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## THIS WEEK

### NEWS

#### Stable budgeting

Union County Manager Michael Lapolla introduced his 1999 spending plan to the freetholders this week, and the plan calls for no increases in the tax levy. The freetholders will hold budget hearings throughout the month to determine if they can pare the budget further. See Page B1.

#### So much money

The Union County Board of Freetholders is sitting on a \$41 million surplus in the county budget, planning to use approximately \$26 million of the funds for various projects. How does surplus grow that high, and should governments keep that much money for the proverbial rainy day? See Page B1.

### THE ARTS

#### Honest Abe

The Elizabeth Playhouse opens fifth season with touching production about Lincoln. See Page B3.



#### Just laughing

A New York comedian will be bringing his improvisational comedy to workshops at the Summit Area Community School. See Page B3.

### NEW MEDIA

#### News updates

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### WEATHER

Friday: Mild with showers 53°

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Sunday: Partly cloudy 45°

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## Pedersen appeals dismissal in county court

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Springfield resident Vernon Pedersen's day of appeal before Superior Court Judge Edward Toy is set for Monday morning.

Pedersen is seeking to overturn his dismissal by the Springfield Township Committee July 28. The Township Committee, according to

Pedersen attorney John Young, Jr., overstepped its authority in dropping his claim from the Springfield Police Department.

The Township Committee hired Robert Czech, its private investigator, to discipline hearing in May, Young said. He submitted his recommendation report to the committee on June 24 but they apparently

weren't happy with it. They should have fired Pedersen last April instead of wasting Czech's time for three months.

Czech, as an independent hearing officer, found Pedersen guilty of four violations of police rules and regulations. His report recommended a 90-day suspension but not termination. The Township Committee voted

3-1 to dismiss Pedersen instead and barred him from being represented by township attorneys July 28.

Pedersen's dismissal stemmed from a telephone conversation, the police captain had with Lt. Ivan Shapiro March 10 in which Pedersen made anti-Semite slurs. Shapiro recorded the conversation and made the tape public.

Springfield Chief of Police William Chisholm conducted an internal investigation and filed notices of disciplinary action against both officers. While Pedersen was immediately suspended without pay, Shapiro was to face a 90-day suspension pending Czech's findings. Shapiro's suspension and a recommended demotion to patrolman was dropped in return for a letter of reprimand July 2.

The Township Committee was never going to give my client a fair hearing," Young said. "I think they were trying to appease the voters with their decision."

Young referred to the actions of the Springfield/Clerk Council, which held rallies supporting Shapiro and Patrolman Walter Brooks. The group called for Pedersen's dismissal or resignation in press conferences. The council's demonstrations were held from the time the Shapiro tape recording was publicized April 8 to the

Township Committee's July 28 vote. Brooks has filed a discrimination suit against Pedersen, the department and the committee over racist remarks he said the captain made before him in 1993. The patrolman had been disciplined for leaving his post without permission in 1997.

Pedersen, before July, was the department's third-highest ranking officer. He was to have started his 30th year on the force in October. This is not the first Springfield police matter brought before Toy's bench. Toy overturned the Township Committee's suspension of Officer Michael Fenton July 30. The committee approved suspending Fenton in 1997 on charges he had provided false testimony about an October 1995 automotive violation.

Township Attorney Bruce Bergen was at the Pedersen appeal. He is scheduled to observe Mark A. Tabak's defense of the dismissal at Pedersen's hearing.

The appeal hearing is like any other," Bergen said. "It is open to the public. The public may sit in and watch but they cannot comment or testify."

Pedersen's appeal is to be heard Monday at 9 a.m. in Toy's 10th floor chambers at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth.

## Learning to skate



Kacie Worswick of Mountainside learns to skate at the rink near Borough Hall.

## Borough approves self-storage facility

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Zoning Board of Adjustment approved the Lackland Self Storage use variance and site plan application in its first meeting of the year Jan. 14.

The 5-2 vote to allow self-storage on 1221 Route 22 East means the Borough will have a third storage facility within its borders. Work on Safeguard Self Storage at 184 Route 22 West began last month. Public Storage, two doors east of Safeguard at the former Superpet Business garage, opened in 1983.

The applicant asks the board to consider the plan being you as a new application. Lackland attorney Arthur Attanasio said, "We're asking for outside the original application put before you on Aug. 10 and the related litigation. We have taken into consideration and applied most of the suggestions you have made since that last hearing."

Attanasio, owner Michael Lackland, engineer Paul Fink and architect Fred Haysawalter had for four, three-story buildings rejected on a technicality Aug. 10. The board voted 4-3 for approval but lacked a majority fifth vote.

That possibility was reduced Jan. 14 as all but panelist Dean Paskow and first alternate Patricia Gagliardi were present. Lackland modified his application with the following features:

- Two buildings and a foundation for a third will be initially constructed instead of four.
- A concrete pad for the third building and all paving and curbing will be made in one phase.
- A blend of chain link and stockade fencing will be set.
- The back buffer separating it from the Lowest Avenue houses will be narrower and spaces for boats, trailers and recreational vehicles will be placed along the back.

What was largely unchanged would be a 225-unit storage building with an office and a manager's residence plus a 431-unit second building. An estimated 40 customers per day are to visit the site after the first year and eight parking

spaces will be located up front. Lackland will use half of the 6.45-acre parcel with the other part reserved for future development.

Future development was the main concern of the 18 Planning Board audience members. Arguing that two self-storage companies (including 1290 acres of the strip) the nearby Locust Avenue is a problem, objected to the aesthetics and possible decline in property values. Resident and indoor tennis court owner Georgia Aquila presented 12 photos of the site and of existing self-storage businesses in her commentary.

"I trust that you will do the right thing but if you allow this building to go through, neighbors will be subjected to the harsh outdoor vapor lights and blaring space doors," Aquila said. "Two storage centers are enough — I don't want Mountainside to become the center of self-storage spaces."

"I have mixed feelings about this application," Board Chairman Fredrick Picus said. "On one hand, the applicant has done an excellent job presenting its plans. On the other hand, the old curmudgeon who sat on this panel 40 years ago had a vision which makes Mountainside a welcome break from the hunkie-tunk buildings on 22 from Newark into Springfield."

Aquila asked the board to postpone the votes until next month, when more citizens may testify. Picus countered that the public had ample time to attend and speak and would rather have a vote on a matter while still fresh in their minds.

In the end, Picus and board member Nancy Laurcella voted against the variance and site plan. The other five panelists approved, both measures.

"I didn't stay around after the variance vote because I saw where the board was going," resident Denise Biel said. "They denied a month's delay, saying something worse than would meet the code — like a dirt stamping plant — could go. It was depressing after all the legwork the rest denied."

## Borough prepares to set salaries

By Pamela Jansson  
Staff Writer

An ordinance to increase the annual salaries for the mayor and members of the Mountainside Borough Council is currently pending on first reading at Tuesday night's council meeting.

Mayor Robert Yigiting explained that, if passed, this resolution would set salary ranges for the six council members and the mayor for the first time.

"There were some objections last year," said Borough Attorney John Post. "There had been an ordinance that provided for the reimbursement of expenses without vouchers."

Last year the mayor and board members were reimbursed up to \$1,500 without providing vouchers. For additional reimbursements, they had to produce receipts and keep track of mileage to and from Borough Hall.

There are still appeals but they were filed in October by Maurice M. West, who contended that his property had a higher assessed value than what was appropriate. After conferring with Tax Assessor Elio Magagnoli and engineer Michael Buchalka in the closed session, the Borough Council decided to compensate West's overpayment and reduce his taxes.

West's assessed value at 217 Sheffield St. will be reduced to \$190,000, resulting in the refund of \$4,744. His land designated as 207-211 Sheffield St. shall be reduced to \$378,000, with a \$12,556 refund. The property at 1994 Gligle Ave. will be reduced to \$280,000, resulting in a refund of \$4,382.40.

For risk supervisors introduced by Council President Keith Turner, the council passed a resolution authorizing a \$10 hourly rate for risk supervisors. All candidates must be 17 years of age and possess the ability to lift a fire.

Advertising in Borough Administrator Greg Brown, residents John and Jacob Zawistak already have been named. "It's really only a 'B' nomination. It's a nice to have that," they said they have been teaching children how to use a computer. They were named as the "B" candidates. They are at the Department of Business at 5900 227-0015.

## Township administrator hit the ground running

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Richard Sheola sat between Springfield Township Committee members Sy Mullman and Roy Hirschfeld during the January workshop meeting. Sheola, with a nonstop at his elbow, listened intently to various issues the committee brought to the meeting.

Hirschfeld provided a copy of the contract NJ Transit wants the township to sign for starting the june service. He had Township Attorney Bruce Bergen review it but felt NJ Transit also wants the document signed.

Sheola's plate appears to be near full, as it has been for the last month. He succeeds the venerable Clerk-Administrator Helen Keyworth and is redefining his position as well as going through a transition process — he is Springfield's first full-time township administrator.

Although I've been on the job three weeks, I moved in on Dec. 28," Sheola said. "There's a lot of work to do. I'm having important heads review on what they're doing in which will take one more week to complete."

The position Sheola now holds was originally called township clerk when Springfield's government was formed in 1794. The clerk recorded minutes, prepared agendas and processed licenses. The position was an elective office before. Keyworth succeeded Art Bucher in 1984.

Keyworth's responsibilities expanded to more of an administrator, reviewing departmental performances and observing how the committee's policies are followed. A full-time administrator post was created and Keyworth given the additional title in 1987.

The responsibilities kept growing. Mullman and Clarke began a search for a full-time administrator when Keyworth announced her retirement in October.

"We narrowed the candidates to three and re-interviewed them," Clarke said. "Sheola clearly stood out among the field as a professional. His MBA degree from Rutgers and his being from Clark makes him acquainted with our area's particulars."

Sheola's resume includes working in Livingston's government. Yet he considers his new job something of a homecoming.

"Growing up in Clark, I became familiar with Springfield through attending Arthur Johnson High School's away games against Jonathan-David," Sheola said. "Springfield is a small town near the cities and has some challenges of its own."

## Board of Ed proposes new school calendar

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Parents of school-age children in the Springfield school system will be receiving an important piece of mail during the next week. The Board of Education is sending out copies of a proposed 1999-2000 school year calendar for feedback.

"We generally send out schedules in the mail for our 5th through 12th graders," Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland said, "and either mail or hand out schedules to the younger students. The public has opportunities at our Monday and Feb. 8 meetings before the board votes."

The draft for a 183-day school year starting Sept. 8 and ending June 21, 2000, includes several key features:

- Retaining the two presidents' vacation days for Feb. 18 and 21.
- A combined "Good Friday/Passover" spring recess for April 21-25.
- Schools closed Nov. 11 and 12 as well as March 30 for respective N.E.A. convention and teachers' workshop days. Teachers are to report to school for March 30 but skip the workshop.
- On the back of after the board votes Draft A is a proposal for the 2000-2001 school year. Limited Draft A is a structure is unchanged from the previous year except that the opening recess is set for April 9-16, 2001. Schools are to open Sept. 6, 2000 and end June 19, 2001.
- The board approved sending out Draft A during the Jan. 14 meeting. The board, the school government committee and Friedland, grappled with the draft and an alternate for about two months. The alternate named Draft 2-A, incorporated a Fall week's vacation in February for the first year in recent years.
- As a school teacher, I prefer having Friday and Monday off for President's Day," board member Linda Dike said. "There is more of a rhythm to a pair of four-day weeks than extending a Monday-Tuesday break."
- Of all the public school systems in Union County, Friedland said only Summit remains the week-long winter break. Other considerations included where Passover, Good Friday and Labor Day land on each year's calendar, as parents tend to plan their winter or college-related drop-offs in the week of the school schedule.
- The Board of Education is set to meet Monday at its annual first chance meeting of Executive Director High School. The public meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

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### NEWS CLIPS

#### Hadassah sponsors health care update

Miriam Herbert, coordinator of the Senior Health Program at Union Hospital, will update health care facts for seniors. The update will take place at a mini-conference at the Springfield Hadassah at Temple Beth Shalom, Springfield.

Herbert's topic will be "Mental Antibiotics," according to Dr. Doretha Schwartz, program chairman. The public is invited.

Hadassah, the largest women's volunteer organization in the country, has a membership of 300,000. Kuperstein said it is also the largest Jewish organization in the United States and the largest Zionist organization in the world.

Kuperstein said Hadassah supports projects in Israel which include: development of technology, job training, research for thousands of persons who emigrate to that country, and research for Jewish hospitals.

#### Dinner and dance set for February

Dance Committee members from the Fathers and Friends of Delbarton, including Edward Collins of Mountainside, have announced that the group will sponsor their annual dinner-dance Feb. 6, at the Madison Hotel in Convent Station. Delbarton's financial aid program and the Rod and Regina Kellner Scholarship Fund will receive all benefits from the black tie affair.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception in the conservatory, to be followed at 8 p.m. by dinner and dancing.

For dinner reservations or information, call the Delbarton development office secretary at 973-558-3231, ext. 303.

named to the 1998 Fall semester dean's list.

Each of the students has achieved at least a 3.45 semester grade point average, out of a possible 4.0.

#### Filing deadline for school board election March 1

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the Board of Education is 4 p.m. March 1. The election is scheduled for April 20.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the local school district office. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidates, campaign procedures and the role of the school board member.

Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.

#### MDA to sponsor gala in Mountainside

The 1999 Black & Blue Ball to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be held Feb. 6 at L'Affaire in Mountainside. The gala is an unusual and outrageous combination of a dinner with a walk on the wild side.

Tickets are \$100 per person. The price of the ticket includes an open bar, international cuisine stations, live entertainment, a picture in a Harley Davidson and a fake tattoo.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary health agency working to defeat 40 neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive client and community services, and far-reaching professional and public health education. It is important to note that the dollars raised will benefit hundreds of Central New Jersey residents with neuromuscular diseases.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association receives no grants or fees from clients, but relies on the sole support of private contributors and the business community.

For more information, call the local MDA office at (732) 450-2333.

### 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 the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

#### Sunday

The Trailside Nature and Science Center will present a show called "Easter Edgewise" at 5:30 p.m. The show will feature the music of Pink Floyd and is for ages 10 and up. The cost of admission is \$3.25 per person. \$2.75 for seniors. A Sunday Family Program called "Museum Detectives" will also be presented at 2 p.m. The program will feature natural history displays and donations are requested.

The Trailside Nature and Science Center will conduct a Sunday planetarium show called "Orion's Winter Battle" at 2 p.m. The program will explore the evening winter sky and Orion's battle with Taurus and his assistants, the dogs Auriga and Gemini. Admission is \$3 per person. \$2.55 for seniors, and is for ages 10 and up. For more information, call 908-678-3670.

#### Tuesday

The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will conduct a children's storytime theater at 2 p.m. The program will last 45 minutes and will combine action, movement and props. Registration is open to Mountainside Library cardholders only and the program will run through Feb. 9. To sign up, visit or call the library at (908) 233-0115.

#### Thursday

The public is invited to attend a free seminar on buying, selling and refinancing real estate at the Springfield Library, 66 Mountain Ave., from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Speakers will be several real estate and loan representatives as well as two attorneys and a financial consultant. Light refreshments will be served. Call Heather Suarez at (973) 942-5300 to reserve a seat.

#### Coming Events

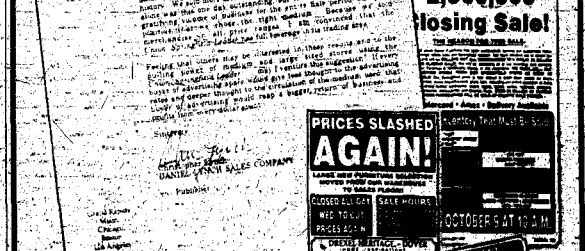
#### Feb. 4

The Foothill Club of Mountainside will have a luncheon at noon featuring "Getting Into Crafts" with speaker Brenda Ayres. The event will take place at B.G. Fields in Westfield and guests are welcome. Call (908) 232-3626 for reservations.

#### Feb. 10-March 4

The Mountainside Public Library will conduct Toddler Time for 2-year-olds Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The program will include stories and nursery rhymes for children accompanied by a parent or caregiver. In addition, Preschool Storytime will be presented for 3- and 4-year-olds Thursdays at 2 p.m. The program will feature stories and simple crafts, and parents must remain in the library for the duration. Both programs will last about 30 minutes and are open to Mountainside Library cardholders only. Registration is required. Visit or call the library at (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

#### Patrolling in style



From left, Springfield Auxiliary Police Deputy Coordinator Scott Seidel, Auxiliary Sgt. Wally Schultz, Coordinator John Cottage, Deputy Mayor Sy Mullman, Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld and Auxiliary Police Sgt. Nick D'Achille accept delivery of a new patrol vehicle.

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# DiFrancesco pushes for school tax rebate

State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco expressed his support for Gov. Christine Todd Whitman's \$1-billion school tax rebate program during the governor's recent visit to Cranford. The governor came to Union County to spell out the details of her proposed New Jersey School Assessment Valuation Exemption Relief program.

"I look forward to working with the governor on this important proposal and am anxious to help her meet the April 15 deadline for legislative approval she has asked for so that property tax relief can become a reality in 1999," said DiFrancesco.

The proposed NJ Saver program announced by Whitman during her State-of-the-State message is expected to provide \$41 billion in tax relief in the form of an annual check equal to the school taxes paid on the first \$45,000 of the assessed value of owner-occupied primary residences. When this program is fully implemented after a five-year phase-in, the average New Jersey family will receive about \$600 a year, according to the governor's office.

"The NJ Saver program is just what the taxpayer has asked for from Trenton. This program gets at the heart of the property tax issue by providing a rebate to taxpayers that will reduce the average school tax bill by one-third. Second, this program provides direct relief in the form of annual checks," DiFrancesco said. "This relief will go from the State House to your house."

"Finally, this program is permanent. It is not a quick-fix or a one-time distribution. We will make this program a priority this year and we will make it a fiscal priority through the phase-in period and beyond."

"I am confident this \$1 billion program, in combination with my proposal to the municipal aid to inflation, will not only help stabilize property taxes in New Jersey, but it will also go a long way toward providing tangible, substantial, direct property tax relief," said DiFrancesco.

# Rodriguez aids SAGE in gaining contribution

SAGE Meals-on-Wheels of Summit has received a \$500 contribution from The New York Life Foundation as a result of the volunteer service of Kathleen M. Rodriguez of Springfield. Rodriguez is a director of financial analysis with the Asset Management Group of New York Life Insurance Company, in Parsippany.

"Delivering Meals-on-Wheels is a rewarding experience," said Rodriguez. "People really appreciate our visit. It's important to see whether they're having a good day, and to let SAGE know if someone seems to be ill or doing poorly. For some people, we're the only outside contact they will have all day."

Rodriguez has been a volunteer with SAGE for two years, delivering Meals-on-Wheels with her husband, Rich, in Springfield, Millburn, Sum-

mit or wherever they are needed.

"Kathy and Rich are two very dedicated volunteers," said Donatella Snyder, director of the SAGE Meals-on-Wheels Program. "On one occasion when they were delivering meals, Kathy and Rich's car broke down. They left their car, called a friend for help and finished delivering the meals before they sought attention to their car. We are proud to have Kathy and Rich working with us and we are very grateful for their effort and support."

SAGE, at 50 DeForest Ave., Summit, is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides adult day services, home health aides, companion services, a Tel-Assurance-friendly call program and pilot services.

To volunteer for the Meals-on-Wheels program or for more information about SAGE, call 273-5550

# Students combine holiday drive with social studies

The student council at the Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School launched a holiday food drive in December in conjunction with selected classes studying units on famine, world hunger and the effects of natural disasters on food production and delivery. Sponsored by the student government, the entire school community participated in gathering goods for the needy in Union County.

As students initiated their efforts to collect canned goods for distribution, classes and assemblies focused on famine, international efforts to alleviate chronic persistent hunger and student-generated plans to deal with world-wide dilemmas. Students contacted various local and international organizations that deal with hunger and learned about famine in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the immediate food needs of those who suffered the devastation of Hurricane Mitch.

To end the project, the executive board of the student council, accompanied by the students who collected the most for the drive, visited the Union County Food Bank for an organized tour of the facility.

The student-sponsored food drive resulted in greater community awareness of hunger as both a domestic and foreign problem and one that all could encounter on a daily basis in their own neighborhoods. The student council plans on making the food drive an annual event.

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# LIFESTYLE



Tata Kliminski and Dwight Dachnowicz

# Kliminski, Dachnowicz to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kliminski of Little Falls announce the engagement of their daughter Tata A. Kliminski to Dwight C. Dachnowicz, son of Eileen Dachnowicz and the late Andrew Dachnowicz of Mountaineer.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and is employed by Watsness School of Bloomsfield as a third-grade teacher.

The future groom is a cum laude graduate of Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pa., and is employed by American Honda Motor Company of Colorado as a district sales analyst.

An August wedding is planned.

# Borough Republicans elect officers at annual meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Mountainside Republican Club was held Jan. 13. Officers elected were as follows: president, Bill Sanders, first vice president, Clark Landale, treasurer, Rosalynne Graziano.

Continuing in their positions were Diana Oseta as second vice president, Nancy Landale as recording secretary and Marilyn Hart as corresponding secretary. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to outgoing president Jack Graziano and outgoing first vice president, Glenn Mortimer.

Reports were presented on the past activities of the year, which included county and state officials as speakers, a dance/dinner honoring Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco at a local convention for choosing council candidates and subsequent supportive activities for those candidates.

Sanders outlined his plans for 1999 and thanked everyone for their continued support. The Club will again sponsor a local convention March 27.

Anyone interested in information on joining the club should call the membership chairman, Clark Landale at (908) 454-7887, or Hart at (908) 233-4076.

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# Elkin, Klein exchange vows

Danielle Elkin, daughter of Mimi and David Elkin of Springfield, was married to Michael Klein, son of Harriet and Rayon Klein of Hatfield, Pa., on the first of honor was James Elkin and the bridesmaids were Stacy Cane, Veronica Broche, Jessica Elkin, Stacy Klein and Stacy Kasserer.

The best man was Ed Sotak. His ushers were Josh Mack, Rayan Hergen, Josh Krell and Mark Taylor.

The groom received his master's degree in accounting from Temple University. The bride is pursuing her master's degree in special education at Penn State University.

The bride is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield and Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla. She is employed by Montgomery County, Norristown, Pa., as an aging care manager.

The groom is a graduate of North Penn High School in Lansdale and Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla. He is employed by Margolis & Co. in Boca Raton, Fla., as an accountant.

Following the ceremony, the couple celebrated a with a reception at Headquarters Plaza, Morristown. They spent their honeymoon in Bermuda. The couple will reside in Lansdale, Pa.



Danielle Elkin and Michael Klein

# Area YMCA offers yoga program

The Summit YMCA, in cooperation with Studio Yoga of Madison, offers a Yoga Teacher Training Program. The purpose of this program is to provide advanced education to support yoga teachers or aspiring yoga teachers in their mission to help their students build a healthy body, mind and spirit.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## Holiday volunteers are appreciated

A traffic accident occurred in the early hours of Christmas Day in Springfield, causing several problems along Morris Avenue. Fortunately, a group of dedicated auxiliary police officers volunteered their time to help while the accident's aftermath was cleared.

Morris Avenue had to be closed in both directions from Mountain Avenue to Caldwell Place while downed power lines were repaired. The road was reopened the morning of Dec. 26, about 32 hours after the accident, but auxiliary officers stayed to help until power was fully restored in the area later that evening.

Thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in despite the Christmas holiday and freezing temperatures. Their dedication to the township is recognized and appreciated.

## Awards deserved by borough police

In appreciation of a year marked by outstanding performances by an array of officers, the Mountainside Police Department conducted an awards ceremony during the borough reorganization meeting Jan. 5. Our town is a safer place to live and work with the dedication these officers bring to their job every day, and we thank them for their efforts in keeping law and order in the borough and surrounding communities.

A Departmental Commendation went to Cpl. Thomas Murphy and Officer Richard Huber for their performance in an April incident stemming from a routine motor vehicle stop on Route 22. Through diligence and a careful eye, the officers located a handgun on the floor of the car and arrested the occupants, who also had possession of property related to four armed robberies in Essex County.

Detective Lt. Richard Ostja and Detective Sgt. Todd Turner received the department's Excellent Police Service Award for their investigations into three cases of fraud. As a result of their work, which included cooperation with the Postal Inspection Service and the FBI, all three cases were successfully closed and more than \$1 million was returned to the lending institutions that were victimized by the offenders. In addition, Ostja and Turner helped the department seize five automobiles and \$50,000 in cash related to the fraud cases.

The Valor Award went to Cpl. Andrew Sullivan for his involvement in a Nov. 25 incident that resulted in the shooting of a man wanted for murder in Maryland, a bank robbery in Newark and the shooting of two Plainfield police officers. Upon encountering the suspect's vehicle along Route 22, Sullivan followed the van to Glenstone Avenue, where the suspect began to fire at Sullivan and the also-present Scotch Plains and county officers. The officers returned fire, mortally injuring the suspect.

Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan described this suspect as a "phoenix" waiting to happen. To each of these officers and all those commended for outstanding work in the Mountainside Police Department, we extend congratulations and a sincere appreciation for your performances. The borough and local area are a safer place to live because of the dedicated officers in this department.

## Be careful with budget cuts

An administrative reorganization plan under the Springfield Board of Education budget has several directors and Jonathan Dayton High School students up in arms. During a meeting last week, the school board discussed plans for an \$80,000 budget cut as well as the recommendations of NEXUS, a consulting firm that presented its report in November.

A major sticking point with some residents is the possible replacement of JDHS Dean of Students Manoli Perera with Supervisor of Secondary Curriculum Kenneth Matfield. Seven public speakers and parents questioned this proposal before the board, citing a possible reduction in the quality of supervision at the high school and the high level of familiarity students enjoy with Perera.

To highlight this point, a JDHS student noted a petition with 150 student names supporting Perera.

We hope the Board of Education will not take any of the public comments made at this meeting lightly. Competent and attentive personnel is a vital part of any public school, and parents and students often have more insight into who excels at providing this than even the school's governing body.



**FIRST-RATE STUDENTS** — Florence M. Gaudinger School's Student Of The Quarter recipients for the first quarter of the 1998-99 school year are, from left, eighth-grader Iyasha Gordon, seventh-grader Erica Rosenbaum, sixth-grader Adi Strachnov and fifth-grader Megan Gardner. The program is sponsored by the Springfield Elks 2004 as part of their Youth Activities Program, which recognizes exceptional students selected by the teaching staff based on their character, leadership service, citizenship and scholastic ability. The students are awarded certificates during a dinner at the Springfield Elks Lodge.

## Borough looks toward 21st century with hope

Editor's note: The following is the second part in a series of excerpts from Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti's address at the Jan. 5 Borough Council reorganization meeting.

The work that has been done has positioned Mountainside to look to the 21st century with great confidence and hope. Mountainside's demographics are undergoing a very healthy change because young couples are moving and town life will be a priority of this governing body to ensure that Mountainside lives up to the hopes and expectations of these young families.

Concretely, this means a first-rate educational system, effective public safety and emergency services, a wide variety of recreational programs and a governing body which is fully responsive to your hopes and expectations, including maintenance of the fiscal responsibility for which Mountainside is noted.

Our local Board of Education is to be commended for its work on our educational system.

The board met the challenge posed by deregulation of providing to a first-rate education for our high school students. At the local level the board is in the planning stages for the 1999-2000 school year.

The district's strategic plan covers the areas of curriculum standards, teaching staff, communications, students and facilities. The board has made a major study to evaluate and update the current curriculum. Equipment in the science labs is being updated and computers have become



By Robert Vigilanti

an integral part of the classroom setting, allowing teachers to integrate their lessons with the technology located throughout the Deerfield School.

Regarding public safety and emergency services, our Police Department, under the command of Chief James Debbie, is leading the way.

The department has set up a new emergency service unit which will train our officers as emergency medical technicians, as well as require EMT certification for all new employees and explore the daytime needs of our Fire Department and develop training programs similar to that of the EMTs so as to fortify the ranks of the volunteers, if needed.

The department will begin a bike patrol in the early spring. They will patrol our downtown and school areas.

The department will be upgrading its technology to comply with the National Crime Information Center 2000 as mandated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Mountainside Police Department will start a Police Athletic League program this year.

Regarding recreational services, in 1998 your governing body changed the way recreational services are delivered to our residents.

The change we made was to make the Recreation Commission a department of the borough government. This change has enabled us to increase the number of residents who participate in the recreation programs and services. It also enabled us to reamp the entire pool staff for this past year.

As a result of these changes we heard many positive comments about the pool this past season. The new Recreation Department added or expanded activities in 1998 for children's soccer, basketball and softball. Senior citizen exercise classes were also expanded.

We have recently installed an ice skating rink in the rear of Borough Hall which will provide a safe area for skating for all residents. It will be lighted, there is outside restroom facilities nearby and on weekends we will have supervised bonfires.

We will continue to be resourceful in finding funds other than your tax dollars to pay for these services. The principal purpose of the new community room is for the residents of Mountainside to use for recreation, meetings and social events. But when not needed for these purposes we will rent it out to other groups for educational and meeting events.

In order to provide the additional parking spaces that use of the community room will require, we applied for and received a \$185,000 grant

from the state to construct a paid permit parking lot across Route 22 near the library.

The Mountainside Public Library continues to be an integral part of our community educational and recreational effort.

The library has increased the number of public access computers from three to five, with one each dedicated for the Children's Room and the Youth Adult Corner. For those of you who would like to learn how to access the internet, the library runs a regular schedule of internet classes for adults. For those of you who use the internet, the library has its own website where you can acquaint yourself with library programs and materials.

The library has a collection of educational CD-ROM software which has been updated on its computers and which is especially useful for young people. This year it started a collection of books on tape for young people, with audiobooks in memory of Mountainside resident Helen Tetley.

It has been and will continue to be this administration's goal to expand communication between the council, the borough staff and the public.

Our council's public meeting has a public portion and our website is always open. Please remember that is your community just as much as it is mine, and that your borough staff and your elected officials are just as interested and concerned about our hometown as you are.

Robert Vigilanti is mayor of Mountainside.

## Storage facilities make borough dumping ground

Mountainside took a major step toward rapid deterioration Jan. 21 when the borough's Board of Adjustment approved a special use license for a large, temporary public storage facility erected on the vacant lot on Route 22 at the street old Brewitt's Nursery. In less than one-half mile on the stretch of Route 22, Mountainside now has solid plans for three large public storage facilities, each with neon light advertisement signs.

Mountainside is now the dumping ground for flat-of-town junk. Congratulate them on this achievement.

How can this have occurred? The board was blinded by the fact that this three-acre public storage facility would not significantly increase the traffic burden on Route 22. It is so important, let's put hazardous waste step back and really decrease the traffic in the town. With all various aside, any benefit of a low-traffic industry is far outweighed by the damaging impact of bringing low quality industry to Mountainside.

The board gave its due respect to any one considering for granting a variance, such as its effect on neighboring property values or its effect on the overall good for the town. When several residents stated that this type of industry is not commensurate with an affluent public community, and should give a real boost to the town, the response by one board member



By Catherine Parker

was as follows: Mountainside is not known for its Coles Avenue, but rather for its industry and for Sheffield Street.

To be sure, there is no time of reasoning here by the board member making this statement. Further, if Mountainside is known for its industry, this is a primary reason to try to control the type of industry in this town.

When asked if public storage would affect the value of neighboring real estate or if a neighboring professional office building, the board simply responded that there would be no impact. Come on guys, were you born yesterday?

The bottom line — the board refused to see past the traffic issue and refused to consider the legitimate concerns of our residents.

Mountainside should not settle for being a haven for public storage. Mountainside has the capacity to bring in high-quality businesses that

will enhance, not detract from, the character of this town.

The bounding fathers would be appalled at how the board has handled this variance, and I fear this is the beginning of the end for our quaint

little borough. The Board of Adjustment should be ashamed of itself for its ruling.

Catherine Parker is a resident of Mountainside.

## SPEAK OUT

### President caused own impeachment

I am responding to the Dec. 31 *Echo Leader* and the Point of View column by Roy Hirschfeld entitled "Sexual-McCarthyism caused impeachment." Just a couple of quick things.

He said the Republican Congress sold right to the devil. I feel that the Congress is doing what they should be doing in handling the law just the way they should be handling it.

Hirschfeld also talks about how Neer Gingrich, Bob Livingston and Henry Hyde have had actual affairs. Yeah, but they didn't let under oath when being questioned about that topic. Hirschfeld also talks about how Congressmen take the oath and whether just any man is faithful to their wife. Well, how every person takes the oath is one thing; but President Bill Clinton was under oath with those direct questions regarding that topic.

Hirschfeld says people can atone for their sins. That's something between the person and God. The President needs the American people's support during this time, Hirschfeld said. Well, the President got himself into his own hot water.

Hirschfeld talks about how he doesn't know if he is the most moral person in the world either. Well, being the he is also a congressman in Springfield he should feel that he is pretty moral being that people in town look up to him to put him into that position of congressman.

Hirschfeld said Congressman Bob Franks and others shouldn't go along with voting for impeachment. Franks is only doing what he should do by voting because the President lies.

Doesn't anybody understand that the President lied under oath?

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Vanessa Williams

"I grew up in Alabama and I remember the civil rights movement. I think back on what happened, and reflect on where we are today."



Padimus Brown

"I can't say much today. I'm off work and on my way to a doctor's appointment."

## Storm causes downed power lines on Route 22

### Mountainside

Poor weather conditions resulted in a downed wire on Route 22 East in Mountainside and seven hours without power last Friday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Between 60 and 100 homes and businesses were affected, said Det. Sgt. Todd Inaturner.

One of the businesses affected was Brightline Gardens, the borough's Marriott-owned senior citizen housing facility. According to Turner, there was going to be an emergency evacuation because of the lack of heat when arrangements were made with a Scotch Plains company to supply large generator trucks that reactivated power.

The conditions also "created havoc along the highway," as traffic was rerouted through side streets, Turner said.

A domestic violence dispute resulted in the arrest of East Hanover's Joseph Costa, 24. He was escorted by Mountainside police and charged with harassment Jan. 17 at 6:45 p.m. in 1130 Globe Ave. Costa allegedly appeared at the victim's place of business and threatened to get her fired.

Belleville's Bicaucet-Belancourt, 27, was stopped on Route 22 Jan. 12 at 9:15 a.m. for a broken tail light. Further investigation led to his arrest and charge of driving with a suspended license.

Writing a bad check to pay fines to Mountainside's municipal court led to the arrest of Craig Gallagher, 19, in New Providence.

A Berkeley College student, Plainfield's Eduardo Figueroa, 23, was arrested Jan. 12 at 11:26 p.m. and charged with driving with a suspended license.

A missing front plate and a broken tail light led to the arrest of East Orange resident Adelajdo Alvarez-Jahn, 14 at 2:47 a.m. The driver was stopped on Route 22 East and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Hector Reyes, 24, of West Orange, was stopped Jan. 15 for a moving violation on Route 22 West. Further investigation revealed a suspended driver's license and Reyes to be in contempt of court in Madison. He was arrested at 9:59 p.m.

Elizabeth's Sergio Cuevas, 29, was observed driving a vehicle on Route 22 Jan. 12 with no tail lights. A computer check of the driver's license revealed it to be suspended. Cuevas, an instructor at Aikido Schools of New Jersey, was arrested at 9:50 p.m.

Springfield

Key roads were blamed for at least

### POLICE BLOTTER

six auto accidents on Springfield roads last weekend. The first mishap was between a Volkswagen and a Chevrolet at the corner of Mountain and Renner avenues, resulting in an improper passing ticket for the latter motorist, at about 12:32 a.m. Jan. 14. The last accident was a Dodge sideswiping the Route 22 West center divider, leaving a left front wheel, crashing into Holiday Inn shrubbery and catching fire at about 3:43 a.m. Sunday.

The driver of a NJ Transit Grumman wagon ahead of him East kept speeding and slowing while both were passing a salt spreader on Route 22 East Friday. The bus rear-ended the

van near Lawrence Road at about 12:23 a.m. There were no bus passengers but the van was towed.

Other incidents included a Chevy putting a BMW into two parked cars at a Route 22 East restaurant lot, at about 4:18 p.m. Saturday and a pair of Ford's colliding at the corner of Morris Avenue and Keeler Street at about 4:33 p.m. that day.

At least one driver blamed slick, black ice or freezing conditions for the mishaps. Springfield Police Cpt. David Hartung recommends that drivers slow down and expand their distances between other motorists during such bad weather.

A New Brook Lane home owner reported that tier brown garbage can was stolen or missing Saturday. The Morris Turnpike Shop-Rite said a man swapped a \$129 vee and fled in a

blue-grey minivan at about 5:31 p.m. Thursday.

A Linden man said someone removed a license plate from his Buick Skylark while parked in a Mountain Avenue lot sometime during Jan. 11-13. A 1995 Toyota Camry, which was missing from a Route 22 East auto dealer's inventory Jan. 9 was located by Plainfield police that it was involved in a hit-and-run accident there Jan. 12.

A Jersey City man was arrested on harassment charges for the second time in 40 days on Jan. 12. The man, identified as Lawrence, Welter, 41, was arrested at a Five Points residence and was charged for harassment and violating a restraining order against him.

## Firefighters battle aftermath of bad weather

### Springfield

Weather conditions contributed to downed wires and electrical difficulties Jan. 15. While residents cannot control falling wires or resulting damage, Chief William Gras added, that the best advice is for people to keep their distance.

"Don't go near them," Gras said. "You never know what happened further down the street."

He added that there have been cases of electrocutions from wires that seemed dormant. "We will make the area safe and let the utility company know," Gras added.

The Springfield Fire Department responded to four morning calls of wires either stuck in trees or piled up cars last Friday. At 9:01 a.m. firefighters responded to a Metcal Avenue

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residence for a problem with a sump pump. Electrical problems dominated the afternoon, as the department also responded to one medical service call on the day.

Key conditions Jan. 14 led to accidents with injuries on Route 78 West and a multi-vehicle accident on Route 22 West. The squad also responded to four medical service calls throughout the day.

Firefighters did not respond to any fires, accidents or calls for mutual aid Jan. 13, but they were required for two medical service calls.

Jan. 11 and Jan. 12 brought a response to Jonathan Dayton High School for an activated fire alarm and

three medical service calls over the two days.

An animal rescue began the morning of Jan. 10 when firefighters responded to Meekes Avenue and South Springfield Avenue to attempt to save a seemingly stray cat whose paws were frozen to the metal storm drain.

According to Gras, the lower half of the animal's body was submerged in icy water as the squad chipped the ice away. Although firefighters wrapped the cat in a blanket and brought it back to headquarters, the rescue was not successful.

The next call came at 5:34 p.m. when the squad responded to a Route 22 business for a car fire.

## EVENTS

### Kindergarten registration set for Deerfield School

Deerfield School has announced its registration for 1999-2000 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be conducted by appointment Feb. 8, 9, and 11. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Parents are requested to call Susan Nugent to make an appointment for the screening that will be conducted by kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist. Barbara Komoroski, Deerfield's

guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

Parents should call Deerfield School at (908) 233-8828 to receive forms that should be completed and returned at registration. Children being registered should be five years of age by Oct. 1, 1999. A birth certificate and proof of residency must be presented to Nugent at the time of the appointment.

### Old Guard announces its February schedule

Richard Sandhusen, Program Chairman, has announced the following speakers and subjects for the Summit Area Old Guard's February meetings:

Feb. 2 "Learning About American History Through American Paintings" will be the subject of a talk by Barbara Mitnick.

Feb. 9 Edgar Cooper will discuss "The European Economic and Monetary Union."

Feb. 16 "The Summit Area Public Foundation: Goals and Programs" will be described by Jack Cooper. For more information write to Summit Old Guard, P.O. Box 386, Summit 07902-0386.

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Martha Anthony

Martha Anthony, 87, of Mountainside died Jan. 12 at home. Born in New York City...

Michael Celofa

Michael Celofa, 84, of Mountainside died Jan. 18 in John F. Kennedy Medical Center...

Elizabeth DeSanis

Elizabeth N. DeSanis, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Jan. 14 at home. Surviving are a son, Robert...

William Miller

William Miller, 75, of Springfield, a real estate manager and builder, died Jan. 17 in St. Barnabas Medical Center...

Alice Boggin

Alice Boggin, 88, of Springfield died Jan. 11 in Montclair Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. Born in Syria, Mrs. Boggin was a survivor of the Syrian Civil War...

R-E. Lawrence

R. Edward Lawrence, 87, of West Caldwell, formerly of Summit, a former RCA engineer, who helped develop color television, died Jan. 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Della B. Dowd

Della B. Dowd, 88, of Summit, formerly of Elizabeth, died Jan. 17 in the Jersey Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Matawan. Born in Bally Hains, County Mayo...

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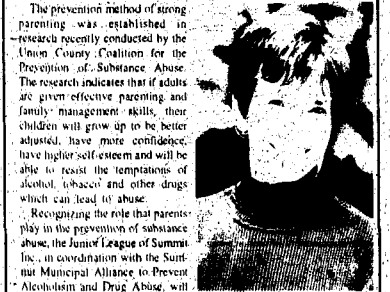
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Helen C. Marcussen, 97, of Summit died Jan. 12 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Wisconsin, Mrs. Marcussen lived in Jersey and Englewood before moving to Summit 28 years ago...

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Helen A. Bowles, 85, of Springfield died Jan. 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Surviving are three daughters, Beverly, Gail, and Roberta Lawrence.

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Ann F. Caron

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The final presentation in the series is "Parent Empowerment in the Schools: Knowing the Questions to Ask and the Steps to Take." This interactive workshop will target parents who wish to access the school district's decision-making authorities...

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## Minutemen hoop teams begin week unbeaten in league play

### Springfield squads succeed against Warren

Springfield Minutemen basketball teams continued their excellent play last week, winning league games to remain undefeated in league competition.

The 8th grade team defeated Warren 53-49 to improve to 3-0 in league play.

The 7th grade team halted Warren 50-29 to also raise its league mark to 3-0.

Both games took place Jan. 13 at Gaudinier.

The 8th grade team began the week with an 8-3 overall record. Springfield was downed by Wayne 60-30 Saturday.

The 7th grade team began the week with a 5-3 overall record as it was also defeated by Wayne Saturday, falling by a 23-24 count.

Andre Callender scored 30 points, grabbed eight rebounds and came up with eight steals to spark the 8th graders past Warren.

Donald Volker scored eight points, Nick Ferreretti chipped in with seven points and nine rebounds, and Mike Nitello dished out seven assists.

Callender had another solid game against Wayne as he scored 12 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Perrini had seven points and eight rebounds. Lavine and Nitello scored five points each.

All 13 7th grade players saw action in their team's victory over Warren. Springfield was ahead 13-5 after the first quarter and then increased its lead to 25-13 by halftime.

Springfield's high-scorer was Dan Scott, who finished with 14 points. He also grabbed six rebounds.

Frankie Miceli, always strong from the outside, scored 13 points, including two baskets good from three-point range.

Jordan Gerber made his presence felt by scoring six points and hauling in nine rebounds.

Leo Ferrine scored seven points, grabbed four rebounds, and had one assist. Mike Luciano scored two points and grabbed three boards.

Showing the squad's depth, 6th-graders Mike Tess and Keener Suarez also contributed. Tess with four points and Suarez with two.

Stephen Suarez, a 5th-grader, came off the bench and scored two points.

Miceli paced Springfield against Wayne with a nine-point effort, making one three-point basket.

Ferrine and Scott had six points each and Gerber and Luciano had four points each.

Harris Tuchman connected on a three-pointer and Robert Kieyman made a basket.

Both teams were scheduled to play at Long Hill Tuesday night before returning home for games against Millburn by night at Gaudinier.

Upcoming: Jan. 23 Summit, 6:30/8; Jan. 25 at Linden, 6:30/8; Jan. 22 Bloomfield, 6:30/8; Jan. 29 New Providence, 6:30/8.



Frankie Miceli, left, hustles to grab the ball during a Springfield Minutemen 7th grade basketball contest. Miceli, always strong from the outside, scored 13 points, including making two baskets from three-point range — to help guide his team past Warren 50-29 last week. Miceli paced Springfield against Wayne with a nine-point effort, making one three-point basket.

## Summit plays much better against IHC rival Mendham

### Hilltoppers rebound to begin week 7-1

By Andrew McConn  
 Assistant Sports Editor

Despite its vast improvement last season, the Summit High School girls' basketball team proved to be no competition for Mendham as the Hilltoppers twice found themselves at the losing end of lopsided scores against a Group 2 state championship Minutemen team that capped off a 32-0 campaign with a victory over Group 4 state champion Columbia in the Tournament of Champions final.

Mendham won the first meeting of the 1997-98 season against its Long Hills Conference-Hill Division foe 67-33 in Mendham and widened the gap even further when the two teams squared off again less than a month later in Summit by trouncing the Hilltoppers 64-23 on their home court.

Even though the Hilltoppers and head coach Dana Farnella are adamant about their one-game-at-a-time approach, they were no doubt looking forward to their Jan. 9 showdown against the Minutemen, who are once again undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the state.

As it had done last season, Summit also brought an unblemished mark, 5-0, into its first start of the season against Mendham, as something had to give. Unfortunately for Summit, it was once again the Hilltoppers.

Mendham may have won the game 59-44, but "much-improved" Summit showed just how far its program has come in less than a season, and the Hilltoppers proved that they belonged on the court with such a mighty loss.

"I wasn't happy with the loss, but I was happy with the way the girls played because they showed a lot of composure and they proved that they can compete with a team of Mendham's caliber," Farnella said. "The girls played with a very positive attitude

and that's something that will help us as the season goes on."

As is their trademark, Summit used a balanced scoring attack against Mendham as five Hilltoppers scored at least six points in the road defeat.

Senior guard Lauren McMenamy spearheaded the Summit attack with a team-high 11 points against Mendham and senior point guard Odette Nemer reached double-digits as well by netting 10 points. Senior forward Miriam Kelyga, junior guard Pamela Proper and junior forward Stephanie Bruce struck for eight, seven and six points, respectively.

"Katie played with a lot of confidence and she showed that she's definitely going to be a force to be reckoned with," Farnella said. "Bita is an excellent rebounder with a great work ethic and it was nice to be able to reward her for all her hard work."

While Tully and Yeksthenas picked up the slack for Bruce and Kellogg, Proper assumed the role of go-to player and did so as well as she had played the part all season. Proper scored a career-high 23 points, the highest single game total for a Hilltopper in two years, and swiped four steals in leading her team to victory.

"Danielle is the type of player who can make things happen," Farnella said. "Since her freshman year she's been learning how to keep the ball and when to dish it off and she's making much better decisions now. She really stepped up for us against West Essex and I'm very happy with the way she played."

Summit began play in what Farnella called "a big week as far as the conference is concerned," this past Tuesday when the Hilltoppers traveled to Parsippany to play the Redskins. Summit will take to the court again tomorrow night for a road game against Morris Hills.

Last year, Summit, which swept Parsippany 59-34 and 51-35, split a pair of games with Morris Hills, winning 39-31 at home in the second game of the season and falling 50-34 on the road later in the year.

Upcoming: Jan. 23 at Morris Hills, 7:00; Jan. 26 Weequahic, 7:00; Jan. 29 Parsippany Hills, 7:00; Feb. 3 Hanover Park, 7:00; Feb. 4 at Dover, 7:00; Feb. 9 Mendham, 7:00; Feb. 11 Mount Olive, 7:00; Feb. 16 at West Essex, 4:00; Feb. 18 Parsippany Hills, 7:00; Feb. 23 Morris Hills, 7:00; Feb. 25 Weequahic, 4:00.

### Girls' Basketball

Three days after the setback against Mendham, Summit resumed its winning ways by defeating host Mount Olive 54-45 in Hills Division play.

Kellyga leads the team with a 13.1 points average, poured-in a game-high 17 points while Proper, who is Summit's third-leading scorer at 10.1, put in a game, added 13.

While attempting to knock off Mendham was certainly a great challenge for Summit, matching up with visiting West Essex this past Saturday made its two leading scorers as equally as challenging.

With Bruce, second on Summit with a 10.6 scoring average, and Kellogg out of the lineup, Summit looked in movies Katie Tully and Bita Yeksthenas to pick up the slack and both players answered the call as Summit improved to 7-1 by posting a 45-36 victory.

Tully, a freshman forward, scored seven points and Yeksthenas played the kind of hard-nosed defensive game that earned her the start in the first place for Summit; which outscored its opponent 27-8 in the first half.

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## Forsyth sparks Summit success

By Andrew McConn  
 Assistant Sports Editor

When Summit High School boys' basketball head coach Mackey Pezdek learned he would be without the services of his lone returning player from last year's 14-9 squad for most of the season, he did not waver in his desire for the Hilltoppers to earn a berth in the state playoffs.

Pezdek made qualityifying for the state a team goal despite the fact that senior forward Kai Donaldson Campbell, who was injured in a car accident during the pre-season, is not expected back in the lineup until February at the earliest.

Unfortunately for Summit, though Donaldson-Campbell is not the only Hilltopper who was expected to play a major role this season who has been unable to do so because of injury, senior forward Kyrion Smith, a potentially explosive scorer, has missed almost the entire season thus far because of recurrent back problems.

With Donaldson-Campbell and Smith on the shelf, the scoring load has rested squarely on the shoulders of Ken Forsyth. This season, he leads the team with 14.5 points

### Boys' Basketball

showing that he is more than capable of filling the role of go-to player.

His new role was particularly evidenced by his play in consecutive victories over Mount Olive and West Essex.

Forsyth exploded for a career-high 29 points, 13 in the first half and 19 in the second, in Springfield's 65-51 victory over West Essex on Saturday, a road victory that lifted the Hilltoppers' record to 3-5 and improved their chances of eventually gaining a play-off berth in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2.

That performance came on the heels of a 22-point outburst by Forsyth against visiting Mount Olive on Jan. 12 in the Hilltoppers' 45-43 victory, one that put an end to their modest three-game win streak. Not only did Forsyth lead all scorers, he also stepped to the foul line with just three seconds remaining in regulation and calmly sank two free throws to set the game.

Mount Olive had tied the score 39-39 in the game and did manage to

up in what would have been the game-winning basket, but only after the buzzer had sounded ending a game in which neither team outscored the other by more than two points in any quarter.

Summit, which was scheduled to host a tough Parsippany team that Tuesday, will also play host to Morris Hills tomorrow night at 7. Last season, Summit defeated host Hills Conference-Hill Division foe Morris Hills twice, winning 68-45 and 47-34.

Summit will continue against Hills Division opponent Tuesday when it travels to Newark to face Weequahic at 4 p.m.

The Hilltoppers will then return home to face Parsippany Hills Friday night, Jan. 29 at 7 before going back on the road to play at Hanover Park on Tuesday night, Feb. 3 at 7.

Upcoming: Jan. 23 Morris Hills, 7:00; Jan. 26 Weequahic, 4:00; Jan. 29 Parsippany Hills, 7:00; Feb. 2 at Hanover Park, 7:00; Feb. 4 at Dover, 7:00; Feb. 9 at Mendham, 7:00; Feb. 11 at Mount Olive, 7:00; Feb. 16 West Essex, 7:00; Feb. 18 at Parsippany Hills, 7:00; Feb. 23 at Morris Hills, 7:00; Feb. 25 Weequahic, 7:00.

## Field hockey standouts



Field hockey players from three Summit high schools received awards from the North Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Association at its annual All-Star Dinner held at the Weslin Hotel in Morristown Jan. 10. For Group 2 schools, Lily Getzendorfer of Summit was named to the second-team and Kalle Bowman of Summit was named to the third-team. For independent schools, Christine Ryan and Brooke Worthington of Kent Place and Millie Ford, Nicole Kress' and Emily Sheridan of Oak Knoll were named to the first-team. Julianne Guariglia of Kent Place and Shannon Geise of Oak Knoll were honorable mention selections. Bowman, Ford and Sheridan participated in last month's NJFHCA's Senior All-Star Game at Montclair State University. From left, are Kent Place coach Christine Heddy, Christine Ryan, Brooke Worthington, Shannon Geise, Nicole Kress', Millie Ford, Emily Sheridan and Oak Knoll coaches Tom Elliott and Julia Peake.

## Former baseball stars honored

Six former baseball players who made names for themselves on and off the ball fields of Union County were inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame during ceremonies held last night at the 53rd annual Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove Dinner at the Affairs Banquet Center in Mountainside.

Those honored were Robert J. Canillo, Thomas J. Dillon, Frank "Sonny" Palmieri, Donald D. Schmidt, Patrick L. Siskaryk and Charles Signmund Jr.

All proceeds from last night's affair will go to the summer Union County Youth Leagues in Wanarose Park in Roselle and to college scholarships for deserving baseball and softball players as well.

Current Hall of Fame members include Mountainside's Jeff Torborg.

Canillo was a former Summit and played varsity baseball as a third baseman and shortstop with Union High School. He was also a successful coach with a 1,000-344-27 record that was without a losing season.

## Soccer Club of Springfield will host license course

The Soccer Club of Springfield is pleased to announce that it will be a tier club for an NJSSA "F" license course.

The "F" license is a nine-hour program for all New Jersey soccer coaches.

The course will be held on Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20 and pre-registration is required.

The fee for the course is \$30 and payable to the Soccer Club of Springfield.

Call Marc Marshall at this number: 908-227-8760.

## Mountainside Youth Baseball has fundraiser April 17

Mountainside Youth Baseball, a non-profit organization, is holding its 1999 annual silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, April 17.

There will be several hundred items from the area in attendance.

Proceeds from this event will be used for league expenses.

Call Cliff Krupa at 908-232-7461 or Michael Faber at 973-340-9795.

## Dayton hockey team wins third contest Another one-goal victory

The Dayton High School ice hockey team won again last week, posting a 3-2 win over Nutley at the Bridgewater Arena in Bridgewater.

It was quite a win for the Bulldogs, because Dayton had opened the season by losing to Nutley by 2-1-2 counts.

Junior Todd Walters scored the game-winning goal in the third period to snap a 2-2 deadlock. Junior captain Jared Cohen assisted on the goal.

Dayton began the week with a 3-7-1 record, all three wins coming by one goal.

The Bulldogs also have one-goal victories against Hackensack 4-3 and Verona 9-8.

Results: Nutley 12, Dayton 4; Wayne Valley 7, Dayton 4; Newark East Side 6 (tie); Dayton 4, Hackensack 3; West Milford 5, Dayton 2; Wayne Hills defeated Dayton; Hackensack 4, Dayton 2; Wayne Hills 11; Dayton 3, Dayton 9; Verona 8; Newark Academy 5, Dayton 3; Dayton 3, Nutley 2.

Dayton was scheduled to play Wayne Valley at Montclair Tuesday and last night had a game scheduled at Bernards.

Upcoming: Jan. 24 at Unity at Englewood, TBA; Jan. 27 Tenafly, 8:30; Feb. 3 West Milford, 8:30; Feb. 10 Montgomery at Ireland, TBA; Feb. 13 Newark Academy, 8:15.

Springfield's Robbin Galt swimming victory

Springfield resident Mike Rubens continues to excel for the Selco-Hill Prep swimming team.

Rubens became the third individual in Selco Hill Prep history to win an individual event at the prestigious 30th Junior Invitational held last Saturday in West Windsor.

Rubens captured the 100-yard freestyle event in 1:05.06.

Two weeks ago Rubens captured his third consecutive 300-yard individual medley title and first 100-yard freestyle crown to lead Selco Hill Prep to its second consecutive title at the Essex County championships held at Selco Hill University.

Rubens, a senior, won the 200-yard IM in an impressive time of 2:01.55 and then captured the 100-yard freestyle in a tidy 1:02.27.

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