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With one week before the filing deadline for the June primary, and hence, the November elections, Union County Democrats and Republicans are already setting the stage for battle on the freesholder board. Both parties are choosing their candidates at the county level.
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Funds wanted

Union County wants a large part of the \$20 million set aside by the state to help counties cope with the debt of their garbage disposal facilities. The freesholders passed a resolution urging the governor to give the county "a substantial portion" of the funds.
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Matress bounces

Union High School's performance of "Matress" will capture audiences.
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School budget passes with small increase

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education unanimously approved the proposed \$19.35 million 1988-89 school year budget during a March 23 hearing.
Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland, in a 30-minute presentation, said the total budget is \$19,354,795 — a 2.63 percent increase from the current budget. The tax levy on Springfield is tabbed at \$16,796,852.
"What this budget is, is a maintenance budget. It has been since we started the process a few months ago," said Gary Tiss, board president.

The financial plan includes \$1.5 million in cost reduction. About 13 of the board's 300 employees, for example, will be let go through attrition or consolidation of jobs.
The Reading Recovery program, which involves one-on-one instruction in Caldwell and Sandmeier schools, also would be eliminated. That particular cut was decryied by at least one parent.
"Reading is an important ability to have," said Julie Porbisky. "Reading Recovery has improved my child's reading ability by several grades and so have been for other children in the program. The money has been spent on teacher training and supplies."

"Reading Recovery involves 44 children," said Assistant Superintendent July Zimmerman, "10 of whom are considered at risk of falling behind. It also includes a teacher giving one-on-one instruction for up to 20 hours a week. In reviewing the three-year program, we want to apply the learning methods from the individual basis to small groups."
Board Administrator Ellen Ball, in her correspondence report to the board, noted that Walton School PTA President Kelly Gardner wrote her concern about Reading Recovery's status.
The board spent much of the 30-held a copy of the state Department of

Education Comparative Spending Guide, as published in a daily newspaper, as he asked about per pupil costs.
"According to the statistics, Springfield ranks second in the county for administration costs," said Pappas. "The per-student costs come out to \$1,520 for a kindergarten through 12th grade district of under 1,800 students. What's being done about cutting a top — heavy administration instead of staffs and teachers?"
"The department sent the comparison to the newspapers before the schools got a chance to look at the document," said Friedland. "The department includes under the category of administration instructional staff, research and development, keeping of statistics, public relations and other other responsibilities. Another factor to consider is the cost-of-living adjustment, where the expense of living in the New York City metro region isn't the same as Salem County, New Jersey."
Linda Duke asked Friedland whether he received bonuses, to which Friedland responded he had not since 1976. Duke and Pappas are contesting two of the three board seats held by Richard Falkin, Ben Stravano and Tiss.
The school budget and board election come before the voters April 21.

Annual basketball game marks new season

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The first official day of spring in the Caldwell School neighborhood did not start March 20. Spring contrary to the calendar, started 7:30 p.m. Friday with the annual Caldwell Faculty — Public Safety Member Games.
The Caldwell teachers and staffers squared off against Springfield's public safety officers on the school's indoor basketball and volleyball court. The visiting team came from the Police/Benevolent Association, Police Auxiliary and First Aid Squad.
Proceeds from ticket sales, donations and program advertisements go toward scholarships and school activities.

The faculty team, after player introductions and the retirement of honorary captain Joan Scello's jersey number, made swift work of their opponents in the volleyball match. "Bernabe's Bombers" pulled to an early lead and withstood a late public safety squad charge for a 19 to 12 victory.
"I think the games are a very good idea," said spectator John Janowski. "You can see that the kids are following the game and the door prizes."
"This is fun," said Janowski's daughter, Jennifer. "The game was good. I got to see some of my teachers play."
The home team continued to roll over their guests in the basketball. Rosa Marucci scored 15 points to become the game's most valuable player. First siders Liz Fritzen and Gerry Gerbauer and police officer Joe Cieri—were among those putting in honorable offensive or defensive efforts.
"Bernabe's Bombers" pulled to an 83-74 triumph at the end. Their spirits were a bit subdued, however, as captain Bernabe twisted his right ankle on the game's first play.
"We won one for Ken," said Marucci. "But we all won for the kids."



First Aid Captain Liz Fritzen, Caldwell School principal Ken Bernabe, PBA members Steven Stockl and Don Dausser and Springfield Auxiliary Police Officer John Cottage at the recent Caldwell School Benefit Basketball Game.

Education budget will ensure funds for all programs

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

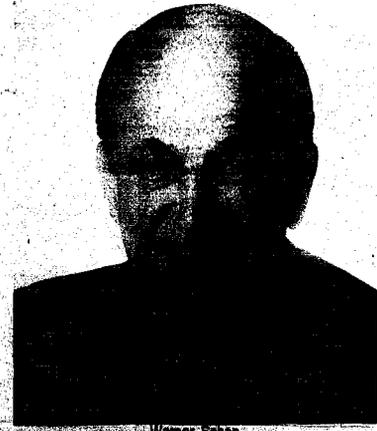
The Mountainside Board of Education met Tuesday and introduced the official 1988-1999 budget. The total expenditures are \$8,696,740, but the tax levy for borough residents will total \$7,757,199, a figure that reflects less than a \$30,000 increase from last year.
Board President Pat Tieschler said the budget, which was passed unanimously, will ensure the funds needed to maintain current programs, as well as new ones.
"This budget will put in place the necessary initiatives to improve educational opportunities for our students," Tieschler said. "We have had trouble in the past with some standardized tests and we have made a commitment to improve these scores," she said.

The budget reflects less than a one percent increase from the 1997 budget, which totalled \$7,724,877.
"We have certain funds that bring down the tax levy for the residents of Mountainside," Tieschler said. "We receive state special education aid, transportation aid, stabilization aid, and rent from Beechwood school, which amounts to \$468,000 in total compensation."
"We also appropriated another \$200,000 to reduce the tax levy since we overestimated the cost of our students at the high school," Tieschler said. "Before we have to go to taxpayers, we evaluate all of our other sources," she said.
Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said the board worked many long hours to come up with a budget that benefits both students and taxpayers.

"We wanted to answer the curriculum requirements, and address all the needs of the school district," Schaller said. "We also wanted to keep the taxpayers in mind and be cost effective. We worked diligently to make sure this budget covers all the bases," he said.
One of the new projects scheduled for 1998 that affected the budget includes hiring an additional teacher in both the first and second grades, a move that will reduce the classroom sizes from an average of 24 students per class, to an average of 17. Deerfield will also employ two part-time specialists in the areas of computers and special education.
The educational section of the budget, which is broken up into four separate categories — curriculum, salaries, texts and miscellaneous — totals \$2,125,600. Special education

costs, which are separate, equal \$250,700.
The budget also includes \$146,000 for renovating and maintaining the Deerfield baseball fields, and monies allocated for the repair of the Deerfield School roof, which has been on the agenda at meetings for more than a year.
Board members believe that holding costs down will lead to a zero tax increases for residents.
"We think that we have done our part," Tieschler said. "We anticipate that because of the way the Borough Council and the Union County Board of Chosen Freesholders are doing their budgets, there will be no overall tax increase," she said.
The board also discussed the district's new Planning Board Committee, which consists of a diverse mix that includes board members, parents,

school administration, Deerfield teachers, and stakeholders in the community.
The committee, which was established with the sole purpose of developing a uniform strategy for the future education plans of the school district, recently engaged in a weekend retreat.
The group met to set goals, discuss strategies to employ these goals, and develop a mission statement, concerning the direction sought by the district for its future educational ideals.
The committee announced that five primary goals have been established, but are still in the fine-tuning stages, and will be released after next week's meeting. Once these goals are established, an Action Plan team will meet to establish the strategies needed to meet these goals.



Schon to seek a sixth term

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Republican Club of Mountainside has announced that councilman Warner Schon will be seeking a sixth Borough Council term. Schon was unanimously nominated at the March 18 convention.
Schon, who has served on council since 1982, when he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Tim Benford. He has lived in Mountainside for 41 years.
Schon began his political career as a Republican campaign manager in the late 1970's. Since being officially elected in 1983, he has served as Borough Council President, Fire Commissioner, Chairman of Public Works and Facilities, and Liaison to the Mountainside Board of Health. He has also served as a member of the Shade Tree commission, Ethics Committee, and Board of Adjustment.
Schon graduated from Upsala Col-

lege with a B.A. in Accounting. He is currently the president of Acro Molding Company, and a partner of J. Schon Tool and Machine Company, of Old Bridge and Impeco Inc. of Roselle.
Prior to November's election, Schon plans to walk through the borough and present himself to the voters.
"Glen Morriemer and I are advocates of walking through the town," he said. "We have planned a very active campaign. It is only fair to present yourself and your agenda as a candidate to the people of the town."
Schon's agenda includes making sure borough recreation projects get completed, as well as educating the community's youth.
"I am looking forward to the completion of the Community Center, which will be done in the spring, as

well as the establishment of other recreational activities that we have planned. I am also interested in the renaissance of young people in town," he said.
"It is important to base our future on the children of the borough," he said. "We must guide them and teach them integrity, honesty, and morality. These are the kinds of things that I feel I bring to the table."
"I am looking forward to continuing the fiscal responsibilities that I have had with the borough," he said. "It has been an honor to serve the community of Mountainside."
Schon has been active in Mountainside's Little League, Senior League, and Music Association. He is a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and the Holy Name Society.
Schon and his wife, Carol, have five children: Thomas, Linda, Kathi, Douglas, and John.

We're asking

Is 65 mph too fast for our highways?

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The difference between the 55- and 65-miles-per-hour speed limit, in the eyes of the state government, may be about 300 miles.

The 300 miles of highway distance is holding up the proposed higher speed limit test period. The increased limit is scheduled to be implemented on selected federal and state highways by May 1 for an 18-month trial period. Among the test roadways will be:

- Interstate 78 between the Route 24 merge in Springfield and the Delaware River.
- The New Jersey Turnpike between Exit 10 in Woodbridge and the Delaware Memorial Bridge.
- The Garden State Parkway

between Exit 125 in Sayreville and Cape May.

Governor Christie Whitman, who opposed raising the speed limit, signed the original bill with some conditions. One condition is an automatic rollback to 55 mph should highway accident deaths increase.

Several state legislators, including Assemblyman Guy Gregg, R-Sussex, want to expand the test area to 700 miles. They say the additional mileage would be on highways designed to handle the higher speed.

The legislators are looking for the following expansions, including:

- The entire length of Route 78.
- The Turnpike south of Exit 12 in Carteret.

• Selected parts of the Parkway north of Exit 125.

Whitman, said spokesperson Jayne O'Connor, is opposed to changing the scope of the test.

"The governor doesn't believe this is the appropriate time to talk about expanding the limit before we've had the opportunity to go through the test period," O'Connor said.

Expanding the test area, say some traffic experts, would enlarge the area where accidents would be recorded. Should accidents be attributed to the increased speed, the results may determine the fate of the 65 mph speed limit.

Previous studies correlating speed limits to increased highway fatalities have been given a mixed reception. Those favoring keeping the 55 mph speed point at studies

where accident deaths have increased in 35 states which have raised the limit. Those favoring the speed raises counter that the same studies failed to account for weather, road and other conditions.

But what do local motorists say about expanding the test area? The Echo Leader asked drivers along the Route 22 center island in Springfield one recent rush hour.

"I'm for raising the speed limit to 65 mph," said Rich Fisher at the Lido Diner, "but not in urban areas like out here. I can see it along Route 80 into Pennsylvania."

Interstate 80 is among the highways to be tested. While Whitman favors the new limit between Route 15 in Wharton to the Delaware Water Gap, legislators are asking to start west of the Turnpike in Teaneck.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

April 14

- The Jewish Singles World and A Group of Jewish Singles will sponsor a dining out night during the week of Passover on Tuesday, April 14. The dinner will be held at the Moshavi Restaurant, 515 South Livingston Ave., Livingston. The price is \$20 person and a special kosher meal has been created. Reservations are requested. Call Jewish Singles World at (973) 597-1186 for more information.

April 18

- The Presbyterian Parish House at 37 Church Mall in Springfield will have a Coffeehouse with entertainment provided by storyteller Jeilyn Wheelless and musician David Austell. Desserts and coffee will be sold. Admission is \$1 at the door. Call (973) 379-4320 for more information.

April 25

- Mountaintide Youth Baseball will hold its second Dinner and Silent Auction on April 25, beginning at 4 p.m. at Deerfield School, Central Avenue in Mountaintide.
- This year's dinner will be hosted by the Outback Steakhouse with steak sandwiches and chicken sandwiches for \$3 and Caesar salads for \$2. Dinner reservations are requested. Reservation forms are available at the Mountaintide Recreation Office in Borough Hall or by contacting Sue Moss, 354 Rolling Rock-Rd., Mountaintide, 07092. Call (908) 789-1933 after 4 p.m.
- After the 6 p.m. dinner, a silent auction will commence with Russ Salzborg of WWOR Radio as special auctioneer. Sporting event tickets, a television, bicycle, VCR, and sports memorabilia will be auctioned. All proceeds will be used to support Mountaintide Youth Baseball. Dinners purchased prior to the event have a bonus of free admission to the auction. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door.

Yee and Sasson are wed

Patricia Yee, daughter of Joseph and Fong Yee of Springfield, was married to John Sasson, son of Peter and Mary Sasson of Pelham Manor, N.Y. on Sept. 6, 1997.

The matron of honor was Gina Brooks of Springfield. The best man was Robert Kelly of Pelham Manor.

The bride is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School of Springfield. She is employed by Varon Inc., Hialeah, Fla., as a design director. The groom is a graduate of Pelham High School and Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

Following a ceremony at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Westport, Conn., where The Rev. Paul Teske officiated, the couple celebrated with a reception at Silvermine Tavern and Inn, Norwalk, Conn.

The couple will reside in Plantation, Fla.

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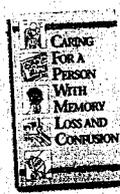
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COMMUNITY FORUM

Criticism is politically motivated

The Mountside Borough Council is receiving negative feedback regarding the ordinance that allows the mayor and council members to be reimbursed for non-politically related expenses. The ordinance would give the mayor \$200 and council members \$100 for non-itemized expenses incurred while performing their civic duties.

These expenses would cover items such as gasoline for driving to and from meetings and telephone calls. Mayor Robert Vigilanti said that as public servants, he and the council should not have to take money out of their own pockets to perform civic duties. People in many other professions are reimbursed for things like travel and phone calls. It is also to be remembered that the Mountside Borough Council is a volunteer elected position, so all the expenses would come out of their pockets.

Borough Democrats have questioned the ordinance. They say an expense report should be required for the reimbursement and that the public was not made aware of the ordinance until the Democrats themselves began to complain. The Democrats also went on to question the language of the ordinance, saying it allowed the Borough Council double reimbursement. Angry, Vigilanti replied that there was nothing underhanded or sneaky about the ordinance. Councilman Thomas Perotta said he had been keeping up with his own expenses and that they came to a lot more than \$100 per week.

"People didn't elect us," Perotta said, "to worry about keeping track of 40 cents a mile. I would hope they have enough confidence in a board they are trusting with a \$7 million budget to question this reimbursement."

The Mountside Democrats would seem to be making political hay out of an ordinary and fairly harmless rule. Mountside has been a Republican town for a long time and the complaints about the reimbursement plan are simply snipping from the sidelines. When we editorialized about the ordinance several weeks ago, we said the mayor and council should not have to pay for any civic-related expenses out of their own pockets. We did, however, urge the mayor and council to submit documentation of the expenses they incurred.

When James Derosa, a Democratic member of a bipartisan committee that decided to allow the reimbursement, defended the plan, he was discounted as someone who had not been active in Democratic politics for some time and therefore did not adequately represent the party.

An assertion like that underlines that the attacks on the reimbursement plan are politically motivated. It is only fair that the mayor and council be reimbursed for whatever non-political expenses they incur while acting as civil servants. If the ordinance, however, does allow double reimbursement, then the Democrats' attacks are justified and the ordinance should be changed hopefully to include documentation of those expenses.

For the time being, the ordinance stands as it is. The Democrats have said they will continue to fight for the itemization of expenses. We hope they will continue this fight only if it is in the public interest.

Routine maintenance

We have had a very mild winter, but last Friday marked the official beginning of spring. With the changing of the seasons, images of cleaning the attic, basement, that over-stuffed from hall closet and raking the debris from the garden — the proverbial spring cleaning — are conjured in our minds and written on our "things to do" list.

Spring is one of those times of the year that signals a new beginning and a rebirth of sorts. And for Springfield and Mountside property and business owners, now is the time to turn over that new leaf concerning how your property is maintained.

Business owners can do a lot to improve the business districts in town simply by sweeping their sidewalks on a daily basis. While the debris may not seem to amount to much, having clear sidewalks and clean curbs can vastly improve the perception of a downtown area.

For residential property owners, raking the decomposing leaves from corners of the house and from under the bushes, picking up litter, and keeping the sidewalk and curbs in front of your property clear will have the same positive effect on your neighborhood.

When we look to improve our township, we don't always have to look to the municipal building for the answers. Sometimes we have to take matters into our own hands.



TOP OF THE CLASS — Gaudineer School's Student of the Quarter recipients for the second quarter of the 1997-98 school year are, from left, eighth-grader Juliet Marx, seventh-grader Megan Dauser, sixth-grader Lindsay Ebrahim and fifth-grader Sid Misra. The program is sponsored by the Springfield Elks 2004 as part of its Youth Activities Program, which recognizes exceptional students who were selected by the teaching staff based on their character, leadership, service, citizenship and scholastic ability. The students were awarded certificates during a dinner at the Springfield Elks Lodge.

Why the obsession with famous disasters?

What is it for many of us? We have an obsession about recounting famous disasters.

A case in point is the sinking of the Titanic 86 years ago in April 1912. So far there must be about 50 books about the tragedy and now a movie was an Oscar for the Best Film of the Year. Money is being made like there's no tomorrow. The *New York Times* best seller book list shows there's about six titles on the subject with probably more to come.

What amazes me is that we want to be entertained via one of the greatest sea tragedies of all time. As estimated 1,500 people went down with the ship on that calm night 86 years ago.

Besides the blockbuster movie, there's a Broadway musical raking in the dollars. In the parlance of the trade, the musical "Titanic" is a smasher.

I kind of resent people being entertained and others enriched via a musical exploiting the tragedy. Another Broadway play doing the same thing is "Jekyll and Hyde." Writing a novel or play about tragic events is okay by me, but musicals where leviety, dancing and song play an integral role in the production is bizarre. There's too

As I See It

By Norman Reuscher
Correspondent

many weird happenings in the world right now to create more.

I wouldn't be a bit surprised that the Battle of the Little Big Horn in 1875 will not hit the Broadway theaters sometime in the future. The battle saw the slaughter of 278 American cavalrymen under the command of Gen. George A. Custer by Indians. That Custer rode into a trap and American forces were at the wrong place at the wrong time goes without saying. The perfect title for such a musical could be "Custer's Last Dance."

What about a musical about the Holocaust? How about "The Dachau Revue?" One of the show stoppers could be a line of Jewish prisoners who would cha-cha their way to the gas chamber? You know, there would

be many who would eat up such a musical.

It's beyond me to understand our obsession to make light of tragedy in the form of a musical. There was nothing entertaining about the sinking of the Titanic with the awesome loss of life, nor the slaughter of 278 soldiers at the Little Big Horn River over the Holocaust. But there are those who would exploit anything to make a dime. Oppose it, and you are squelching artistic freedom and the Bill of Rights' freedom of speech.

When you think about it, the possibilities are limitless. What about the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby and the eventual execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann or the assassination of President Lincoln or Kennedy or the death of Princess Diana? All have good plot possibilities and all could provide opportunity for solid musical scores. But would you be really interested in seeing such "entertainment"? I know I wouldn't.

Some years back, Zerk Mostel made a movie called, I think, "The Producers." The idea was to see bankers into investing their money in a sure top play titled, "Springtime for Hitler." Mostel wanted the play to be

a flop so he would not have to give the money back to his angels. However, "Springtime for Hitler" turned out to be a smash hit. Mostel suddenly found himself in a huge financial jam. He had spent all the money given to him by the investors and had nothing to give to the angels who financed the play. The show was an interesting one since it tried to exploit Hitler's evil, only to have it take an unexpected turn.

"The Producers," in its own way, predicted what has really come to pass. Many movie and theatergoers like to see tragedy acted out in front of a camera or on a stage. Our tastes are anything but gentle. Take all the kill-and-shoot-em-up or blow-em-up TV shows we have today. Violence seems to rule the airwaves and most get a kick out of it, no matter how gross the subject.

One thing I must give credit to and that's the people who seem to know what others want in the form of show biz or so-called "entertainment."

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

We were inventive when learning to fly kites

The Way It Was

By William Frelich

plete replacement, and some library paper was used to fasten it to the encircling strings of the kite.

Once the repairs were completed, there were always some adjustments that were needed to allow this airborne headliner to gracefully float toward the sky. The curve of the framing sticks had to be just right, and the exact location on the kite of the ground to kite string had to be determined. The correct weight and length of the tail was essential, and finally the kite would climb smoothly aloft into the wild blue yonder.

Once the kite was properly adjusted, it could stay up for hours, as long as the wind continued to blow. Rather than simply stand around holding the end of the kite string, we would send "messages" up the string. After all, that flying sheet of newspaper had to be kept up-to-date, so six-inch diameter pieces of leftover paper with

a center hole were carefully slipped onto the string and we watched as the wind moved them up the "telephone line" to the top of the kite in the sky. Some messages took longer than others to reach their destination, and the "reporters" on the ground could easily imagine the angry comments of the editor, about deadlines that were missed.

In those early days of our kite-flying, we had no unusual, fancy flying controllable kites, but one of our best style kites was the box kite. This was made of four thin wooden sticks about 3 feet long that represented the four edges of a box. The sides of this box were covered with tissue paper, although the both ends and the center areas of the sides were left uncovered, and the box was held in shape by thin, diagonally placed strips of wood inside the frame. The kite string was fastened to a short piece of string whose ends were attached to opposite ends of one wooden corner-stick.

These box kites seemed to be eternal flyers, and we had very little trouble keeping them up for hours. Instead of holding the string for that length of time, on a gentle windy day, we simply anchored the end of the string to a

firm object on the ground and used the time for some other activity. If there were other kites nearby, we engaged in friendly competition to see who could keep his kite in the air longer than anyone else.

One of the best places to fly kites was down on the New Jersey seashore. At the seashore, of course, there were almost always fishing poles to be had, and we found other uses for them besides throwing a sinker into the Atlantic Ocean and reeling it in again. While there were those who hoped to find a fish on the end of the line, we removed the tackle and instead fastened the line to a kite.

The use of the pole gave greater control over the kite, and allowed some interesting maneuvers to be made by it in the air. It could be made to dip and then soar aloft again as the pole was lowered and then raised quickly upward. Moving the tip of the pole in a wide, circular fashion might cause the kite to do the same, and then resume a steady flight as the pole was held quickly.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't agree with Speak Out

To the Editor:

I recently read your "Speak-Out" section in the *Echo Leader* and am appalled that a newspaper with any concept of responsible journalism would permit a policy of printing messages left on voice mail. This policy offers the potential to generate a level of inaccurate information about an individual or public body without verification. Is there any responsibility or obligation by the newspaper to check if the information is accurate?

In addition, it is my understanding that you do not even require the person's name and telephone number, as long as the message is clearly recorded and has a point to make. Your newspaper has been accused of making numerous errors in the past, repeating writing quotes that were never said, printing letters credited to individuals who did not write the letters, and now the "Speak-Out"

section, which leaves an "open free-for-all" for whoever may want to spread a mistruth. Is this responsible journalism?

Bar Frankel
Springfield

Editor's note: Everything you say about the Speak Out section also needs to be for letters to the editor. Speak Out is a way for readers to respond, praise and criticize, among other things, when they do not wish to write letters. Would you say the same about e-mail as well? With advancement in technology, we are giving readers more of an opportunity to interact with the newspaper. By the way, we are far from being the first newspaper to use a Speak Out line. Have you voiced the same opinion to the *Leader* yet?

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Should speed limit be raised to 65?

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The difference between the 55 and 65 miles per hour speed limit, in the eyes of the state government, may be about 300 miles.

The 300 miles of highway distance is holding up the proposed 65 mph speed limit test period. The increased limit is scheduled to be implemented on selected federal and state highways for an 18-month trial period, by May 1. Some of the roadways where the speed hike will be tested are:

- Interstate 78 between the Route 24 merge in Springfield and the Delaware River.
- The New Jersey Turnpike between Exit 10 in Woodbridge and the Delaware Memorial Bridge.
- The Garden State Parkway between Exit 125 in Sayreville and Cape May.

Governor Christie Whitman, who opposed the 65 mph limit, signed the original bill with some conditions. One condition is an automatic rollback to 55 mph should highway accident deaths increase.

Several state legislators, including Assemblyman Guy Gregg, R-Sussex, want to expand the test area to 700 miles. They say the additional mileage would be on highways already designed to handle the higher speed.

The legislators are looking for the following expansions, including:

- The entire length of 78.
- The Turnpike south of Exit 12 in Carteret.
- Selected parts of the Parkway north of Exit 125.

Whitman, said spokesperson Jayne O'Connor, is opposed to changing the scope of the test.

"The governor doesn't believe this is the appropriate time to talk about expanding the limit," said O'Connor, "before we've had the opportunity to go through the test period."

Expanding the mileage, say some traffic experts, would enlarge the area where accidents would be recorded. Should those recorded accidents recorded be attributed to the increased speed, the results may determine the 65 mph limit's lifespan.

Previous studies correlating speed limits to increased highway fatalities have been given a mixed reception. Those favoring keeping the 55 mph speed point at studies where accident deaths have increased in 35 states which have raised the limit. Those favoring the speed raises counter that the same studies failed to account for weather, road and other conditions.

But what do local motorists say about expanding the test area? The Echo Leader asked drivers along the Route 22 center island in Springfield one recent rush hour.

"I'm for raising the speed limit to 65 mph," said Rich Flaher at the Lido Diner, "but not in urban areas like out here. I can see it along Route 80 into Pennsylvania."

Interstate 80 is among the highways to be tested. While Whitman favors the new limit between Routes 15 in Wharton to the Delaware Water Gap, however, legislators are asking to start west of the Turnpike in Teaneck.

"I'm for the 65 mph limit," said Tony Solimine, "but not in congested

places on the Parkway."

"I can see 65 going on some highways like 78 where there are good on and off areas," said Phil Levandowski. "I can't see it on the GSP."

"I drive in Pennsylvania and Kentucky where they raised the limit," said Ted Elgard. "Try driving 55 here and people pass me like I'm walking." "They should drop the speed limit to 45 mph," said Ted Miley. "There are so many lousy drivers out there now, I'd rather favor stiffer traffic enforcement."

"I drive 78 out to routes 24 and 22 but no further east," said Judy Smith. "I'm for the way they are doing the speed limit. Going 65 between here and Pennsylvania would be fine by me."

"I don't do much long distance driving," said Ruben Gonzalez at the Dunkin' Donuts. "I wouldn't mind driving 65 mph on the Turnpike. As far as 65 on route 78, I can't say — I haven't driven much on that highway."

"On the big highways, 78, Turnpike, Parkway, I'm for 65 mph," said Bert Salino. "Everyone's driving 65 as it is."

Student gets Regis award

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

Mountainside resident Amanda Wladyska has been awarded one of 75 Founders Scholarships awarded annually from Regis College of Weston, Massachusetts.

Wladyska, who is to graduate from the Academy of Saint Elizabeth this June, was honored to be considered for the award.

"This is a great time," she said. "I'm pretty happy about the scholarship and the various awards I've received. And I'm also excited about going away to college."

A spokesperson from the Admissions Office at Regis College said the

college would also be honored to have her attend next fall.

"Amanda seems to be a well rounded individual, both academically and socially. She should fit in quite well with our current crop of students," said Jennifer Smith of Regis College.

Wladyska has been involved with various extra curricular activities and clubs and organizations, such as Big Sister/Little Sister, school newspaper and school yearbook. She has played two years of varsity field hockey.

The \$5000 scholarship is part of a new merit award program which was put together in celebration of the school's 70th anniversary. It is renew-

able each year, as long as the student maintains a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and can be maximized a \$20,000.

Wladyska, who plans to major in early childhood education, preschool to third grade, has not yet decided between Regis College and Salve Regina College, located in Newport, Rhode Island.

Wladyska is the sweeper on the field hockey team and says sport is playing the primary role in her decision making process.

"It really depends on the field hockey situation," Wladyska said.



Amanda Wladyska

CVS pharmacy must await board hearing

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Superior, Court Judge John P. Pisansky has ordered the Springfield Planning Board to hear the J.D. Mack/Consumer Value Services application March 25.

"Judge Pisansky did two things in his ruling," said Township Attorney Bruce Bergen. "First, he basically told the Township not to delay hearing the

application any longer. Second, Pisansky said the hearing has to start — but not necessarily finish — at that first available meeting."

The two rulings are the latest moves in a 15 — month dispute between J.D. Mack and residents in the Five Corners section. Developer Mack filed a use variance application before the Township Zoning Board of

Adjustment in January, 1997 to bring a CVS Pharmacy to 225 Mountain Avenue. Area residents and some Township officials have opposed the proposed CVS on safety and quality of life grounds.

"Pisansky's ruling didn't get it in our favor," said Springfield Mayor Sy Mullman before the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Chapter Thursday morning.

"The judge said the application has to be put on the planning board's agenda at the earliest meeting," said J.D. Mack attorney Vincent D'Elia.

The earliest planning board meeting was scheduled for last night. It is not known whether the Township or the applicant will ask for an unforeseen postponement. Call Phonediscour at today (908) 686-9898, Section 7510, for meeting results.

Weingarten named lease-committee chair

Assemblyman Joel Weingarten has been elected to chair the state Leasing and Space Utilization Committee.

The committee approves or disapproves all leases and open space plans designed and negotiated by the Office of Leasing Operations. This three-member committee has one member chosen by each branch of govern-

ment. Members are selected by the assembly speaker, Senate president and state treasurer.

"I am honored to have been selected to chair this important committee, for it will allow me to advance the goal of saving tax dollars by implementing plans for more efficient

use of state space," said Weingarten R-Elmer Union.

Since its implementation in January of 1994, the committee has reduced 112 leases, saving nearly \$11 million annually in taxpayers funds. By the end of this fiscal year the committee expects the reduction to be up to 117 leases. The elimination of rental fees

on the 1 million square feet of rental property will save an estimated \$13 million annually.

Weingarten, who has served in the Assembly since 1996, is also a member of the Assembly Appropriations and Law and Public Safety committees.

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"Our volunteers are our greatest resource," said Donaldee Snyder, SAGE's director of volunteers. "They make every program — Meals on Wheels, Spend a Day, the Respite Shop, Home Health Care, InforCare, Tail-Assurance — possible. When you consider that our volunteers outnumber our staff three to one, it becomes apparent just how important they are."

Volunteers at SAGE perform a wide variety of tasks such as delivery of meals, clerical work and mailings.

"Our volunteers are flexible. Many are quite willing to try something new to help out. They also welcome new volunteers with open arms and forge close bonds with our clients and each other," Snyder said.

The luncheon which will feature the piano music of George Geynes, who regularly shares his talent by volunteering to entertain at the Spend a Day program.

Snyder said due to people retiring and moving, SAGE is always seeking volunteers. Interested persons can call Snyder at (908) 273-5554.

Guitarist in final concert

Classical guitarist Christopher Kenniff is to be the featured performer at the 12:15 p.m. April 3 Brown

Bag Concert at Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St., Summit. This is the last in a series of six free concerts in the church sanctuary. The public is invited to bring a lunch or purchase a sandwich and beverage from the church kitchen and enjoy the music of this outstanding artist.

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Methodist University in Dallas and Indiana University, has been featured in numerous concert series both as a recitalist and chamber musician. He was awarded first prize at the 1996 Music Teachers National Association Competition.

An instructor of classical guitar at Seton Hall and Pingry, Kenniff has selected works by Dowland, Scarlatti, Villa-Lobos, and Barrios for this concert performance.



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 April 9, 7:30 p.m.
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 April 12, 10:30 a.m.
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APRIL 9, HOLY THURSDAY
 8:00 PM Holy Thursday
The re-creation of the Last Supper

APRIL 10, GOOD FRIDAY
 7 PM: "Stations of the Cross" an interactive journey.
 8 PM: Tenebrae Service, Personal witness "at the foot of the Cross."

APRIL 12, EASTER SUNDAY
 7:00 AM: Community Sunrise Service in the gazebo in Mauri Park, Roselle Park
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GOOD FRIDAY, April 10: Self-guided "Stations of the Cross" open from Noon to 6:30; Tenebrae Worship 7:30

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TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
 Masses: 6:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 (noon), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
 Masses: 6:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 (noon), 7 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 9 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross (Hispanic) 9 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross - 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY OF HOLY WEEK
 Easter Vigil Service - 8 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY
 Masses - 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. (Hispanic)

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
 April 9, Church - 7:00 pm
 (Morning Prayer - 8:30 am)

Good Friday - The Passion and Death of the Lord
 April 10, Church - 3:00 pm
 Living Stations of the Cross - Church - 7:30 pm
 (Morning Prayer - 8:30 am)

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
 April 11, Church - 8:00 pm
 (Morning Prayer - 8:30 am)

EASTER SUNDAY
 Church (Lower Church)
 7:30 am, 9:00 am (8:05 am), 10:30 am (10:35 am), 12:00 pm (12:05 pm)

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APRIL 10 - 7:30 PM - Good Friday Tenebrae
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APRIL 11 - 10:00 AM - Easter Morning Family Worship
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Good Friday - April 10 Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m. Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 2:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross - 7:30 p.m. (Led by St. James Youth Group)	Holy Saturday - April 11 Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m. Reconciliation 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil - 7:30 p.m. (The Service of Light begins in the lower parking lot)
Easter Sunday - April 12 Masses - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon	

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Using a hands on approach to science, Sandmeier School students Nick Mareketa, Andrew Agranovich, Justin Chiu, Max Fishkin, Melissa Bace and Jessica Lakritz nurtured this amaryllis from a bulb. They observed the effects of heat and light on the plant and charted its growth.

Advice on using antibiotics

Have you ever asked your physician to prescribe an antibiotic when you have had the flu? Have you ever saved antibiotics and taken them the next time you were sick? Have you ever taken an antibiotic prescribed for someone else?

Although somewhat commonplace, each of these practices can be very dangerous. If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, Robert Roland, an infectious disease specialist at Union Hospital, offers a refresher on the proper use of antibiotics.

"Since antibiotics have no effect on viruses, the drugs cannot eliminate viral illnesses," notes Dr. Roland. "You probably have a viral infection if you experience any of the following symptoms for less than one week: scratchy throat, runny nose, sneezing, watery eyes, minor headaches, minor aches and pains, or fatigue. The best treatment for viral infections, including influenza, common colds and viral sore throats, is drinking plenty of fluids and getting adequate rest."

If you mistakenly take an antibiotic in the hopes of clearing up a virus, bacteria that live in your body can

mutate and eventually become "superbug" that are resistant to antibiotics. Although the overuse of antibiotics can make it harder to treat future infections, a survey released by the American Lung Association reports that 70 percent of 1,000 patients' inappropriately requested antibiotics when told they had a viral illness.

"An antibiotic works best if prescribed specifically for a current bacterial infection, such as sinusitis or strep throat," noted Dr. Roland. "A patient should never take leftover antibiotics or someone else's prescription. It might not be the right drug to treat that particular infection, and it gives bacteria that live in the body an extra chance to become resistant. Plus, the patient will not have enough medication to treat a new infection properly."

If your physician diagnoses a bacterial infection, antibiotics typically wipe out the harmful bacteria. "You will probably start to feel better after several days of taking the medication, but it is important to finish the entire prescription, Dr. Roland said. "Because antibiotics kill the

most susceptible bacteria to survive and multiply. Just because you feel better does not mean the infection is gone."

Make sure you understand exactly how and when you are supposed to take your prescribed antibiotic. Should it be taken with meals or on an empty stomach? Should you avoid milk, alcohol or any particular foods? Is it safe to take with other medications? Should you avoid sunlight? Ask about common side effects such as nausea or diarrhea as well as what symptoms should prompt you to call your physician. Mention any previous reactions you have had to your physician.

Antibiotics are life-saving drugs, but they must be used carefully. If you have any questions about the antibiotics you are currently using or want more information on these drugs, ask your physician. If you do not currently have a physician, contact CareFinders, Union Hospital's physician referral service at (908) 688-8777. Union Hospital, located at 1000 Galloping Hill Rd. in Union, is an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

School board hosts candidates night

Five candidates for the Springfield Board of Education will appear at a Candidates Night in the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorium, Wednesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. The PTAs and the League of Women Vo-

tes of Springfield are joint sponsors of the forum.

Running for the three openings on the board are Gary Ties, currently board president, and incumbents Benito Stravato and Richard Falkin;

the two challengers are Linda Dute and Harry Pappas. All the candidates will address the audience in opening and closing statements and will answer questions from the floor.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Springtime will be blooming at Union County College during the second segment of its "College for Kids" Sports Spectacular program, featuring intensive training in golf, baseball, tennis and soccer for youngsters ages 7-12.

The program will be held on Saturdays, April 18 through May 9.

To accommodate youngsters and their parents, the college has scheduled the courses so that students can participate in classes in all four sports throughout the day.

Here's a look at the four sports:
Golf, 9-10 a.m.: Instruction on golf skills and strategies will be provided. Participants will learn to enhance their level of play through practice with driving and putting and perfect their ability to control the angle and path of the shaft.

Baseball, 10:15-11:15: Participants will be afforded the opportunity to practice throwing, catching, batting, fielding and running. Participants will learn to perfect their eye-hand coordination and increase their overall baseball knowledge.

Tennis, 11:30-12:30: Participants will get to practice the forehand, backhand and two-handed backstroke and will be able to perfect ability to volley and serve.

Soccer, 12:45-1:45 p.m.: Participants will practice dribbling, passing, shooting and heading. They will also learn to perfect their ability to control the ball and initiate plays.

More information about the "College for Kids" Sports Spectacular Program may be obtained by calling the UCC Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at 908-709-7600.

The fourth annual NISCA/NISIAA Wrestling Coaches Clinic will take place Friday, May 15 at the Rutgers University College Avenue Gymnasium.

Featured speakers include coaches Gene Mills of Syracuse, Dominick DiGiacchino of East Stroudsburg, Mike Rosetti of Philadelphia High School, Mike Lamb of Gloucester County College and Jerry Tabaccochio of Southern Regional High School.

Techniques that will be discussed include front headlock, single leg finishes, half-nelson series, turns and pins, high croch, duck under and over-and-counters, short sit and stand-up series and defensive positioning.

The agenda will commence with a.m. registration, will conclude from 1:40 to 2 p.m. with an NISIAA Wrestling Update Summary followed by a review of rule changes.

Pre-registration prices range from \$25 to \$55, pending membership fees. On-site registration prices range from \$35 to \$65. The price includes all lectures, luncheon and clinic materials.

The pre-registration deadline is Friday, May 8. Checks may be made payable to: NISCA/NISIAA Wrestling Clinic and mailed to: NISCA P.O. Box 487, Route 130 N., Robbinsville, N.J. 08691, attention: Eric Fluzio.

Directions to College Avenue Gymnasium from North Jersey: Take the NJ Turnpike or Route 1 South to Route 18 North in New Brunswick and then take Route 18 through New Brunswick over the Raritan River and straight through the light to the bottom of the bridge (River Road) to the next light. Make a right and follow the signs.

Hockey players shoot, score



Kravetz, Berger, Anderson sparkle

Springfield residents Ross Kravetz and Brett Berger and Ryan Anderson of Mountmaide joined the Cranford Hockey Club Pee Wees at the Canam Challenge Cup Tournament last weekend in Lake Placid, New York.

The CANAM is one of the biggest and most prestigious tournaments in the Northeast and boasts teams from Canada, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

Kravetz, Berger and Anderson excelled in games played against teams from those states and Canada. The Cranford team finished 1-2-1 as part of the Oslo Division, which consisted of eight teams from Mass., Vermont, New Hampshire and New Jersey.

Berger was selected as the team's "shootout" star for the tournament's skills competition.

Along with goaltender Kevin Kurzwil and relay team Jon Nardo, John Beninato, Ryan Ahern and Mike Carucci, these players represented the Cranford team before a packed Olympic Stadium.

The team played two of their games in the arena where the U.S. defeated Russia 4-3 in the 1980 Olympics.

The U.S. team then went on to defeat Finland 4-2 to win the gold medal that year.

The tournament concluded a successful season for the Cranford team. Kravetz, Berger and Anderson will move up to Banham next year.



Springfield's Brett Berger was selected as his team's "shootout" star for the CANAM Challenge Cup Tournament's highly-competitive skills event.

Summit will be tough to beat with veteran squad returning

Dowling feels Schroeder best goalie in state

By Andrew McGann
 Assistant Sports Editor
 Coming off a season that included a trip to the NISIAA quarterfinals, the Summit High School boys' lacrosse team is looking to surpass that achievement with this year's veteran squad.

A member of the Finch Division, Summit rebounded from a slow 2-6 start to finish the 1997 campaign at 12-8 behind the standout efforts of high-scoring senior attacker Jamie Haire.

Haire is since graduated, but that doesn't have head coach Sean Dowling concerned at all because he has a brick wall in goal that goes by the name of Scott Schroeder.

"Scott is the heart and soul of this team," said fourth-year man Dowling. "In my mind, he's the best goalie in New Jersey."

Schroeder, a senior headed to Georgetown University on a lacrosse scholarship, was a second-team All-State selection last year after registering a stingy 4.4 goals-against average and stopping 83 percent of the shots he faced.

It isn't likely that Schroeder, the starting quarterback on the football team the last two years, will face as many shots as he did last season because junior defenseman Bowen White has turned his game up yet

another notch and is looking better-than-ever after an outstanding sophomore season.

An honorable mention All-State pick last season, White was the only sophomore named to the team.

Barring penalties, White is slated to play every minute for the Hilltoppers this season.

Boys' Lacrosse

Seniors Adam Dunshee, Kevin Tripp and Brendan Dagan will join White on defense along with junior Greg Barby.

Dowling describes the fiery Dunshee as Summit's "spiritual leader."

'Defense wins championships and ours is top notch, maybe even the best in the state, starting with Scott in goal.'
 — Summit boys' lacrosse head coach Sean Dowling.

Summit will look to improve upon last year's 12-8 record.

while Tripp's 6-5 frame will give the Hilltoppers some much-needed size on defense.

Senior midfielders Blake Groch and Matt Von Klemperer will be looked upon to do a good chunk of the scoring, just as they did last year.

Grosch's 31 points on 24 goals and seven assists was second on the Hilltoppers to Haire's 73 points and Von Klemperer finished third with 24 points on three goals and a team-high 21 assists.

Senior Matt Trombley, juniors Brian Eckhardt and Bill O'Connor and sophomore Matt Tsang will also see considerable time at midfield.

Eckhardt will handle the face-offs and O'Connor and Tsang will take care of long stick duties.

Senior attacker Andrew Carton, second on Summit last season with 37 points on 33 goals and four assists, will be looked upon to fill some of the void left by Haire's departure.

Junior Mike Lopes and senior Jeff Weathers, a converted midfielder, will be Carton's mates on the attack line.

Junior midfielders Dunkin White, Jon Melli and Greg Edgren, sophomore midfielders David Haire and Andrew Trombley and sophomore attackers Tim Martin and Ned Brier round out the remainder of the squad.

A perennial boys' lacrosse power, Dowling is not only expecting another stellar season from the Hilltoppers. His high hopes for Summit include a run at a state championship.

"Defense wins championships and ours is top notch, maybe even the best in the state, starting with Scott in goal," a confident Dowling said.

The Hilltoppers, who play one of the toughest schedules in New Jersey, opened the season yesterday on the road against Delbarton.

They will square off against Bridgewater this Saturday in their home-opener.

Five GL girls' earn All-Conference status

Mountainside Kobels selected

The Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball team did well to qualify for the state playoffs in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 and finish with a non-losing record of 10-10 this year.

For their efforts, five Highlander players earned All-Conference honors in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference.

The Mountainside twin Kobels were among the five standout players honored. Both juniors, Lauren Kobel was a first-team selection while Alison Kobel made Honorable Mention.

Lauren Kobel was the team's leading scorer. On second-team are senior Kaori Hirano and freshman Jen Calabrese. Earning Honorable Mention selection along with Alison Kobel was junior Heather Kantorok.

Newark Central, which finished at 20-2 overall (losing only in the Essex County Tournament and the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 playoffs), captured the Mountain Division championship with a perfect 16-0 record.

Here's a look at the MVC-Mountain Division All-Conference girls' basketball players for the 1997-98 season:

- MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE MOUNTAIN DIVISION GIRLS' Basketball**
- First-Team**
- Cherron Johnson, Hillside, senior
 - Tiffany Franklin, Hillside, senior
 - Desiree Floumyer, Newark Central, senior
 - Amirah Smith, Newark Central, sophomore
 - Rachel Colicchio, Immaculata, senior
 - Jen Hilgenberg, freshman, Immaculata
 - Amly Grebber, Ridge, senior
- Second-Team**
- Schrene Isidora, junior, Roselle Catholic
 - Lauren Kobel, Governor Livingston, junior
 - Erin Johnson, North Plainfield, senior
- Honorable Mention**
- Nikeerah Iby, Hillside, junior
 - Takeeshah Sanders, Newark Central, sophomore
 - Ebony Johnson, Immaculata, sophomore
 - Daniel Martinez, Immaculata, senior
 - Kaori Hirano, Governor Livingston, senior
 - Jen Calabrese, Governor Livingston, freshman
 - Kim Toliver, Roselle Catholic, senior
 - Jessica Santonastaso, North Plainfield, senior
 - Karen Kolmos, Johnson, senior
 - Elyse Meredith, Ridge, sophomore
- Honorable Mention**
- Tara Duffy, North Plainfield, senior
 - Zakiya Evans, junior, Roselle
 - Christina Albanese, Ridge, junior
 - Dawn O'Grady, Roselle Catholic, junior
 - Danielle Braithwaite, Roselle Catholic, junior
 - Heather Kantorok, Governor Livingston, junior
 - Alison Kobel, Governor Livingston, junior
 - Krystal Franklin, Hillside, sophomore
 - Aneekah Simmons, Hillside, senior
 - Cathleen Kloskey, Ridge, senior

Springfield Minutemen close basketball season successful

The Springfield Senior Minutemen (8th grade) basketball team traveled to Wayne last week to participate in the Wayne Invitational Tournament.

Springfield played three games in the tournament, first defeating Wayne 50-40 before knocking off Oakland Middle School 44-38 in the quarterfinals.

Springfield was hosted by Fair Lawn 59-25 in one of the tournament's semifinal games.

The Minutemen concluded an outstanding 1997-98 season with a winning record of 19-17.

"I'm very proud of this team for their dedication and commitment to Minutemen Basketball," coach Whiskey said.

In the quarterfinal round victory over the Oakland Middle School, Andre Callender had an excellent game for the Minutemen, pacing the Springfield team with a 21-point performance.

Most players had an outstanding game for the Minutemen, including 15 players, including Andre Callender and starting on their teams.

Also involved in the scoring for Springfield were standouts Billy Chambers, who scored six points, and Mo Abdelaziz, who added four.

Paz paced the Minutemen scoring in the contest against Fair Lawn with an impressive 17-point effort.

Paz was one of the area's top scorers during the just-completed season and was the most prolific on Springfield's team.

This year's team was sparked by the talents of Chase Freundlich, Chris Sarracino, Adam Cohen, Mo Abdelaziz, Ross Rahmani, Justin Woodruff, Brian Birch, Carl Nazare, Matt Paz, Joe Allioz, Andrew Callender, Paul Zawarczak, Billy Chambers, Alex Belous, Mike Jaffe and coaches Whiskey and Rob Fuoco.

Among the accomplishments for the Minutemen was the capturing of the Danellen Invitational Tournament championship.

Whiskey and his players will have their annual Basketball Dinner Friday, May 1 at the Knights of Columbus in Springfield.

Springfield Soccer Club holding tryouts

The Soccer Club of Springfield will be holding tryouts Saturday, May 2 for its fall 1998 and spring 1999 traveling teams.

The Soccer Club of Springfield will sponsor boys and girls teams in the 8-and-under division, those born after 8-1-90, 10-and-under division, those born between 8-1-88 and 7-31-90, 12-and-under division, those born between 8-1-86 and 7-31-88, 14-and-under division, those born between 8-1-84 and 7-31-86 and 16-and-under division,

those born between the dates of 8-1-82 and 7-31-84.

The Soccer Club of Springfield is affiliated with the New Jersey Youth Soccer Association and plays in the Morris County Youth Soccer Association.

These tryouts are open to all area residents and pre-registration is required.

More information and registration forms may be obtained by calling the Soccer Club of Springfield at 908-273-5569.

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