Carey, 81, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Mountaineer, died Feb. 26 in Cranford at the home of her daughter, Nancy Diener.

Frieda W. Knapp

Frieda W. Knapp, 88, of Springfield died Feb. 25 in the Burnt Tavern Convalescent Center, Brick.

Selma Rennert

Selma Rennert, 89, of Lincoln Park, formerly of Springfield, died Feb. 25 in the Lincoln Park Nursing Home.

Thomas P. Loftus

Thomas P. Loftus, 69, of New York City, formerly of Mountaineer, died Feb. 28 in Calvary Hospital, the Bronx.

District celebrates Reading Across America

(Continued from Page 1) "I thought the Lorax was funny," said Zaitz, who plans on becoming a cartoonist. "It was great to read and laugh at us about the environment."

Another approach came from Joseph Palitto who had the warring parties butter the bread any way they wanted.

The most original approach came from Joe Mattiace in the form of a poem that read: "They both dropped the bomb at the same time/nothing happened so they sang in rhyme/they decided to join forces/and rode off on horses."

The actual experience of reading was highlighted at the celebration at Thelma C. Sandmeyer School. Students from nearby Jonathan Dayton High School came to read Seuss books and other children's literature to the grade school students.

Manuela Gantes, one of the visiting high school students, read "The Tale of Mulan" and "Where's Our Momma" to a gathering of second-graders in the media center.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Rosen lived in Springfield before moving to Lincoln Park seven years ago. She was the comptroller for many years with Corporate Annual Reports, New York City, before retiring. Mrs. Rosen was a member of the Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Abraham, Livingston, and the Hadassah of Essex County.

Evelyn Peterson

Evelyn Peterson, 85, of Springfield, a retired health care aide, died March 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Armand Rozan

Armand Rozan, 84, of Springfield died March 1 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Leslie M. Weltehek

Leslie M. Weltehek, 71, of Springfield died Feb. 23 at home. Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Weltehek moved to Springfield in 1969.

Mary Mongrella

Mary Mongrella, 96, of Springfield died Feb. 26 in the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center.

Professional Directory

Table with 4 columns: Accountants, Dentists, Chiropractors, Financial Advisors, Advertise Your Profession, Learning Center. Includes contact info for Stephen G. Rosen C.P.A., George Umansky DDS, Dr. Stephen Levine, and Hopeline Learning Center.

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NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Municipal Officers of the Borough of Mountaineer, County of Essex, New Jersey, on the 14th day of February, 1988, at 7:17 p.m. of February, 1988.

ORDINANCE 87-28 WHEREAS THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF 1985 BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 4-4 TO BE SO CALLED "SHERIFFS SALES"...

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Eggs and Ham

"But my father is a chef, so naturally had that one read to me."

Gantes said her reason for volunteering was she believed reading to children was good because it encouraged them to read more when they get older.

Yet, amid all the adulation for Dr. Seuss and his books, there were voices of dissatisfaction. Second-grader Brittany Baron, one of the young group Gantes read to, was less than impressed.

"I think Dr. Seuss is kind of boring," Baron said. "I liked the books that have chapters. Dr. Seuss is not funny."

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