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## THIS WEEK

### NEWS

#### More purchases

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is considering two major purchases, one of which is an expansion of Union County Police headquarters and its forensics lab. The other is 500 new election machines to replace the county's 40-year-old machines.

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#### Deer hunt ends

Friday will be the last day of the deer hunt in the Wachung Reservation. The hunt is expected to end with only 29 of the allotted 40 hunting days used this year. Hunters killed 146 deer this year as of last week, 26 more than the target number.

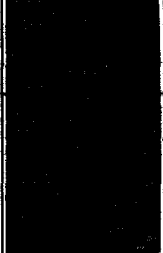
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### THE ARTS

#### Stunning offering

Wilkes Theater at Kean College is the setting for stunning offerings of ballet.

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Mountainside Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, left, and Deerfield teacher Carol Deets, right, share a dictionary with eighth-grader Kristen Hauser. Hauser finished third in the 81st annual North Jersey Spelling Bee Sunday. Her finish among 38 competitors came after earlier winning the Deerfield and Union County spelling titles.

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### WEATHER

Friday: Partly sunny and cold, 35°  
Saturday: Periods of clouds and sun, 40°  
Sunday: Mostly sunny, 45°

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## Parents express concerns about transport.

By Jim Foglio

Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education held a special meeting March 3 concerning transportation. The meeting, which was attended by more than 30 parents of Deerfield school students, addressed the district's need to improve the efficiency of transportation.

"The purpose of this meeting is to put our heads together and be as creative as possible in attempting to solve our transportation problem," said Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller.

Schaller said the Mountainside School District was ranked in the 19th percentile by the New Jersey State Department of Transportation. "If we are still under the 30th percentile next year, we may lose a considerable

amount of state aid," he warned. This aid could add up to more than \$200,000 in state reimbursement. But the problem seems to be that because of a few inconsistencies in school busing in the past, Deerfield parents have lost faith in school buses.

Currently, the district has a contract with the Voipe Bus Company, after having consolidated what had been a previous three-bus contract on Feb. 2. But parents complained that buses still arrived late and sometimes not at all, routes were confused, and until last month, there were no seatbelts on the buses.

But board members stated that this type of situation was unique, due to the deregulation of the school system, and that during the past 25 years, nothing even remotely like this had occurred.

According to district records, between Feb. 2 and March 3, the percentage of assigned students actually on the buses ranged from 11 percent to 57 percent, hence the low transportation efficiency. Parents who have designated seats for their children on the buses are just not filling them. In order to deal with this problem, the board proposed several solutions.

One solution would be to consolidate the bus routes. The proposed plan, which would start in a trial period from March 9-30, would turn six buses into three buses. The move would probably not affect the time students arrived home from school, Schaller said, since the buses normally have to make both runs anyway and would only be skipping the extra trip back to Deerfield.

One situation that concerned some

parents was that on one bus, elementary students from Deerfield would be forced to combine with high school students from Governor Livingston High School.

But according to board member Frank Geiger, there are only four high school students who ride that particular bus, and having such a small number ride a bus of their own adds greatly to the efficiency problem. "I work with two of the students and they will not be a problem to the younger students," he said.

"We will make sure there are certain rules and regulations that will be followed by the high school students such as no smoking or foul language," said Schaller. "But, from what I hear, these four students will not present a problem on this bus," he said.

A second solution, Schaller said, would be to charge a subscription to parents who have more than one child and meet the busing requirements for one particular child, but not another. The district's current policy on busing has certain requirements based on grade level and distance the child lives from the school.

"The main concern here is the safety of the children," said Schaller. "We may even have to look into changing the district's policy on busing, which was created in 1979," he said.

Board President Pat Tasscher emphasized that no permanent changes will be made without the consultation of borough parents. "We will send surveys out and ask that all parents involved address the issue," she said.

## Devino trial gets under way with the testimony of three

By Walter Elliott

Staff Writer

The trial of Springfield resident Ralph DeVino, after months of delay, got under way in Union County Superior Court last week. The jury, which was selected Monday morning, listened to testimonies of three witnesses by press time.

"I am aware we have gone well beyond our usual ending time," said Judge Ross Anzaldi to the jury at about 4:40 p.m. Tuesday. "It has been slow going so far. Rest assured that the pace will start rolling after the third state witness."

The panel has heard from Richard Starnes of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, Paragano Enterprises official Gary Vialonga and County Capt. James Durkin. Their testimony is part of the state's charges that DeVino solicited and accepted a \$7,500 bribe on Feb. 3, 1997.

"This case is about cash for approval of a planning board application by a public official," said state prosecutor

Monique Imbert in her opening argument. "When DeVino, a member of the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Development Review Commission, asked Vialonga for \$20,000, Vialonga was shocked. He told his boss, Larry Paragano Sr., and Larry Paragano Jr., and they went to the County Special Prosecutions Unit."

Imbert, during her remarks, played audio and video tapes recording conversations between DeVino and Vialonga. The tapes, arranged by surveillance specialist Starnes and Durkin, showed Vialonga saying how tired he was "spending jacked around" with the planning board and DeVino saying "everybody in this town got helped by me."

The video tapes were recorded in a closed hush shop in the Echo Plaza shopping mall Jan. 30 and Feb. 3. Paragano Enterprises was seeking approval from the planning board to renovate the hush and variety stores with an Outback Steakhouse.

The Outback restaurant got the approval and a liquor license from the board — but without DeVino's influence. DeVino was arrested minutes after the Feb. 3 meeting and charged with bribery, official misconduct and theft by deception. The bribery charge alone has a 10-year maximum sentence.

DeVino defense attorney David Biunno, in his opening argument, said DeVino was seeking a finder's fee for bringing the various planning parties together.

"You've heard a radio newscaster saying, 'And here's the rest of the story,' said Biunno. "You'll hear of a story of entrapment and a lesser degree of proof."

Biunno is slated to bring in witnesses for the defense, including DeVino, after Durkin's cross examination. The trial, barring the unexpected, may go to the jury tomorrow. Call Infosource, (908) 686-9898, Selection 7510, for updates.

## Eighth-grader places third in spelling bee

By Walter Elliott

Staff Writer

Kristen Hauser has become the pride of Mountainside's Deerfield School this season. Hauser's field of competition is the spelling bee, where she pursued excellence into the regional semi-finals Sunday.

"Deerfield held a spelling bee in January," said Hauser. "I always liked to read, so I entered."

The spelling bee, held for Deerfield's sixth through eighth graders Jan. 23, had 44 students entered. In the first school competition in memory, organized by teacher Carol Deets, Hauser won the final. That victory qualified her for the county-wide bee which she won as well.

"A spelling bee lets children compete," said Mountainside Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller. "At the same time, it strengthens a skill which they use in their studies daily."

Hauser advanced to the regionals, the winner of which can advance to state and possibly national title rounds. The 61st North Jersey Regional was held at

the Elmwood Park High School. "The regional was a little different," said Hauser. "We were on an auditorium stage with an audience. I've been on a stage before in the drama club, so I knew what to do."

Hauser said the organizers gave each of the 36 participants a booklet beforehand. The booklet gave the categories from which the words can be drawn.

Hauser got as high as third before a misscued ender run. She did not leave empty handed, however, as the organizers awarded her a dictionary in CD-ROM format and a few other prizes.

"I'm headed for Governor Livingston High School next year," said Hauser. "I don't know if they do a spelling bee there but, if they do, I'm ready to enter."

Even if Sunday was Kristen's last spelling bee competition, it may not be the last for a Hauser. Middle sister and sixth grader Jennifer also competed in the Deerfield spelling bee and youngest sister Lauren is two years away from her first bee.

## Borough budget to reflect zero increase in local taxes

By Jim Foglio

Staff Writer

The Mountainside Borough Council met Tuesday in work session to discuss a tentative municipal budget for 1998.

The budget, which will be formally introduced and voted on during the March 17 public session, would reflect no spending increase from 1997.

Mayor Robert Vignali said the 1998 budget will, if passed, include an increase in some areas and a decrease to others.

"This budget reflects a zero increase as far as spending is concerned," he said. "The budget reflects some additional monies added to several lines, i.e., recreation, since we have added more employees to cover the additional programs that will be offered by the new Department of Recreation."

Last month, the borough officially abandoned its Board of Recreation Commissioners in favor of a Department of Recreation.

"There will be an increase to the rescue squad numbers, as well as for

the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. But there will also be some reductions, such as in the removal of snow, which would be cut by \$70,000," Vignali said. "The total budget number covers the borough's debt services, bonds, etc."

"Since the budget is not yet official, all the actual numbers cannot be released to the public as of yet," Vignali said. "But by next Tuesday, we will have a print-out available at the public session. I will say that we are happy with what we have come up with so far."

The council also voted to charge a \$125 fee to profit making organizations that want to use the new community room, located on the second level of Borough Hall.

"Since businesses in town have approached the borough about renting out the room for personal use, we will charge a fee that would cover rent, set-up and cleaning costs," Vignali said.

The council is also looking for a way to pay for the gasoline used by the Mountainside Police Department.

Last month, the State of New

Jersey made it illegal for police departments that do not have their own gas pump to use credit cards when they pay for gas used by police cars.

Mountainside, which used to have its own pump before Borough Hall was renovated, had to abandon it because of cost concerns. Since the renovations were completed in September, the Police Department had been using a credit card account to pay for the gas.

The council, along with acting Chief of Police James Debbie Jr., are looking into several potential options, one of which would involve taking bids from local gas stations. This solution would consist of paying for the gas by voucher on a monthly basis and employ the Police Department to keep an internal bookkeeping system.

Vignali said there would be certain requirements for the actual gas station that would be employed, such as having to be within a two-mile radius of the borough and having to stay open 24 hours.

The council, among other actions, has banned left turns from Short Hills Avenue onto Stevens Avenue during rush hours.

## Committee introduces budget calling for a \$45 increase

By Walter Elliott

Staff Writer

Those attending the Springfield Township Committee meeting may have had to check their calendars after the municipal budget was introduced Tuesday night.

The proposed outlay for 1998-99, as introduced by Committeewoman Judith Blitzer, is \$16,483,894.43. It is the exact figure introduced last year for what became the current budget.

"We're pleased to introduce a budget that has no increase or decrease," said Deputy Mayor Gregory Clarke. "It's been a while since the Township Committee has had one like this."

The current budget called for a 3.05 percent increase on property taxes. That increase translated to an extra \$45 on an average home valued at \$150,000.

"The budget is the result of a lot of work by the committee — and some one-time windfalls," said Committeeman William Ruocco. "We've signed a contract of intent with the Union County Utilities Authority, which will save us on garbage hauling costs for years to come."

Township elders stress, however, that the proposed budget is tentative. The public school budget, introduced at about \$19 million, has to be completed and voted on by April 21. That

and payment for the Union County budget's quarterly tax bill.

The proposed budget document has been published in the local notices section of this Echo Leader on Page 12. A final public hearing is set for April 7 with a vote coming afterward. Municipal functions continue on a temporary budget, a legal, setaside of one quarter of the current plan.

The committee, in a related move, is preparing to sign a final contract with the UCUA. Springfield would commit its household garbage to the utility's resource recovery plant in Rahway for 25 years. In exchange, the township tipping rate will stay at

"We're pleased to introduce a budget that has no increase."

— Gregory Clarke

about \$55 per ton except for adjustments based on the consumer price index.

"It's difficult to sign a 25-year contract," said Clarke during the Monday workshop meeting. "Conditions and technology may change, which may stick Springfield with a higher rate." "It's true that we can't predict the future," said Ruocco. "But keep in

mind that the landfill operators dropped their tipping rates when the UCUA's recovery plant was built. Stevens Island's Fresh Kills landfill is closing, which means more business for the Rahway plant."

The Rahway plant's operator, Ogden-Martin, is permitted by the UCUA to attract garbage from outside Union County. Springfield was the first municipality to sign an intent letter in November. Ruocco is the township's delegate on the utility's board of directors.

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## Career day to enlighten students

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Jonathan Dayton High School officials Charles Serson and Antoinette Modrak are planning an unusual career day for their students Wednesday. Serson, the school's principal, and Modrak, the administrative assistant overseeing the project, are providing some real world hands-on experience.

"For Jonathan Dayton Career Day, we will have our students spend a day with local professionals or business people," said Modrak. "The student will learn what a day on a particular job is like, provide some hands-on assistance to the host and learn some of the interpersonal skills of that job." "This is part of the recently renamed School to Career Program,"

said Serson. "We're expected to change careers five to seven times in our lives in the new workplace. At the same time, our college students are taking up to six years in getting their bachelor degrees — and every extra year in college one less year earning a living."

Serson and Modrak have been promoting career day throughout Springfield's business circles during the last month. While Serson promoted the day before groups like the Rotary Club, Modrak has been a matchmaker between students and business people. Both said feedback of the school's first career day has been positive.

"The response has been pretty good," said Modrak. "We've had about 370 students who picked a field they

wanted to spend a day with. As of Friday, we have 36 industrial or business persons signed on as mentors. I know of one student who will make a college choice based on how Career Day goes."

"The student will learn from the mentor that day what real world life is like in that field," said Serson. "Even if that student comes away thinking that occupation isn't what it's cracked up to be, it will be a worthwhile learning experience."

Modrak and Serson said confirmation letters will have reached participants by today. There is still room, however, for more business people to host a student. Call Modrak at (973) 376-1025 ext. 5135 by tomorrow for details.

## Local author to speak on his books

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

Peter Kallellis, a Mountaineer resident, psychotherapist and widely published author, will be speaking at the Mountaineer Free Public Library March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Kallellis, the director and founder of the Human Growth Center in Westfield, is a former professor of psychology at Seton Hall University. He has written two best selling works, "Pick Up Your Couch and Walk," and "One More Spring." He plans to speak to the audience about the origins of his books.

Kallellis describes "Pick Up Your Couch" as a "psychological book about the healing that exists within each person."

"Over the years, as I deal with the personal problems of people who seek my help, I feel that healing exists within each person, Kallellis said. "Physical and emotional health has been built within each of us. This book shows how we can tap these

aspects of our personality and heal our thoughts, feelings, and relationships. Health is the natural state of being. This book is kind of a self-help book," he said.

"As a psychotherapist, I tell my unusual story to one of my patients in 'One More Spring,' which is a historical novel," Kallellis said.

Kallellis, who lived in Greece during World War II, used some of his own experiences to tell this story, about a young neo-Nazi who plans to kill his parents and then himself.

But the book itself, he said, was inspired by his own frustration from not being able to treat a suicidal teenage patient. Out of desperation, Kallellis had decided to tell the boy his own story, an unusual therapy that eventually proved effective in both the novel and real-life.

Much of the book consists of Kallellis telling his patient about his personal escapes from the Nazi militia. "The story has a tremendous effect upon the

boy, who is a school drop-out, Kallellis said. "He begins to feel that life is worth living, and he is no longer haunted by the wrongs he perceives in his environment. He returns to school and excels in his studies," he said. "Young and old are fascinated by 'One More Spring,' for they identify with the spirit of the courageous protagonist who survived the overwhelming forces of the Nazis," Kallellis said. "By telling my own story to the patient, we developed a good relationship and it turned out to be a fine professional, rather than a suicidal teenager. If this book helps just one person like him, then it would have been worth writing," he said.

According to Library Director Miriam Bein, having Kallellis speak should be a great experience for the library.

"It will be great to have him here, since not only is he a Mountaineer resident, but he works locally as well," she said.

## Professional offices granted approvals

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

The Mountaineer Zoning Board met Monday and approved three residential applications.

Theodore and Judith Baniaris of Sherwood Parkway were granted permission to continue to operate professional offices out of their residential area. The board noted, however, that any change of tenancy on the second floor of the two family home would

require a new variance.

Tom and Robin Hoy of Tanglewood Lane were granted permission to continue parking a commercial vehicle in a residential zone. Bonnie Hirsch, secretary to the zoning board, said that the relevant ordinance states that if the truck can be seen by people

on adjoining properties, such parking shall be prohibited. But since there are no adjoining properties, the board approved the variance.

Daniel Falcone was granted permission to construct an addition to an existing office in his Mountain Avenue residence.

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• The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, located at 40 Church Mill, is hosting its annual Fish and Chips Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes fish prepared using canola oil, for the health conscious, french fries, stewed tomatoes, homemade cole slaw, coffee, tea and variety of desserts. 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) 379-1695.

**Wednesday**  
• The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will have their regular monthly meeting on March 11 in the Parish House on Church Mill. The program will be led by Trudy Lindenfeiser on her experiences of coming to America from Germany as a child. There will be a short business meeting, devotions and refreshments will be served. Final plans for the Pasta-Theatre to be held on April 4 will be made. Call (973) 376-0100 for more information.

**Coming events March 19**  
• The Mountaineer PTA is sponsoring its 12th annual fashion show from 6 to 10 p.m. at L'Altre Restaurant in Mountaineer. The fashion show is originated by the parents and teachers of Deerfield School. All of the proceeds from this event go directly to the Deerfield School cultural enrichment programs. The fashion show has enabled the enrichment programs to facilitate special cultural programs and bring cultural educational programs to Deerfield's Enrichment Program. Fashion will be provided by "The Willow" of Summit and "In Style" of Westfield. Send or drop off your contributions at Deerfield School, Central Avenue and School Drive, Mountaineer, 07092.

**March 22**  
• B'nai B'rith of Springfield is planning a trip to the Sands Hotel in Atlantic City at 10:30 a.m. The bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. from Echo Plaza Mall parking lot between Mountain Avenue and Route 22, Springfield. The cost is \$20 per person with each receiving \$7.50 back in cash. Reservations must be made by Monday. Mail checks to Jerry Kamon at 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083. For reservations, call Jerry at (908) 687-9120 days and (908) 277-1953 evenings.


• Congregation Israel will sponsor the Leib and Barbara Anker Memorial Lecture titled "Can American Judaism Survive?" at 7:30 p.m. at 330 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Admission is \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Call (973) 467-9656 for reservations.

**April 1**  
• Architect and writer Susan Doubilet will present a slide show presentation on the subject of modernism in contemporary American architecture at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The slide show will be based on Doubilet's recently published book, "American House Now," written with Daralio Bocas and published by Rizzoli Publications. The presentation will focus on 10 houses that exemplify North American modernism because of their revolutionary designs, innovative uses of materials, and overall excellence. Doubilet, a Westfield resident, is formerly senior editor of the professional journal "Progressive Architecture." For more information, call the library at (973) 376-4930.

**April 2**  
• The Mountaineer PTA announced that Deerfield School's annual book fair in the APR 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 W. at 302 Central Ave. Buy one book and receive one free (must be of equal or lesser value). For more information, call Susan Meaker at 654-6399.

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# Mountainside teacher explores Galapagos

By Donald M. Kelly  
Managing Editor

Leigh Levitt, biology teacher at Union County College in Cranford and a Mountainside resident, has traveled as far as Africa to see rare species. But her January trip to the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean allowed her to see rare animals and walk in the footsteps of the famous Charles Darwin.

"The animals on the Galapagos have adapted to their particular environment," said Levitt in her office in the biology department of Union County College. "I got the chance to see these animals first hand in their natural state."

"It was very different and much bigger than going to the zoo. The special thing about the Galapagos creatures is that they are not afraid of humans," Levitt said. "This means you have to step over baby birds who will just stare up at you as you walk by. It was also funny to have sea lions lounging on the steps on the way to the docks."

According to Levitt, the Galapagos Islands, made famous by Charles Darwin's visit in the 1850s, are volcanic in origin.

"They're like the Hawaiian Islands, but a lot younger. The beaches on each island are different; some are black from the lava and others are white with sand that feels like flour." The four colored beaches have their own curious origin, as Levitt explained.

"The white sand comes from the parrot fish which feeds on the coral reefs near the islands," Levitt said. "What seems like sand on the beach is actually coral digested and excreted by the parrot fish."

Levitt stayed for eight days on the Galapagos Islands and the trip had its share of high and low points.

"El Tino has made the weather around the islands milder and warmer this winter, especially in regard to water temperature which directly effected the animal life. "Warmer water meant less plankton and algae growth, which brought the fish and bird population down. Birds like the blue footed booby only laid one egg instead of the normal two."

Humans were also made uncomfortable by the rise in temperature and excess rain.

"It got to be near 100 degrees and I



Leigh Levitt of Mountainside traveled to the Galapagos islands to see rare animals.

felt like a chicken being barbecued when I walked on the volcanic rock," Levitt said.

The rain and heat also spawned more mosquitos than usual for the winter season. Levitt said she was glad to have insect repellent.

The animals on the Galapagos Islands also demonstrated how nature evolved animals to fit their environment. One of the outstanding examples is the Darwin finch native only to the Galapagos Islands.

"Scientists have noticed a change

in the structure of the finch's beak depending if nuts or insects are more plentiful that season," Levitt said.

And though some animals adapt naturally to survive, others have needed help to escape the ravages of predators. The best example is the famous Galapagos turtles. These creatures live to be 150 years old and are vegetarians.

"The problem is with the turtle eggs, which are often eaten by feral dogs," Levitt explained. "So the eggs are gathered up by the people at the

research stations and hatched. The young turtles are cared for until they are mature enough to live on their own."

Another case is that of "Lonesome George," the last of his species of tortoise. With no mate, his line will become extinct when he dies.

"There's still hope that a mate will be found," Levitt said. "Many turtles were taken off the islands as pets years ago so who can say where a female 'George' will show up."

# Openings set for troop at Stables

Openings for aspiring equestrians still exist in the Troop program at the Watching Stables in Mountainside, a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

The troop begins the week of March 20 and applicants must be 9 years old or older. Assignments to classes are based upon riding ability as determined by the stable management. Applicants with previous experience may be asked to demonstrate their riding in order to be placed in the appropriate class.

Classes are available at various times, Tuesday through Saturdays. The fee is \$180 for Union County residents, \$220 for non-county residents. Required uniforms and helmets must be provided, at the troop's expense.

The stable also features adult lessons for persons age 18 or older, beginning in late March and early April. Classes are available on Sundays at 12:45 p.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The eight-ride fee is \$170 county residents; \$218 for non residents.

All registrations and fees must be submitted in person at the stable, 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside.

## NEWS CLIPS

### Garden Club awarded

The Springfield Garden Club has been awarded an incentive grant of \$250 to be used to restore gardens at historic Cannon Ball House.

This incentive grant is part of the Petals Program (Protect the Environment Through Action, Learning and Service), a two-year program of environmental projects co-sponsored by National Council of State Garden Clubs and Shell Oil Company. The goal of this program is to encourage local clubs to initiate environmental projects which might not be possible without the grant.

This year a total of \$106,575 has been awarded to 340 clubs nationwide for proposed projects dealing with either conservation, environmental issues, or community improvement.

The Springfield Garden Club in conjunction with the Springfield Historic Society will work together in the restoration of the gardens. Co-Chairpersons Elaine Auer and Marilyn Siglitz advise that the Union County Master Gardeners will also be helping in the planting. Work on this project will begin in the spring.

### Stables offers programs

Are you a member of a group that is interested in horses and wish to learn more about them? The Watching Stables in Mountainside is offering two programs, in addition to its Fall and Spring series of lessons, designed to introduce the sport of horseback riding to everyone.

"The love of horses transcends age and gender," said Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan. "We encourage everyone to visit the stables and enjoy what it has to offer."

A special program is designed for Girl Scouts to earn a Horse Level Badge. This one-time session is appropriate for junior-level scouts, and addresses the requirements as set forth in the badge handbook.

A one hour tour of the barn and its facilities is open to pre-schoolers, youth and scout groups, senior citizen clubs and organizations for people with disabilities. Both programs can be arranged at date and time convenient for your group. There is a \$20 fee per hour; horseback riding is available at an additional cost.

Call (908) 789-3665 for further information. The Watching Stables is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and is located at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

### Red Cross anniversary

On March 21, supporters of the American Red Cross will return to an age of '50s-style innocence at the Plainfield Country Club in Edison to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Westfield-Mountainside Chapter. The original Drifters, the popular rock-and-roll group, will headline at the black-tie birthday gala.

The Drifters, whose hit songs

include "There Goes My Baby," "This Magic Moment," "Save the Last Dance for Me," "Up On the Roof," "On Broadway," "Midnight at the Boardwalk," "Dance With Me," and "I Got the Tears," will perform two shows at the event.

Westfield resident George Gatesy, gala chairman, announced recently that Mohammed Ali's boxing gloves and a golf school trip to Scottsdale, Arizona, top the list of items for purchase. In addition, after a tribute to the past chairpersons, Ernest S. Winer, the chapter's oldest active volunteer will receive the inaugural "Angel on Earth Award" just days after his 96th birthday. Tickets are limited to the first 250 guests at \$175 per person.

For 115 years, the American Red Cross has responded to communities ad people in need, keeping people safe across the nation and throughout the world during war and peace, when disaster strikes, and every day. The

chapter's guiding theme is "Help is There," a motto they have lived every day for the people and the communities of Westfield and Mountainside over the past 80 years.

The chapter is offering an 80th anniversary commemorative pin for a \$5 donation. For more information on how to celebrate the anniversary during March, which is American Red Cross Month, contact the chapter office at (908) 232-7090. The chapter's e-mail address is redcrosswestfieldjnj.com. The Website address is <http://westfieldnj.com/redcross>.

### Softball league

The Springfield Recreation Department is looking for people ages 21 and older to participate in a Summer Women's Softball League. If any individuals or full teams are interested, contact the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227.

### Drifters to perform

The Gala Committee for the Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross will hold a black tie affair March 21 at Plainfield Country Club. One of the many highlights of the evening will be two performances by the nationally famous singing group "The Drifters" who will perform many of their original hit songs including "Under the Boardwalk" and "There Goes My Baby." The evening will also feature a silent auction which includes such items as Phil Mickelson Limited Edition Wedges, autographed Derek Jeter items, a trip to Arizona and several vintage Red Cross items. Tickets for the evening are \$175 per person.

There are still some tickets available, along with special souvenir books for anyone wanting to print a notice in the journal. Costs and sizes are: Full page-\$200, half page-\$100, quarter page-\$75, business card size-\$50 and booster-\$55.

Deadline for ticket sales is March 17 and ad journal deadlines is March 14. All ads should be camera-ready. For additional information, call the Chapter at 232-7090.

### ARC holds ball

The ARC of Union County will be holding its annual Candlelight Ball April 18 at L'Affaires in Mountainside. The event affords the agency an opportunity to publicly recognize special community volunteers for their support. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 8:30 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$90 and may be purchased by calling Sarah Lewis at (908) 754-7826.

Alan M. Augustine, assemblyman

since 1992, will be presented the Humanitarian Award. The Merc Volunteer Focus Group will be presented with the Community Service Award and The Murray Hill Child Development Center PTO will receive The Spirit of the ARC Award. This year's Ambassador of Good Will is Stephanie Riddell.

The ARC, formerly known as The Association for Retarded Citizens, is a non-profit organization that provides programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Programs are available to families who need the services, usually starting at infancy and through, generally, adulthood.

For more information, call The Arc at (908) 754-5910.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## Well done

Attaining the level of Eagle Scout is arguably the most important step in Scouting. Springfield resident Adam Gerbauer has much to be proud of this week because, on March 1, he became an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting.

To obtain Eagle Scout ranking, one must attain the objectives of loyalty, trustworthiness, cheerfulness, humility, objectivity and service. According to Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73 Treasurer Joe Kareivis, Gerbauer "has shown this by earning 36 merit badges and planning and conducting a community project by his 18th birthday."

Bearing the Eagle Scout designation says a great deal about the person. Gerbauer possesses the qualities that many college admissions officers want in their students as well as what employers seek in potential job candidates.

We wish Gerbauer success in the future because, quite frankly, he deserves it.

## Be informed

While the Mountainside Board of Education race will have three incumbent board members running unopposed for three-year terms, the Springfield Board of Education race will have five candidates, including the three incumbents, running for three three-year terms.

We remind residents in both towns that they will be considering school budgets on April 21 in addition to voting for school board members, even if a race is unopposed.

The best voter is an informed voter, and we encourage all residents to attend budget hearings to understand how the boards of education formulated the spending plans and what they mean to the taxpayers and students. We encourage residents to ask questions and not be satisfied if the answers aren't explained well enough. Too many people put complete faith in elected officials when one simple question and one piece of advice can save hundreds or thousands of dollars from being spent in a school budget.

It's your money. Make the board spend it wisely.

## Reading is the key

The Cat may be wearing his Hat, but ours are off to our teachers for their work in observance of Read Across America Day last week.

Tying in the 100th birthday of Theodor Geisel — better known as the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss — schools and libraries across the community celebrated one of the simplest and most beneficial of pastimes — reading.

Throughout recorded history, the written word has been used to entertain, inform, enlighten, challenge, educate and, most importantly, communicate.

Since the 1950s, however, our society has become more absorbed in the television and movie culture and has slowly but surely fallen further and further away from relying on reading for education and recreation. How many times have we all heard people young and old forego the reading of a book in deference to the soon-to-be-released movie version? And although one could argue that the user is, in fact, reading, even hopping on the Internet to gather information still can't compare to the satisfaction of opening a book.

It is a fact of education that children who are consistently read to at an early age excel in school and are higher achievers in later life. Moreover, by developing good reading habits, a youngster also develops a mind which hungers for information and therefore knowledge.

In addition to the paramount lesson about the value of reading, the various programs undertaken this week also incorporated the participation of an assortment of local dignitaries from all walks of life, reinforcing the message that good reading habits are among the most important keys to success regardless of the path chosen.

We offer our unmitigated appreciation to everyone who participated in this event. Your work has helped send one of the most important messages a young person will ever receive — "Read all about it."

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-9898, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Infocourse hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



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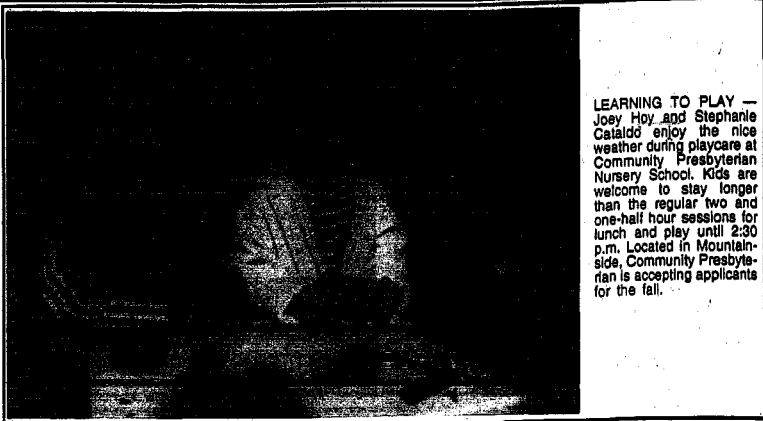
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**LEARNING TO PLAY** — Joey Hoy and Stephanie Calaido enjoy the nice weather during playtime at Community Presbyterian Nursery School. Kids are welcome to stay longer than the regular two and one-half hour sessions for lunch and play until 2:30 p.m. Located in Mountainside, Community Presbyterian is accepting applicants for the fall.

## How many needless accidents will occur?

### As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

In light of the auto accident last weekend which claimed the lives of three teen-agers in Hunterdon County, speed is still the grim reaper in most car fatalities.

A fourth teen-ager was critically hurt but has "improved" to serious. For more than 24 hours, his life was on the brink of ending.

Police said the four were in a car last Sunday afternoon, when, according to authorities, it went out of control in Washington Borough, went across the road and slammed head-on into a truck. Two of the teens are said to have died instantly with the third dying a little later. The fourth, who almost became another fatality, was taken to Morristown Memorial Hospital, where he hovered between life and death for two days. The young men were reportedly not wearing seatbelts.

The driver of the truck suffered several injuries but none were life-threatening. Police said he was not at fault.

Police also said that evidence at the scene showed the car was exceeding the 50-mile-per-hour speed limit along the stretch of highway where the accident occurred.

And there's the rub. Speeding is relative. Fifty miles per hour on the Garden State Parkway would appear to be too slow and the driver would

run the risk of being tail-ended or issued a summons by the police for going too slowly. On the other hand, a car going 50 miles per hour along Springfield Avenue, if that could be done, would certainly earn the driver a good old-fashioned speeding ticket.

It's impossible to understand why drivers feel speed gives someone a sense of power and invincibility. Too many drivers forget that an automobile is made up of nearly two tons of steel and metal and if two cars smash head on, something's got to give and in most instances, it's the human being and passengers in the car who will have to give whether they like it or not.

We lament and feel sorry for the boys' families and friends for this needless tragedy. Here are three young men, not yet in the prime of their lives, dead. Their parents who will never forget what happened must surely agree with that old saying: "Parents aren't supposed to outlive their kids." How many times have the

schools, police and safety experts warned that excessive speed is the quickest way to get killed, maimed or wind up forever in a wheelchair? I think one of the problems we are confronted with is some people's need to be the first out of the boxes, to be the leader and resent others' use of the highway.

Although speed is probably the most common way to get into an accident, there are many other stupid ways to create tragedy. Careless or reckless driving, tail-gating, zipping in and out of lanes and not concentrating on driving are among other chief causes of fatal accidents. It's like playing Russian Roulette with a 4,000 pound piece of machinery.

We don't willingly get into a car and decide to go as fast as we can before we have an accident. Unfortunately, the speeder perhaps doesn't realize that a fatal car accident may not only affect the driver, the passengers or the driver of the second car, but entire families can be destroyed in the wink of an eye.

For some reason, many drivers undergo a metamorphosis when they get inside a car. They think they're immortal and since many are young, that euphoria of immortality causes them to take risks they ordinarily wouldn't take.

The stretch of roadway where the Washington Township accident took place is not considered an especially dangerous section but drivers are warned that the 50 mile-per-hour speed limit is there for a purpose.

About 10 years ago, four teen-agers were killed in the same spot because of a speeding accident. Neighbors insisted that the town install a speed limit sign at the side of the road to warn others that the site is a dangerous one and should be brought to the attention of others who would be tempted to speed. The sign was installed, but last weekend it didn't work.

We wonder how many needless accidents occur because the driver wants to get there to there as quickly as possible without regard to the possible tragic consequences. I've always thought that risking death to myself, my family and others by speeding in order to save time is senseless; if saving two minutes or just arriving at your destination faster can be a waste of your life as well as others. 'Nuf said because more such accidents will happen no matter what we say here.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher, is a frequent columnist for this newspaper.

## Action will preserve the New Jersey we love



New Jerseyans can be proud of the commitment they have made as a state and as individual residents to support initiatives designed to protect New Jersey's open spaces and precious natural resources. In 1992, the public supported legislative efforts to create a stable source of funding for beach protection in the state's shore areas, and voters have approved each and every bond act placed on the ballot to fund the state's Green Acres program, which to date has saved more than 800,000 acres of open space.

As we near the 21st century, however, it is becoming increasingly evident that we need to do more to preserve our open spaces if we are to have enough parks, reserves and trails to preserve New Jersey's moniker as the "Garden State" for future citizens.

Despite state and local conservation efforts, the rampant pace of development is devouring the state's natural lands faster than we can protect them. The time to act is now if we are to bol-

ster statewide efforts to preserve our natural treasures and open spaces while they still exist.

That is why I have made open space preservation initiative a top priority for the Legislature as the 1998 session gets under way. I recently introduced legislation, known as "Local Open Space Preservation Partnership Act," that will help counties and towns that have adopted open space tax programs to protect even more land by providing additional state funds.

Currently, 13 counties and 53 municipalities have open space tax prog-

rams and would be eligible to participate. The bill works by enabling eligible counties to receive a portion of the realty transfer fee that is currently returned to the state and which in Fiscal Year 1997 was estimated to equal about \$36 million.

The Department of Environmental Protection would be responsible for calculating and distributing money to the county on a pro rata basis allowing each county which imposes a local open space tax to receive an amount equal to what they would otherwise send to the state Treasury. Since not all counties have such taxes, the residual revenues would then be placed in a separate fund for towns. Localities would receive the monies on a dollar for dollar basis up to \$250,000 based upon the amount they will spend on open space or farmland acquisition.

The bill is designed as an incentive for other municipalities and counties to make an investment in protecting their open spaces. It's intended to send a message to local governments

that if your residents care enough about their open spaces protection, the state will be there with matching dollars to improve the success of local preservation programs.

This \$50 million initiative is only a first step. Governor Whitman's Council on New Jersey Outdoors recently recommended preserving at least 1 million more acres of open spaces by dedicating \$200 million per year to open space protection. I look forward to working with the governor and my legislative colleagues to formulate the next strategy in preserving New Jersey's open spaces for future generations. Until then, this initiative gives the state's environment a head start in the race against sprawl and over development. Our action today will preserve the New Jersey we love for our children — before it's gone.

Senate President Donald Difrancesco represents the 2nd Legislative District, which covers Union County.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Write about the other students, too

To the Editor:

I am a student who lives in Springfield, but I attend a private high school. I go to Newark Academy. I have noticed that there are very few articles in your newspaper that are about students like me. Most are about students who go to the public schools. Although most people do attend Dayton, the public high school, many other talented students do live in Springfield. I think that you should include articles about all of the talented students who live in our area. I have noticed that all of the sports articles are about the local high schools. Were you aware that our women's tennis team is ranked first in the state? Some students on that team live in our area, and are very gifted. You should include articles about the people of our area, not just about the students who attend Dayton, but also some that attend private schools. I hope that you will include more articles about all of the students in Union County because they have accomplished just as much as other students. Thank you.

Ester Horwitz  
Springfield

## SPEAK OUT

Board should cut internally

I live in Springfield and I'm concerned about the increase in the school budget. Why would the Springfield board cut programs for the kids and still hire custodians at \$23,000 per year? If they would look at the website, which they think is so wonderful, the board would see all assistants to assistants. Why not cut there? A pay increase was given to Pamela Gray. What are her real responsibilities? What does she do for the Gifted and Talented program for \$100,000 a year. The board should look to themselves.

## Springfield schools need help

I wanted to complain about the level of education in Springfield. There is no money for supplies, the classrooms are dirty and there are maps that are 10 years out of date. The children have to have fundations for things like issues. Soon they'll be asking us to pay for pencils and chalk. I hear the budget is going up. I think deregionalization was a mistake.

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# We're asking Does sexuality matter in Scout leadership?

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

James Dale had been a "Scoutmaster" of Troop 73 in Matawan, New Jersey for 12 years. But in 1991, after 30 merit badges and countless group retreats, the Boy Scouts of America kicked him out because they found out he was openly homosexual.

But last Monday, a three-judge appeals court ruled that Dale's case is subject to New Jersey's Law Against Discrimination, and said the Scouts couldn't expel him just because he is gay.

The Scouts immediately vowed to appeal the decision. They had argued that as a volunteer organization, they had the right to continue to teach the same values as they have since 1910.

Parental supporters of the Boy Scouts feared that having a homosexual leader had a troop might confuse the children, challenge the moral values that they as parents instilled, or pose a threat to their children when they were left unsupervised on overnight trips. But after 12 years of affiliation

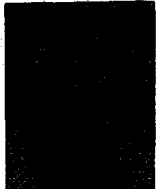


Ruth Weisman

with the group, there were no incidents reported.

We asked residents and workers in Springfield and Mountaineer if they thought Dale should be allowed to continue to serve as Scoutmaster.

Kendra Smith of Springfield questioned his interest in the group in general. "If he didn't have any kids in the group, why would he continue to be involved, unless he had some sort of fixation with the children?" asked Smith. "Incidents like this are the ones where we find out years later that kids were molested," she said.



Ralph Cox

But her husband, Mike Smith, disagreed. "If there had been no problems in the past, it would be hypocritical to dismiss him just because he is a homosexual. They liked and accepted him for all this time, right?"

Ralph Cox of Springfield thought the courts made the correct decision. "I think they did the right thing," he said. "As long as he minds his own business and doesn't allow his personal opinions and preferences to affect his judgment of the children directly, I have no problem with him acting as Scoutmaster."

A former Mountaineer electrician, who wished to remain anonymous, agreed. "I have worked with homosexuals and as long as it has nothing to do with the job, I think it's fine. Hey, they are people too," he said. "It really does depend on the individual, but in the Scouts, there shouldn't be much of a threat," he said.

Ruth Weisman, a former Springfield Board of Education member, also said the children will not be threatened. "Absolutely, homosexuals should be allowed to head Scout troops. There is no threat at all. There is much supervision and to not allow someone to do so based on sexual orientation is pure discrimination," she said.

A Springfield man who wished to be called Victor, originally from the Ukraine, said his culture would not agree with the court's decision. "In my culture, for example, this type of situation would not be supported. For a boy's education, this would just not be acceptable. But this is the United States and I would accept the decision, even if my child were involved."

# Man held on weapons possession charges

Mountaineer police arrested a Mountaineer man for the unlawful possession of a handgun.

On March 7 at approximately 5 p.m., Det. Sgt. Rich Oseja, along with Officers Tom Murphy, Donald Amberg and Sgt. Joe Giannuzzi, responded to an alleged burglary at an apartment on Poplar Avenue.

This suspect, later identified as Thomas Ostrowski, 37, who apparently was renting the apartment, had fledged down Giannuzzi in his vehicle and asked for him to follow him to his apartment, complaining of a burglary.

While taking information and surveying the crime scene, Oseja said he noticed a marijuana pipe sticking out of an open cabinet. He also said he saw a small scale, typically used by people who distribute marijuana or other drugs. Oseja said that when he asked Ostrowski about the paraphernalia, he started to run toward the back of the house.

After a brief chase, the officers grabbed Ostrowski and as they fell to the ground, Oseja said a silver 22-caliber handgun fell from the man's waistband.

Ostrowski was placed under arrest and charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon by a person not being legally able to possess such a weapon, and resisting arrest. He was also issued a summons complaint for possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

## POLICE BLOTTER

The investigation concerning the alleged burglary is continuing as Ostrowski is being detained at a Mountaineer district jail cell.

A Plainfield man was arrested for driving while suspended and found to have several outstanding warrants for his arrest. Corporal Ken Capobianco stopped Daryl McCall Evans, 21, for a routine motor vehicle check on March 7 several minutes after midnight. It was later found that Evans had warrants of \$1,000, \$121 and \$111, in Keyport, Fanwood and Piscataway, respectively. He was arrested and released on \$250 bail.

An Elizabeth man was arrested for providing false police information on March 8. At approximately 10:45 a.m., Officer Donald Amberg stopped a motorist while driving on Route 22 West. The driver, later found to be Todd Rhodes, 34, was stopped for several motor vehicle violations. After a check of his credentials, Amberg found that they were false. Rhodes was arrested and held on \$750 bail. He awaits a court date of March 26.

A Plainfield man was arrested for driving while suspended on March 4. At about 10:45 a.m., Officer Michael Jackson stopped a motorist for careless driving. The driver, later found to be Henry Torres, 39, was found to be

driving while suspended, and awaits a court date of March 6.

A Westfield man was arrested for driving while intoxicated on March 3. At approximately 11:30 p.m., Officer Michael Perota stopped a driver for speeding on Route 22 East. The driver, later identified as Kenneth Hoover, 42, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, released on \$625 bail, and awaits a court date of March 12.

An Elizabeth man was arrested for driving while suspended on March 5. At approximately 3 p.m., Officer Stephen DeVito stopped a motorist for a routine check. The driver, later identified as Roscoe Henderson Jr., was found to have been driving while his license was suspended. Bail was set at \$1,000 and Henderson awaits a March court date.

A Springfield resident was arrested on assault and weapons possession charges at about 11:44 a.m. March 5. The resident, identified as Oscar Berda Pedro, 60, was booked for making terroristic threats, possessing hollow point bullets and aggressively assaulting a police officer. The patrol unit that made the arrest originally arrived in response to a domestic violence call.

The driver of a Ford Tempo attempted to turn into a Morris Avenue driveway at about 7:45 a.m. March 5 — and into a parked Buick 400 door. The Tempo motorist attempted to leave the scene of the

accident but was apprehended and cited.

A landlord filed criminal damages against two tenants regarding a rental property on Meisel Avenue March 4. The landlord said the pair made interior renovations without his permission before getting evicted.

A motorist's stop on Route 22 East's left lane became an accident for two other drivers March 2. The first car, said witnesses, was approaching the Railway River bridge when it stopped at about 10:15 p.m. and its driver got out. A Buick following it backed up to avoid the car and into a Saturn with two passengers. The first car, bearing New Jersey license plates, drove off.

A Fern Road business owner reported an attempted break in March 2. The premises' rear door was found with pry marks about the door lock at about 1:44 p.m.

An East Orange man was arrested on assault and related charges Feb. 28. The man, identified as Stephen Hull, 28, was booked for obstructing an investigation, resisting arrest and simple assault. Hull, as of press time, was being held on \$5,000 bail.

A Route 22 electronics store has pressed charges against one of its employees on illegal possession charges Feb. 28. The store said that the employee, identified as Brian L. Stanley of Scotch Plains, had two amplifiers worth \$700 in his possession but not with the store's permission to take.

# Firefighters go out, but on false alarms

Mountaineer Fire Department responded to two calls this week, but both turned out to be false alarms.

On March 2 at approximately 8 p.m., firefighters arrived at a residence on Deerpath Drive. Fire Chief Marc Franciosa said a carbon monoxide detector had become activated, but the batteries in the unit had malfunctioned and set off the alarm in error. Firefighters replaced the batteries free of charge.

On March 7 at approximately 8 p.m., firefighters responded to a call from a residence on Creek Bed Road. Franciosa said a carbon monoxide detector had become activated, but there was no fire, as the smoke-detection unit was outdated and needed to be replaced.

Springfield  
Springfield and Summit (firefighters)

## FIRE BLOTTER

Joined forces to combat a car fire on Interstate 78 March 1. According to State Police reports, the driver of a 1985 Audi said she was going west when she had a power loss and pulled over just past the Springfield line. When she exited the car, however, she saw a flame from beneath the car's rear end.

The Audi was engulfed by the time public safety officials arrived at about 1:55 p.m. Both fire units extinguished the blaze and Summit stayed until the vehicle was towed away. The car, valued at \$5,000, was a complete loss but the driver escaped unharmed.

All units responded to a school on Mountain Avenue due to an activated alarm at about 12:54 a.m. Thursday. It

was preceded by a similar call from a business on Route 22 by about six hours March 5.

A furnace problem at an Arch-bridge Road home brought a unit out at about 7 a.m. March 5. Another fire alarm went off in a Morris Avenue business at about 6:53 p.m. March 3 and a squad handled a leaking propane tank at a Glenview Drive residence at about 10:43 p.m. March 2.

All units, including Fire Rescue Truck 1, visited Gaudinier Middle School on a fire alarm call at about 10:08 p.m. March 2. The source was attributed to dust setting the alarm off. Another all hands alarm call came from a Morris Avenue business at about 8:23 p.m. and a third fire alarm sounded from within the Municipal Building at about 3:45 a.m.

Springfield's bravest and finest met at Route 22 East to extract a Honda Civic which went off road

March 1. The Civic driver said she was approaching milepost 53 when her steering failed at about 9:20 a.m.

The Honda veered from the center lane, clipped a center isle guardrail and plowed down the Railway River embankment. Although the Springfield Fire Aid Squad was also on scene, the driver refused medical treatment.

Rounding out the March 1 entries were an activated carbon monoxide detector from a Berkeley Road home at about 5:09 a.m. and another fire alarm from a Newbrook Lane residence about 15 minutes later.

Firefighters assisted the first-aiders on a South Springfield Avenue business medical call at about 6 p.m. Feb. 28. A report of a car fire on a Route 22 establishment was handled at about 6:20 p.m. and all hands returned to Route 22 on one more fire alarm call at about 9:44 p.m.

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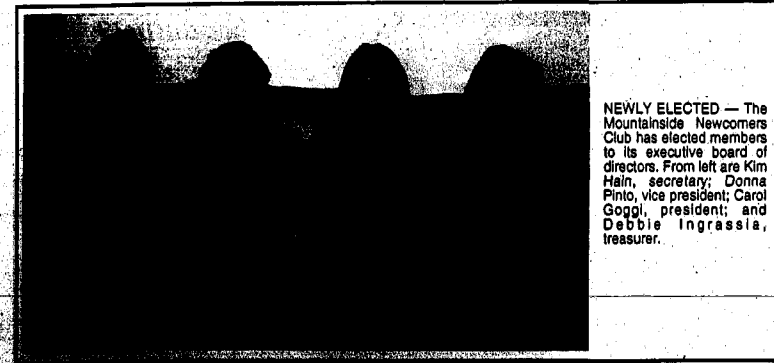
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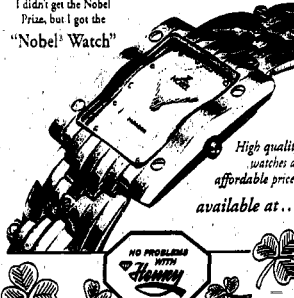
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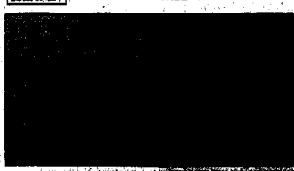
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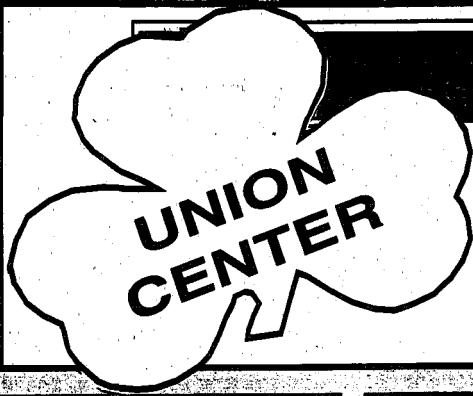
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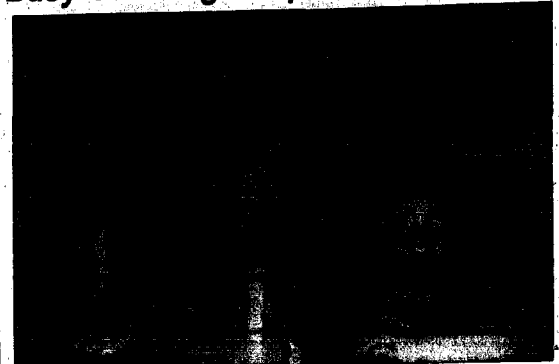
Springfield board revises calendar with changes for opening of school

By Walter Elliott Staff Writer The Springfield Board of Education, when all was said and done, picked a 1998-99 school system calendar recently. The board, in a straw poll, unanimously voted on the second of four calendar proposals March 2. The calendar is being reviewed by Union County Superintendent of Schools Frances Lobman for approval. "All four drafts are calendars I can live with," said Springfield Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland. Draft 2, however, seems to be the preferred one by teachers and staff. It is up to you, the board, to approve one calendar. Draft 2 calls for schools opening to students on Sept. 9 and to close on June 24, 1999. The spring recess remains between April 5 through 9 and the Presidents Day observance reduced from two days to Feb. 15. The draft was a modification of the prototype, introduced in January,

which had school starting Sept. 1. Parents and staff objections to the pro-Labor Day start fostered three more drafts. Also considered was Draft 3, which moved spring recess to April 1-5, and Draft 4, which inserted a staff development day in March. The board is bound by law to provide a minimum 180-day calendar but snow considerations and contractual obligations add five days to the total. Religious holidays and vacation schedules were among the other factors the board weighed. Before asking for the straw poll, Friedland submitted a calendar Summit approved for itself Feb. 12. Its features include a Sept. 3 school start and an April 19-23 spring break. Their last day of school, slated for June 28, would be delayed in case of snow closings. "I'm submitting the copy as a point of information," said Friedland. "Please note that they restored their spring recess, which falls midway

between their February break and the end of school in June." "We, like most school districts, proposed starting the year before Labor Day," said Summit school superintendent Michael Knowlton Feb. 12. "The board had to contend with the calendar being at the low point of its seven-year cycle. That meant the holiday came later than usual." The calendar, after Lobman's approval, is headed toward the state Department of Education for a final review. In related news, a notation error inadvertently inflated the superintendent of schools' annual salary. The superintendent makes an annual base salary of \$136,000 plus \$17,000 in bonuses and benefits. His overall pay, as confirmed by the school board administrator, is \$153,000. The board's next meeting is scheduled to be held at the administrative wing of Florence Gaudinier Middle School Monday at 7 p.m.

Busy counting the pieces



Nicholas Kutsop and Michael Caudo are busy creating patterns with colorful cereal pieces during a recent math lesson in kindergarten class at Deerfield School in Mountainside.

Jonathan Dayton High School lists students on honor roll

The following is the list of Jonathan Dayton High School students who have earned the right to be on the Honor Roll for the second marking period: Ninth grade Michelle Barone, Victoria Bingle, Lawrence Bluestone, Christy Deloconno, Lisa Denicchio, Marc Eisenstein, Jaime Farkin, Lillian Farnham, Christine Florio, Joshua Frankel, Chad Freudenlich, Ala Gulchinka, Alycia

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## Parsons to be honored by Y

Summit native Roger B. Parsons will be the 1998 recipient of the YMCA's Shurtz Reed Award at the YMCA's annual meeting March 23 at the Hilton at Stone Hill.

Parsons has been on the Y's board since 1988 and has been chairman since 1993. He participated in the success of the Y's first campaign in the late 1980s and has headed the Y's current capital campaign since its inception in 1995. Parsons' involvement with the Y began when his children were young. He coached soccer and was active in the Indian Guides/Indian Princesses program. He credits the Y and its programs for fostering a closeness with his children, Doug, 32, Jeff, 28, Jennifer, 22, and Chris, 19.

In addition to his outstanding work with the YMCA, Parsons is involved in a number of other organizations. He is currently on the boards of the Summit Area Public Foundation, Evergreen Cemetery, the Union County Savings Bank and Historical Deerfield in Deerfield, N.J., since 1982. He was also on the board of The Pingry School for 17 years.

Parsons attended The Pingry School, Rutgers University, and Pacific College in Iowa. He also served a term in the Army. Following his college graduation, he started his career on Wall Street in 1962. He moved to his current position as the investment officer, vice president and secretary at the Hyde and Watson Foundation in Chatham in 1972. Parsons is a lifelong resident of Summit, as is his wife, Meredith, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Stanley G. Welsh.

The Shurtz Reed award, named for a former general secretary of the Summit Area YMCA, is the Y's most prestigious award and is given to an outstanding member of the community. Recent recipients include Joyce Margie, Jon Corzine, Theodore Quantz, Deane Hogan, James Porter and Stephen Schroeder.

When asked why he devotes so much time and energy to the Y, Parsons said, "The Y is one of the great organizations in town and is the one place where all of Summit comes together. The Y goes out of its way to take care of everyone who comes through the door. The programs are great, the staff is terrific and, after all, that's what we're all about."

In addition to Parsons, the Y will be honoring outstanding volunteers Bob and Alice Kavir, Helen Dambrowski and Katie Anglin. The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning about the Y. The cost is \$35 per person. Contact Debby Lovett or Lucinda Mercer at the Y, (908) 273-3330, for more information.

## Church hosts blood drive

On Tuesday, Calvary Episcopal Church will hold a blood drive in the Parish Hall at 31 Woodland Drive in Summit from 2:30 to 8 p.m.

The drive will be co-sponsored by the Summit Area Red Cross and conducted by the New Jersey Blood Services.

Most healthy people between the ages of 17 and 75 — 17 with parent's written permission — weighing 110 pounds or more, who have not given blood within the last 56 days, are eligible to participate.

Men reduce their risk for heart attack, coronary chest pain and stroke by some 30 percent by donating blood as little as once every three years. The hypothesis is that the blood-let removes excess iron, which otherwise turns LDL cholesterol into artery-hardening substances.

There is a shortage of blood in the area, and donors are urged to come to the Parish Hall and donate. Official identification with Social Security number is required and all donors should plan to stay within two to three hours prior to giving blood.

The actual donation procedure takes no more than 10 minutes and reimbursement will be served under the supervision of Red Cross volunteers. There will be babysitting available and the Bibles and Babies group is providing a bake sale.

To schedule an appointment or for more information call Francis or Barbara Paetzer at (908) 277-6773.

## Correction policy

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made an error, please contact Tom Cavanaugh, editor, 1291 Boywren Avenue, Union, 07083 or call him at 684-7900 weekdays before 5 p.m.

# Summit First Aid Squad calls for more volunteers

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad continues to answer more calls each year, despite a shortage of weekend members. In 1997, the all-volunteer squad responded to a total of 1,648 calls. A total of 1,384 calls were for medical emergencies, 221 were non-emergency transportation services and 43 were lift assists that did not require ambulance transport.

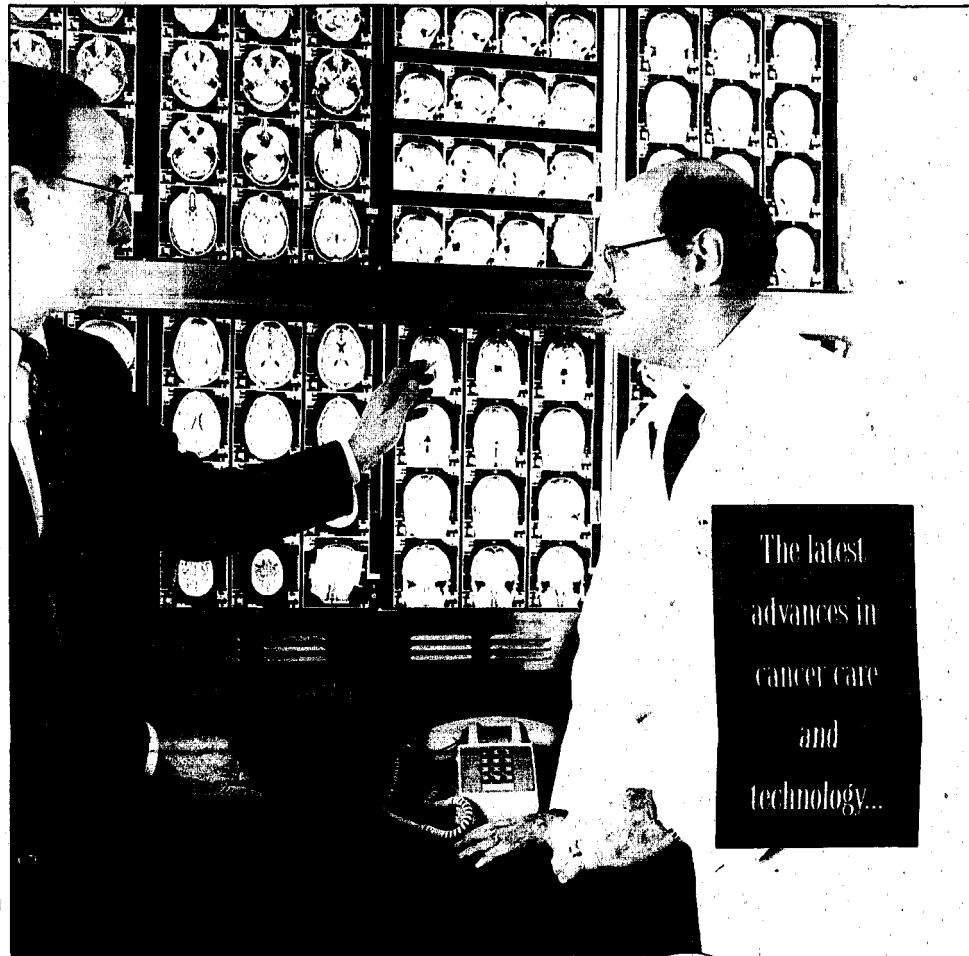
Last spring, the squad received an award from Overlook Hospital in recognition of its quick response to transport a cardiac patient to Morristown Memorial Hospital for emergency surgery. After several paid ambulance services contacted by the hospital were unable to respond in a timely manner, the Emergency Department staff asked their Summit neighbors for help. Although the patient was not a Summit resident, the crew on duty recognized the urgency and responded immediately.

Squad volunteers also provided emergency medical services covered at 29 community events and answered 32 requests for "mutual aid" from surrounding towns. Neighboring squads returned the favor to Summit on 12 occasions. The squad's Emergency Response Bike Team covered 11 events, including four requests for assistance from outside of Summit.

Among the year's responses were 641 medical emergencies in the patients' homes and 91 calls to local physicians offices, including six on the grounds of Overlook Hospital. Squad members responded to 207 automobile accidents and treated eight pedestrians and four bicyclists who were struck by automobiles during the year. The squad also responded to eight fire scenes and two hazardous materials emergencies.

1997 also marked the beginning of the Fire Department's First Responder Program. This successful effort sends several firefighters directly to the scene of an emergency call during times when an ambulance crew is not immediately available. The firemen render initial care until the squad's ambulance arrives. The Fire Department and First Aid Squad worked together in this manner 169 times during the year.

All of the First Aid Squad services are free of charge, including local and long distance ambulance transportation. The farthest call of the year was a transport of a local resident to a medical facility in Vermont. In the past, squad members have traveled as far north as Ontario and as far south as Maryland to help someone needing ambulance transport. To request a transportation or other non-emergency services, call the squad business line at 277-9479. Emergencies should always be reported by dialing 9-1-1.



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# OBITUARIES

## Kathryn McGlinchey

Kathryn McGlinchey, 90, of Summit died Feb. 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Miss McGlinchey was born in Lowell, Mass. She was a member of the Lifeguards of St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills.

## American Veterans Club of Newark.

Surviving are his wife, Lucille; a son, Anthony; two daughters, Lucille Lawlisohn and Maria; a sister, Connie Krosabon; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## Anthony Colangelo

Anthony A. Colangelo, 83, of Little Silver, formerly of Summit, died Feb. 26 at home.

Born in Summit, Mr. Colangelo moved to Little Silver nine months ago. He was a school crossing guard for the city of Summit for 19 years. Earlier, Mr. Colangelo was a truck driver for A. Carbone & Sons, Morris-Towam. He was a member of the Italian-American Club in Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Carmela; two sons, Michael and John; a sister, Margaret Whitfield; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## Salvatore A. Monaco

Salvatore A. Monaco, 86, of Mountaintide died March 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

## George J. Collins Jr.

George J. Collins Jr., 68, of Mountaintide died March 5 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Collins lived in Iselin before moving to Mountaintide eight years ago. He was a demolition contractor with T. Fiore Inc., Newark, for 10 years. Earlier, Mr. Collins had been the owner of George J. Collins Jr. Demolition Contractors, and before that, a demolition contractor for D&V Reging, Sayreville. He was a member of the American Builders and Contractors Inc. New Jersey Chapter. Mr. Collins also was a former member of the board of trustees

## of the Esing Lake Community in Denville.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; a son, Jeffrey; a daughter, Danielle Krupp; a stepdaughter, Donna Balotta; three stepsons, Richard Linaty and Franklin and Stephen Bignias; his mother, Josephine Munch; two brothers, Robert and Charles Munch; a sister, Josephine Borkowicz, and two grandchildren.

## DEATH NOTICES

**DOMOVAN** - On Thursday, March 8, 1998 Evelyn L. Waldheim Donovan of Millburn, formerly of Springfield, died wife of the late Jerome J. Donovan. Deceased mother of Joan Jennings, Jerome Donovan and Judy Donovan. Dear sister of George Waldheim and Marge Friedman. Also survived by four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services and burial are invited to attend the funeral from THE JACOB A. NICOLE FUNERAL HOME, 2122 Millburn Ave., Millburn on Thursday, March 12 at 9:00 AM then to St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills where a Funeral Mass will be offered at 10:00 AM. Interment St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, Short Hills.

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## Hans Gerhard Kruse

Hans Gerhard Kruse, 64, of Summit died Feb. 21 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Ennepetal, Germany, Mr. Kruse came to Summit more than 30 years ago. He had been employed by the former White Metal Co., Summit, for more than 30 years. Mr. Kruse served in the National Guard.

Surviving is his wife of 36 years, Sigrid.

## Charlotte E. Bolcar

Charlotte E. Bolcar, 84, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Feb. 25 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Mrs. Bolcar was a home health aide for SAGE Inc., Summit, for more than 20 years.

Surviving are a sister, Catherine Dempsey, and a brother, Francis Behan.

## Frank L. LaMagna

Frank J. LaMagna, 84, a lifelong resident of Summit, died March 3 at home.

Mr. LaMagna worked for the United States Postal Service in Newark, Springfield and Murray Hill-New Providence for 30 years and retired as a superintendent of mail in 1971. From 1971 until 1983, Mr. LaMagna worked for Sanofi Pharmaceutical Co., East Hanover, where he set up the company's mail system. He was a quartermaster in the Navy during World War II. Mr. LaMagna served in the Naval Reserves. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 5560 in Springfield and the Italian-

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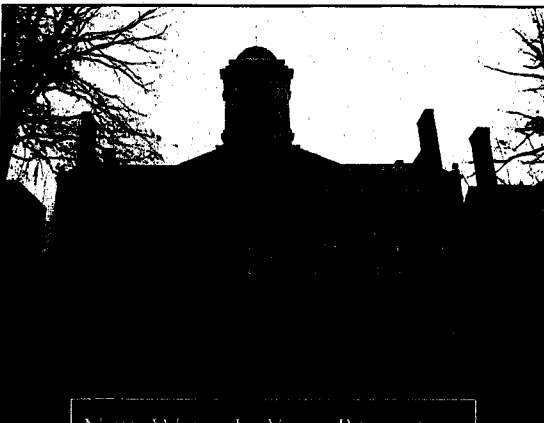
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# Middle School students plan lock-in for drug awareness

Summit Middle School's eighth-graders are doing it — taking a stand against tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse — and they're looking to the Summit community to support them in their commitment.

As part of the school's observance of National Middle School Month, the eighth-grade class is planning an all-night lock-in at the school for March 20 with the theme for the event to be "Teen Awareness of Tobacco, Drugs, and Alcohol."

A community challenge, issued through Summit Mayor Walter Long by the eighth-grade student council, invites all Summit residents to support the event by leaving their front porch lights on during the evening of March 20 and by keeping that night free of nicotine, alcohol and illegal drugs. Long announced the challenge to the community during the March 3 Common Council meeting.

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*'Along with educating our children about the dangers of abuse, we must also show them that we support them in the challenges they will face in this area throughout their lives.'*

— Mike Ryder  
Eighth-grade Advisor

culity of the challenge will make Summit residents aware of the challenges our kids face every day in making the right decisions."

Ryder is an advisor to the Middle School's AWARE Club, which is one of the organizers of the event. The purpose of the club is to establish a positive and comfortable relationship between students, educators at the school, and the Summit Police Department. Co-chairs of the club are resource center teacher Ann Marie Lo Dolce and district substance awareness counselor Jeff Lambert. Other advisors are health teachers Samantha Kenny and Heidi Marie Figel, guidance counselor Katherine, Schuch, social studies teacher Kristin O'Leighin, and science teacher John Ross, along with Sp. John McCandless, Det. Robert Wick, and Officer Jim Freedman of the Summit Police Department.

Also helping to support the event is funding from the Summit Municipal Alliance and the district's Drug Free Schools Grant.

For the student, the evening will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the main gym. Following the dance, the eighth-graders

will be divided into two groups. As one group attend an assembly program by the educational Interactive theater company "Good, Clean Fun," the other students will play indoor soccer, table tennis, volleyball and basketball, or work in the computer lab. All activities will conclude at 12:45 a.m., when student will separate by gender and assigned to one of several sleeping areas. Lights out will be at 1 a.m. and wake up will be at 7 a.m., followed by a light breakfast.

"Education against substance abuse is continuous in the Summit Public Schools," said Ryder. "But we've got to get the young people of Summit to know that our support for their commitment as well as assuming that we are one with them. We hope the community joins us in this event."

### Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon. Entertainment - Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon. Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m. General - Monday 5 p.m.

## Telling their stories



The fourth-graders of Summit's Lincoln Elementary School recently participated in a storytelling course sponsored by the Board of Education. The course took place in January and February and was taught by storyteller Jaslyn Wheelless. During a period of several weeks, each fourth-grader learned a story, which they then shared with the younger classes at Lincoln. The program culminated with several fourth-graders being videotaped telling their stories at the studio of Summit's cable television station TV36. They will be aired on TV36 in March and April. From left are fourth-graders Jason Berg, Katie Hayes, Robert Daniels, Sofia Karesh, Troy Cromwell, Morgan Klafi and Andrew Furman.

## Legislators target Swiss banks for \$7 billion

Seeking to compel major Swiss financial institutions to return \$7 billion of investment to their rightful owners, New Jersey Assemblymen Joel M. Weingarten and Kevin J. O'Toole were successful in having

the New Jersey Assembly Banking and Insurance Committee approve legislation to prohibit the state of New Jersey from investing funds in Swiss financial institutions or from using them as financial advisors or intermediaries.

The bill further mandates that the state divest itself of all current investments in Swiss financial institutions, currently totaling more than \$66 million, including 280,000 shares of UBS stock.

Recently, declassified documents show that Swiss banks refused to help Holocaust survivors locate bank accounts, even demanding that they produce death certificates for relatives who perished at the hands of the Nazis. Swiss banks have also been caught intentionally destroying evidence of wartime investment records and notwithstanding public statements to the contrary, have not actively worked to disclose their holdings of many Holocaust victims' assets.

"This is a shame we must legislate fairness, morality," said O'Toole. "We are not just to show in no uncertain terms that Americans of all faiths and beliefs, from throughout the country, share a common commitment to seeing that justice is served," said Weingarten.

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### Call your editor

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children. The Synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Women's League, Men's Club, Youth group for fifth through twelfth grades, and a Men's Adult Education program.

### SUMMIT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

275-4130, William B. Horn, Rabbi, President. The Summit Jewish Community Center (SJCC) is an egalitarian, conservative synagogue in the facilities from Summit and nearby 37 surrounding towns. Religious services are held at 9:30 AM. Saturday Shabbat services are at 8:30 AM and Shabbat Mincha and Havdalah services are at 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM, respectively. Services on Friday are at 7:00 AM and Sunday at 9:00 AM. A Family Service is held on the second and fourth Sundays of every month to repair Shabbat services, a Young Family Shabbat Service, for families with children ages 2-12, is held every third Sunday from 10:30-11:30 AM; and every second and fourth Sunday from 10:15-11:30 AM. The SJCC also offers a preschool for the SJCC religious school provision (instruction for children from Kindergarten through Grade 7) and a Pre-K religious class for Grades 7 through 12. The SJCC also offers a complete pre-school program including a morning and afternoon program for children ages 2-5, designed for children from 18-24 months and a parent/teacher and a Parent and Enrichment program for Kindergarten children. A wide range of Adult Education Programs is offered as well as a Shabbat Men's Club, Youth, Couples Group and Senior Study Group. For more information about programs or membership, please call the SJCC office at 275-4130.

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TEMPLE SHAR'EF SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 261-9447. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi. Adult Education Program, Reform Judaism. Religious school classes for Grades K-7. Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM. 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes on Saturday mornings for grades K-3. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings for 8-12. Pre-school, classes are available for children ages

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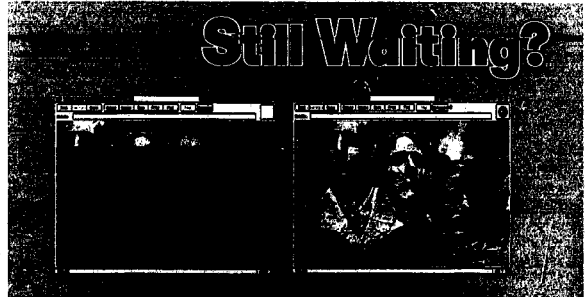
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# SPORTS

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## LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

This year's Union County Basketball Senior All-Star Games will take place at Cranford High School on Tuesday, March 31.

The games were last contested in 1994 at Roselle Catholic.

The girls' game is set for 7 p.m., with the boys' game to follow at 8:30.

Here's a look at the two girls' rosters:

Team coached by Hillside's Al Platt and Roselle Catholic's Joe Skrec: Cheron Johnson, Hillside; Tiffany Franklin; Hillside; Darin Fowler, Roselle Park; Jean Baste, Roselle Park; Erica Berger, Summit; Melissa Lopez, Oak Knoll; Megan Rison, Oak Knoll; Brema Supple, Oak Knoll; Libby Kennelley, Oak Knoll; Sandi Byrd, Hillside, Aneshka Simmons, Hillside, Kim Talver, Roselle Catholic; Laura Palmerazzi, Roselle Catholic; Theresa Lyle, Braslety; Kathy Chen, New Providence.

Team coached by Union's Walt Hennessy and Rahway's JoAnn Zweibel: Johanna Avendano, Elizabethtown; LeTomya Fowler, Union; Eileen Garrity, Cranford; Jackie Sabo, Cranford; Rebecca Severs, Cranford; Kasey Petrocki, Rahway; Kelly Petrocki, Rahway; Katie Stanton, Union Catholic; Jen Brinson, Union Catholic; Devin McDonald, Union Catholic; Kathy Rooney, Union Catholic; Vicki Nuss, Westfield; Megan DeVitt, Westfield; Suzanne Vinagra, Westfield.

This year's Union County Coaches Top 16 Girls' Team was also selected and the following players will be honored at a dinner to be held Wednesday night, April 8 at 7:30 at the Westwood in Garwood:

Shontae Hunter, Elizabethtown; Devin McDonald, Union Catholic; Schemo Isidora, Roselle Catholic; Cathy Chen, New Providence; Megan Zambell, Cranford; Katie Stanton, Union Catholic; Cheron Johnson, Hillside; Melissa Lopez, Oak Knoll; Anielle Ray, Rahway; Darin Fowler, Roselle Park; Brema Supple, Oak Knoll; Kadrine Rooney, Union Catholic; Marissa Kallag, Summit; Liz McKeon, Westfield; Stephanie Bruce, Summit; Jayme Gray, Union.

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 The 750th New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Wrestling Tournament champion will be crowned Saturday at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City and it will be the heavyweight winner.

That's because there are 736 champions from the first year of the tournament in 1934 through 1997. The NJSLAA Tournament quarterfinals are scheduled for tomorrow night at the Convention Center and the semifinals and finals Saturday.

Surprisingly, Union County has the most state champions with 120, although it has not had a state champion since 1993.

Sussex County, mostly because of Newton's success with 82 champions, is second with 98.

The following is a look at Dayton's state champions:

1943-Charles Johnson, 166.  
 1944-Pat Soares, 104.  
 1944-Arthur Sachal, 113.  
 1949-Tony Davis, 134.  
 1955-Jerry Sachal, 106.  
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## Springfield's Miller sparks SHP

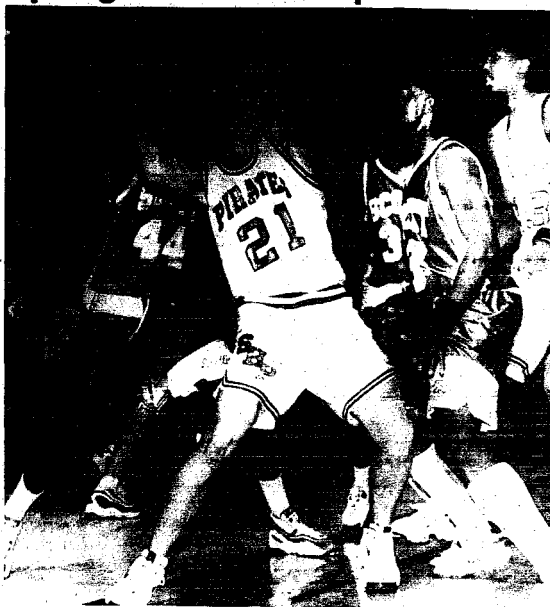


Photo by Barbara Kukulski

Springfield's Jeff Miller (No. 21), one of the top players in the state, helped guide the Seton Hall Prep basketball team into the North Jersey, Parochial A final last night against Essex Catholic. The Pirates won at Bergen Catholic 75-35 in a Monday semifinal to improve to 24-2. Miller, who surpassed 1,000 points earlier this season, is Seton Hall Prep's fourth all-time leading scorer, the senior forward averaging 18 points this season. The NJSLAA Parochial A boys' championship game is scheduled for Saturday night at 6 at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabethtown. Miller is shown here playing in the Essex County Tournament championship game against Clifford Scott at Essex County College in Newark. Miller helped the Pirates win the ECT the past three seasons.

## Springfield Sr. Minutemen advance in Dunellen Tourn. Split contests with Scotch Plains

The Springfield Senior Minutemen (8th grade) basketball team defeated Scotch Plains 41-39 March 4 before advancing in the Dunellen Tournament with a win last Saturday night. Springfield was then defeated by Scotch Plains 43-41 on a shot at the buzzer last Saturday in the championship game of the Springfield Tournament.

In last Wednesday's regular-season

win over Scotch Plains, Andre Callender stole an inbound pass and helped Springfield tie the game at 39-39.

Matt Paz then stole a cross-court pass, dribbled the length of the court and made an easy layup for the winning basket.

Paz paced Springfield with a 17-point performance and teammate Adam Cohen made two three-point baskets.



Springfield Senior Minutemen basketball player Joe Albiez, No. 11, takes a shot in a game held earlier this year against Chester. The shot made by Albiez was one of four three-pointers he connected on in the contest.

Springfield reached the semifinals of the Dunellen Tournament by defeating the Holy Trinity School of Westfield 32-22.

Springfield will now play North Plainfield or Somerville tomorrow night at 7:30 in Dunellen.

Paz and Mo Abdelaziz paced Springfield with 10-point efforts. Callender scored eight points. Billy Chambers had four, Chase Freundlich two and Mike Jaffe two.

Springfield trailed Scotch Plains 29-24 after three quarters when the two met for the Springfield Tournament championship.

Callender eventually tied the game at 41-41 for the Minutemen when he banked in a shot with just 3.7 seconds remaining.

Paz was the game's high scorer, pouring in 24 points for Springfield.

Junior Minutemen triumph Springfield's Junior Minutemen (7th grade) squad advanced to the final four of the tournament its playing in and will now play Maplewood or Millburn in a semifinal.

Playing well were Yuri Portugal with his outside shooting, Nick Perrotti with his inside game and Callender. Playing tough on defense were Kevin Dash, Mike Nitolo, Dean Chenshank and David Levine.

Springfield also posted a win over Scotch Plains 58-40 and was defeated by Union 55-49 and Ringwood 51-41.

## Dayton impressive in winning Valley Program on right track

By Joe Ragozino  
 Staff Writer

For the Dayton High School boys' basketball team, there won't be another championship banner this season.

However, the Bulldogs still had quite an impressive season despite their quick exit in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 state playoffs.

The 54-35 defeat inflicted by eventual champion and host Bloomfield Tech in the quarterfinal round March 4 is just a mere blip in Dayton's past two special seasons, capped by this year's Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division title, its first conference crown in 14 years.

"One game can never tarnish what these kids did for two years," Berger said. "The state tournament is always the icing on the cake."

### High School Boys' Basketball

Dayton, which concluded the year at 16-7 and went 14-2 in winning the MVC's Valley Division, enjoyed a fabulous party the past two seasons. Add up the numbers and what you have is a 32-13 overall record and a 26-conference mark during that span — Dayton finishing 16-6 last year and second in the Valley at 12-2.

Unfortunately, the party had to end for the senior-dominated squad.

As most teams have learned, winning on the road in the state tournament is a daunting task. The fifth-seeded and visiting Bulldogs battled fourth-seeded Bloomfield Tech nip-and-tuck in the first half, trailing 22-20 at halftime. But Bloomfield Tech took control in the third quarter, dominating on the boards and forcing turnovers to produce a comfortable 11-point lead heading into the fourth. Bloomfield Tech maintained its momentum with a 15-7 fourth quarter to complete the blowout.

"Bloomfield Tech is a good team," Berger said. "We played real well in the first half, but we just stopped rebounding in the second half and had too many turnovers. You just can't win a game like that against a good team. It was a tough game."

It was also a tough seed for the Bulldogs. That's because Roselle Park, which Dayton beat twice during the regular season (62-39, Jan. 16 at home and 50-39, Feb. 10 at RP), earned a higher seed than the Bulldogs. Roselle Park seeded on the other side of the bracket at No. 3. Roselle Park was seeded higher because at the time of the cutoff date on Feb. 7 it had a better overall record.

Berger recognizes that the program is on the right track, thanks to the seniors' hard work and perseverance during the past four years.

"Of course, the first thing you want to do is have a good enough team to qualify for the state tournament and sometimes it takes some teams years and years to qualify," Berger said. "We're at a level now where we expect to qualify. Our next goal is quality and win a game or two. But these kids set the standard for the next group."

This year's special senior class included forwards Chris Loeffler, Chris Salvato, Ralph Saracino, Giancarlo Saracino, (Ralph's cousin) and guard Eric Fishman.

Loeffler arguably will go down as one of the school's best players ever, averaging 20 points a game this year. He also passed the 1,000 career point mark with a 25-point performance in the first win over Roselle Park.

Loeffler finished his career with 1,233 points.

Fishman was what Berger called the "heart and soul" of the team, averaging an impressive 20 assists a game.

Salvato and Ralph Saracino were dominant in the paint, putting down eight and seven rebounds a game, while Giancarlo Saracino was the team's best defender.

All of the seniors were instrumental in bringing the program to the upper echelon. And that road to success began three years ago when Berger was scouting the then-sophomores in the Cranford Summer League as he contemplated going "on his mission" as head coach.

"I was mission accomplished," said Berger, who was hired the following September. "Our commitment started three years ago and these kids worked really hard to win a conference championship. It would have been nice to win a game in the states, but that's the way it was meant to be."

Berger and this year's senior class proved to be a positive mix.

"I consider myself a kids coach," Berger said. "I try to take it beyond the X's and O's and get to know them on a personal level. This was a very special group to me. They set the standard for other teams where we don't have to wait another 14 years for a conference championship. That's their legacy. Other kids will now look up to them and to what they accomplished this year."

"It was a great season."

The Bulldogs will hold a special dinner at the end of the month at which time the conference championship banner will be unveiled. Other coaches who were a major part of this year's success include first assistant varsity coach Ryan Huber, junior varsity coach Justin Pitino, freshman coach Jason Mullan and volunteer coaches Justin Berger and Joe Mace.

## SportSmarts Baseball next three Sundays

SportSmarts 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.

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