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Four years in the making, the planned Freeman Apartment Complex broke ground last month on Hillside Avenue. The complex will provide a home for people with physical disabilities.

Township makes room for the physically disabled

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Springfield is giving the physically disabled the chance to build a home.

The Freeman Apartment Complex broke ground last month at 41 Hillside Ave. The project, which has taken over four years of planning, was the inspiration of Elisa Sanaman and her father, Samuel Frooman.

"I was volunteering at the time at Manor Care in Mountainside," Sanaman recalled. "There were a number of young people there I used to help care for, and there was a young man who had been in a diving accident. He was in his 20s and he just wanted to get out. The question arose of what happens to

young people like that — where do they go to live in Union County?" Sanaman modestly described "pulling some good people together and incorporating and with good development we made things happen." The result, New Jersey Connect, came to life in 1994 and has since been addressing the housing needs of individuals with physical disabilities of low and moderate income.

The Westfield-based, nonprofit organization encourages people with disabilities to live independently, a fact acknowledged by Mayor Gregory Clarke at the Oct. 26 meeting of the Township Committee.

"These individuals suffered physical trauma," said Clarke, who

attended the groundbreaking. "They have excellent minds, and they need an environment in which they can attend to themselves. These individuals have fought at every level of government to get these apartments and they've done it."

"We want to stress the idea that this is independent living," said Sanaman. "To that extent, we even debated the idea of having a community room. We wanted to have a non-institutional system that highlights the tenants' independence."

The house will contain a community room, but not the traditional recreation room suggestive of an institutional setting. Other features will include roll-in showers, fill

mirrors, insulated pipes in the bathrooms to prevent wheelchair-bound persons from burning their legs on pipes beneath sinks, and side-by-side refrigerators.

The two-story house also will be equipped with an elevator. Each unit will contain either a patio or balcony. The front and rear of the building will be designed with "drop-off" areas, where access will be made easier and savings will be provided for use against inclement weather.

"You have to have a mission statement," Sanaman said, in regard to making decisions regarding the physical details of the house. "When questions come up, you answer them in terms of what

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Borough's boards prepare for merger

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Mountainside's Zoning and Planning boards are getting together. "A few years ago, the state of New Jersey decided that towns under a certain size could combine their planning boards and Boards of Adjustment," Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti said. "About two or three years ago the Borough Council discussed it, and we decided then that we needed time to talk about it and think further about it."

Kenilworth is one of the communities that already has combined its boards. According to Vigilanti, Michael DiSto, Mountainside's borough engineer, and Vince Loughlin, the borough's Zoning Board of Adjustment attorney, both of whom also work for Kenilworth, have proclaimed that community's board merger a success.

Mountainside's size, with a population of about 7,000, is roughly similar to that of Kenilworth's. With Mountainside's land being so highly developed, there is not enough work to keep both groups fully occupied. The Planning Board only heard about a handful of cases last year.

"The Planning Board cases do seem to have diminished," said Adele Magnolia, a member of the board. "Both boards, though, have different missions, and they need to be able to get together and accommodate those areas of change created by a merger."

Mountainside's Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of eight members; its Planning Board has 11 members.

The low number of Planning Board meetings is really what got Vigilanti to finally consider the idea. He said combining the boards will provide a more streamlined government, and

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— Adele Magnolia

will prove more feasible economically.

As things stand, with separate boards, the Planning Board allows only a minimal number of variances. The Zoning Board of Adjustment allows for major variances. It has, as Vigilanti described, "the authority to waive existing borough ordinances above and beyond the Planning Board's authority."

By Magnolia's definition, the Planning Board is "concerned with house space and land issues according to the Master Plan. We establish rules and regulations that protect the residents, and are also consumer-friendly."

In streamlining the operation, Vigilanti said he will be appointing one 11-member board, which will consist of current members of both boards. The borough will be paying only one attorney and one recording secretary, with smaller applications going directly to the zoning officer, without the board being bothered at all.

Vigilanti said paring down the number of board members will be the challenge, and the downside, of the change. He estimates that the merge will save the borough "between \$13,000 and \$15,000 a year."

"We have to accept as his word whatever the mayor says will save money for the borough," Magnolia said.

Although a decision had not been made by press-time, the Borough Council was expected to adopt an ordinance at the regular meeting Tuesday to approve the merger.

Cannonball leaves mark on Springfield's history

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

In 1924, the Hutchings Homestead was raised for construction of a cell. Inside its west wall, workers discovered a Cannonball, a souvenir of the Battle of Springfield. Fired in 1780, the missile had penetrated the outer siding, but was stopped in its tracks by an oak timber.

The hole was visible for a number of years, serving as a foundation for a good many birds' nests. It was eventually sealed. The cannonball now rests in a glass case in one of the sitting rooms.

Somehow once by farmland, the noise of Morris Avenue's traffic penetrates the walls now, with trucks, traffic lights and professional buildings filling the views from the windows. Officially, the house is still the Hutchings Homestead; unofficially, Springfield residents know it as the Cannonball House.

The house is a two-time survivor. In addition to the missile which gave it its nickname, the house managed to escape torching by the British on June 23, 1780. Numerous families have lived there during the intervening years, with the Springfield Historical Society the current occupants. The society acquired the house in late 1955. Cannonball was subsequently included in the National Register of Historic Sites.

"Most houses of the period were only one room," said Elaine Auer, vice president of the Historical Society, during a recent tour of the house. "This house has seven altogether, over two floors."

Built around 1741, the origin of ownership is not clear. Records from the early 19th century identify the structure as the Hutchings Homestead and the land on which it stood as the Hutchings Farm, owned by Abraham Hutchings. When Hutchings died, his wife and three infant children continued to reside in the house until around 1827. The house then passed into the hands of Hutchings' son, George, who lived there with his wife until about 1840.

Every room in the house is furnished. "Most of the furniture was brought in over the years," Auer said as she pointed out areas in which local people have contributed their time and efforts.



A spinning wheel adds to the historic decor of Cannonball House in Springfield. The building escaped torching from the British in June 1780.

A hutch, table and four-legged bench were built for the downstairs kitchen by Florence M. Gaudineer School students in 1976. The students also did work on the walls around the fireplace area. Herbs hanging from the ceiling come from the Cannonball's own garden, designed and completed by members of the historical society last spring. Formerly a parking lot, the garden sports, in its center, a millstone.

"We moved the millstone from over on the side, where it covered a well," Auer's husband, Don, said. "The well is in excellent condition, so we didn't want to just throw dirt and rocks into it. We filled it with sand to preserve the integrity of it."

Upstairs, Gaudineer students made their initial contributions in 1970, providing both woodwork and painting for the children's room. The bed, cradle, hope chest, night table and chest of drawers all were constructed by the students. The walls were painted yellow and the decorative stenciling also was done, an

achievement immortalized by the inscription "Tom, Jeff, Eric, Joe, Mark, Tom, I" over the door of the room.

More recently, Eagle Scout Michael Quick painted both the front and back fences, completing the job in September with the cleaning and painting of the historical marker.

A corner cabinet in the dining room was the gift of an alert Historical Society member. "One of our members found this cabinet being thrown out," Auer said as she removed one of the small drawers. A piece of paper glued to the underside of the drawer told the history of the cabinet. "It turns out it was built in 1800," Auer said.

The house contains a number of other curious items. An 1811 musket, one of 700 designed by Eli Whitney, of cotton-gin fame, hangs over the fireplace in the downstairs kitchen area. Weighty waffle and toaster iron — long-handled gadgets that were held over hot coals — and a pair of pincers, used to snip pieces off cones of sugar, were among the utensils typ-

ical of a house of the period. Patched circular holes over the fireplace in the dining room suggest the previous use of a pot-bellied stove.

In the upstairs hall, a handful of documents pertaining to Nath Raby, a half-Cherokee Indian who served in the U.S. Navy, were preserved in a glass case. Raby, who had been aboard the frigate Constitution during the war with Tripoli in 1803, had lived at Cannonball with one of its many families. He died in 1904, at the age of 132.

The floors, all original, all of wide plank and containing their original handmade nails, creak surprisingly little. Some of the building's wood beams, visible in the cellar ceiling, still contain their 1740 tree bark.

But there is work to be done. Although the building's plaster composed of local mud, ground oyster shells and deer or cow hair — has lasted well in most instances, the walls and ceiling of one upstairs bedroom are peeling badly.

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Items reported missing from township vehicles

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Motor vehicle burglaries have become fairly common in Springfield over the past few weeks, and not all of them are happening on Route 22.

According to police reports, recent thefts include two from Laying Terrace. A cellular phone and a wallet containing numerous credit cards and a Social Security card were taken in an incident Nov. 3, with a black leather hooded coat valued at \$499, sunglasses, compact discs and credit cards allegedly taken from the other vehicle, which was reported as unlocated.

On Silver Court, numerous tools reportedly were taken from three different vehicles on Nov. 2. A Rahway resident lost a tool belt containing various hand tools, valued at \$400. A Carteret resident discovered a tool bag, an AMP volt meter, hand tools, screw gun and drill to be missing. The victim estimated the loss at around \$3,500. A hammer and drill belonging to Sharon Electric of Rahway, valued at \$800, also was stolen.

On Camp Drive, a personal computer carrying case, pager and several dollars in currency were taken. Another burglary resulted in the loss

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B-I-N-G-O



Carol Lukaszewski and pre-kindergarten student Sara play Bingo together at Walton School's Family Game Night in Springfield Oct. 15.

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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 event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to managing editor, Echo Leader, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Saturday
• The Mountainside Public Library presents "Music, Marionettes and More" with puppeteer Dayle Friedman at 2 p.m. For more information call (908) 233-0115.

Sunday
• Dr. Herbert Marvin, board certified in addictions and compulsive disorders, will present the latest information on treating the problem of attention deficit without using Ritalin or other drugs. This program will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The course is free, but reservations are requested. Call (973) 376-7864.
• Nature lovers can join a hike to search for the leftovers from summer's bounty at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, at 2 p.m. Donations are requested.
• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., presents "Winter's Round the Corner," a musical sing-a-long for families and children presented by Jeanne De Podwin, entertainer and educator at 2 p.m.

• Those who wonder about the disappearance of the dinosaurs have the opportunity to learn about the asteroid theory at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, at 2 p.m. This program is for ages 6 and up. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. It also will be presented Nov. 21 and 28.
• Visitors to the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, can discover answers to questions about Earth at 3:30 p.m. This program is for ages 4 to 6 with an adult. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. The same program will be held Nov. 21 and Nov. 28.

Monday
• The Springfield Woman's Club will celebrate its 50th year of service to the community at The Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield, at 1 p.m. For more information call (973) 379-7632.

Tuesday
• The Senior Citizens of Mountainside will have a banquet at the Meadowlands Thoroughbred Racetrack Pegasus. A bus will leave from the Gospel Chapel at 5 p.m. The cost is \$36 per person. To make a reservation call Lorota Buschmann at (908) 232-1404.
• The Mountainside Board of Health will conduct a free rabies clinic from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. which will be offered for the inoculation of cats and dogs. The clinic will be at the Mountainside Fire Station, New Providence Road, Mountainside. No appointments are required.

Wednesday
• The physical demands of the position include walking, bending, stretching and pushing wheelchairs and stretchers.
• All volunteer transporters are required to attend an in-service training session and an evening volunteer orientation.
• For more information, or to apply, call (908) 233-3720, ext. 5379.

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Children's Specialized Hospital treats children and adolescents from birth through 21 years through a network of services for young people with and without disabilities including out-patient services, acute rehabilitation and long-term care through its sites in Mountainside, Fanwood, Toms River, Newark and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 17
• Jewish Women International of Springfield, formerly B'nai B'rith Women, will meet at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at 12:15 p.m.
• The Jonathan Dayton High School PTSO in Springfield will sponsor its annual Bulldog Basket Bonanza at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation and the scholarship fund.
• As part of its Parent Education Night, the Mountainside PTA will present "Smart Discipline — The Positive System that Our Kids Self-motivated to Follow the Rules" at "Doerfield School" at 7 p.m.

Nov. 18
• The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will have the monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall. A program on historical dolls will be given by Barbara Fried.
Nov. 18
• The Mental Health Players, an improvisational volunteer theater group, will perform before members of the Springfield Hadassah Chapter at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

Nov. 19
• Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., will celebrate Intergenerational Shabbat with a special Klezmer service at 2 p.m. For more information call the temple office at (973) 379-3387.

Nov. 21
• Visitors can help volunteers free trees at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, at 2 p.m. Tools and gloves will be provided for children ages 6 and up to unwrap the cold stems of the Oriental bittersweet wood from young trees. This program is free.
• Families can learn how to find planets among the stars and which constellations are visible in autumn at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, at 3:30 p.m. Each family will get a fall sky map to take home.

Nov. 22
• At 7 p.m., the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will offer a free workshop for parents: The FANS Project — Families Achieving the New Standards in Math Science and Technology Education. Registration is suggested but not required. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Ongoing
• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines with one year's date.
For more information call (973) 376-4930.

NEWS CLIPS

PTSO holds fund-raiser for Project Graduation

The Jonathan Dayton High School PTSO in Springfield will sponsor its annual Bulldog Basket Bonanza Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Various theme baskets, restaurant and store gift certificates and hand-made items have been donated as prizes. Proceeds of this event will benefit Project Graduation and the scholarship fund.
Admission is \$10 and includes sandwiches, dessert, coffee, tea and soda. Tickets will be on sale at the high school from Nov. 4 to Nov. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.
For more information call Sandy at (973) 467-8465 or Lisa at (973) 564-8827.

Borough Board of Health holds rabies clinic

The Mountainside Board of Health will conduct a free rabies clinic from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, which will be offered for the inoculation of both cats and dogs. The clinic will be held at the Mountainside Fire Station, New Providence Road, Mountainside. No appointments are required.
The public should follow some simple preventative measures to limit the possibility of exposure to rabies. These include the following:
• Make certain that all cats and dogs are vaccinated against rabies.
• Do not leave family pets outdoors overnight nor feed animals outdoors.
• Avoid contact with all wild animals.
• Discuss with children not to bring home pet or attempt to "help" a sick wild animal.
If bitten by any animal, contact a physician immediately and contact the Westfield/Mountainside Regional Health Department at (908) 789-4070 to report the incident.

Foreign films continue at Springfield Library

The 1997 Italian film "The Best Man" will be shown at the Springfield Free Public Library Nov. 18 at noon and 7 p.m.
In "The Best Man," director Pupi Avati takes a charming, whimsical look at marriage Italian-style exactly a century ago. A headstrong beauty reluctantly weds a wealthy elder she despises to save her financially-strapped family.
During the ceremony, she spots the younger, handsome best man and silently directs her wedding vows to him instead. Part 1930s-style comedy and part study of premarital society's restrictions on women, the film delights with enticing, sepia-toned cinematography and attention to elaborate period marriage rituals.
The next film in this series, "A Friend of the Deceased," Russian, 1998, will be shown Dec. 16 at noon and 7 p.m.

Funding for this series has been made possible in part by the New Jersey Council of the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. It is also funded in part by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.
Admission is free to all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. The Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Library hosts classics

The Springfield Free Public Library's Luncheon Video series, "Hollywood Classics: Old & New," published a list of upcoming events. The series continues at noon on the following Tuesdays of every other week as follows:
• Nov. 23 — "The Devil at 4 o'clock," 1961.
• Dec. 7 — "Gandhi," 1982.
• Dec. 21 — "A River Runs Through It," 1992.
• Jan. 4, 2000 — "Philadelphia," 1994.
• Jan. 18 — "Ghost of Mississippi," 1996.
• Feb. 1 — "As Good as It Gets," 1997.
• Feb. 15 — "My Best Friend's Wedding," 1998.
Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The Springfield Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.
For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Seniors organize events

The senior citizens of Springfield are alive and well meeting on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The group will sponsor a trip on Dec. 13 titled "City Lights." Participants can enjoy dinner in Little Italy, a three-hour tour of the festive lights and a visit to Ferrara's Bakery. The cost is \$65 for each person. All tips and taxes are included.
For more information call Charlotte Faigenbaum at (973) 379-5241.

Library seeks donations

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines with one year's date.

Volunteers are needed to aid hospital's kids

Children's Specialized Hospital is seeking volunteers, ages 18 and older, to transport patients between therapy appointments within the hospital's Mountainside site.
These "Internal Transporters" are needed between 8:15 and 11:30 a.m. or 12:15 and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
The duties and responsibilities of Internal Transporters include transporting children, ages one month through 21 years, to their assigned therapists within the hospital in a safe and simple manner.

The physical demands of the position include walking, bending, stretching and pushing wheelchairs and stretchers.
All volunteer transporters are required to attend an in-service training session and an evening volunteer orientation.
For more information, or to apply, call (908) 233-3720, ext. 5379.

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Department adjusts to new cameras

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Firefighters in Springfield are having their jobs made safer and a little easier, bit by bit.

The department recently received its second thermal imaging camera. Used to detect hot spots and human body heat under heavy smoke conditions, the camera was acquired through a grant of \$15,000 presented by Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Foole at the October 26 meeting of the Springfield Township Committee.

"This is a practical application by the state," Mayor Gregory Clarke said as he accepted the check, which also included \$200,000 toward improvements involving the Rahway River. "Thermal imaging cameras could result in the saving of a life."

"It's designed to find victims," said Chief William Gras of the Argus 2 camera. Somewhat similar in appearance to a video camera, with hand straps on either side, the camera is light weight. Areas of high temperature are identified as bright forms in its large black-and-white viewfinder. The camera can detect slight variations in temperature, and is sensitive enough to register areas of recent human contact, such as hand prints.

The camera was recently used for a victim search at a large fire at a Newbrook Lane residence Oct. 22. "We ordinarily do two victim searches during a fire," Gras said. "The first when we get there, and the secondary search after we get the fire under control."

The department's first camera, also an Argus 2, acquired in a lease-purchase agreement, got its start as the result of an incident at the warehouse of the National Educational Music Company.

Springfield answered the call to NEMC's warehouse, judiciously contacting the Union Fire Department, owners of a thermal imaging camera, for assistance. Use of Union's camera prevented firefighters from breaking down or punching holes in walls in NEMC's building. The grateful owners subsequently kicked off the department's fundraising campaign with a \$500 donation.

"The camera helps us to reduce damage by not opening walls," Gras said. "It's a tremendous aid. But if there's any doubt at all, you still have to open the walls. You can't be totally dependent on the camera."

Technology on the Argus 2,



The Argus 2 thermal imaging camera aids fire and rescue personnel to see through dense smoke and darkness. The CRT screen displays an image in a rectangular format, providing information such as remaining battery life and over-temperature warning.

according to Gras, is improved over the first Argus model in its ability to handle heat sources up close. "The first Argus was a good camera, but when you got really close to a heat source, the image would white-out and the camera would take about five seconds to reset," Gras said. "On the Argus 2, that doesn't happen."

The Argus 2 also offers a flame resistant, flexible visor which shields the firefighter from incoming smoke and ambient light.

Gras described his fund drive to complete the purchase of the first camera as "half-way there." On Thursday night, Gras will collect another gift from a private benefactor. His decision to "go lease-purchase" on the first camera was the result of

wanting "to get the camera in service right away."

Gras said he also expects to do some fund-raising for a video hook-up, which would cost about another \$3,500. The hook-up would permit the incident commander to monitor the situation from the outside.

But before the monitor, Gras said his priority is to get a third camera. Legislation for \$7.5 million, for the acquisition of thermal imaging cameras, was recently passed by Gov. Christie Whitman. The intent, according to Gras, is to get at least one camera for each community in New Jersey. Population and geographic size of the service area will then determine which communities receive funding for additional cameras. The Division of Fire Safety will administer the funding.

Sha'arey Shalom holds Klezmer Sabbath

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will celebrate Inter-generational Shabbat with a special Klezmer service on Nov. 19 at 8 p.m.

Cantor Amy Daniels and the Temple Adult and Junior Choirs accompanied by brass, drums, clarinet and violin will lead the service composed by Joseph Bowen. This special service is underwritten by the Lynn Deitz Memorial Concert Fund.

Bowen's Klezmer service, contains rousing toe-tapping renditions of some of the prayers, as well as soulful and melodic refrains which will let the congregation hear and sing prayers in a way that is both innovative and familiar. These melodies will continue to be enjoyed and sung as a part of the service throughout the year.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Jewish music and the Intergenerational. For more information call the temple office at (973) 379-8387.



Donning construction hats and shovels, from left, are Union County Freeholder Linda Stender, President of the Henry H. Kessler Foundation Kenneth W. Altchison, Executive Director of New Jersey Connect, Inc. Elissa Sanaman, former Springfield Mayor Marsha Forman, Springfield Township Committee member Clara Harelitz, Township Attorney Bruce Bergen and Springfield Mayor Greg Clarke. They are shown at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Freeman Apartments.

House for disabled has special features

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you have in your mission statement. You have to adhere to your philosophy in your approach."

Funding and support for the Freeman Apartments has come from every level of government. From the federal level, the Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded \$1,170,200 and

an accompanying 40-year operating subsidy to provide housing for people of low income. The state of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs provided \$50,000 in pre-development funds. Union County HOME Funds awarded the project \$546,700. Last, but not least, the Township of Springfield made the land available to New

Jersey Connect through a 50-year lease.

"We find ourselves in a society that is not prepared to answer the needs of physically disabled individuals in an appropriate way," Clarke said. "Elissa and her board have fought telephone call by telephone call, which has led us to this ground breaking."

Locked doors are key to safety

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of a cellular phone and charger.

Two thefts were allegedly occurred on Cotler Avenue Oct. 20. A car stereo, valued at \$300, reportedly was taken from one vehicle, and a \$200 stereo, along with a wallet containing \$21 in cash, a driver's license and credit cards, was stolen from another. A 1989 Ford Probe, owned by a Summit resident, also was reported stolen from Cotler Avenue.

The same day, on Brown Avenue,

another burglary resulted in damage to a driver's side door lock and a compact disc player. A 1985 Pontiac, owned by a Roselle resident, also was reportedly stolen from Brown Avenue white, on Elmwood Road, a cellular phone and early warning radar detector were taken from another car.

According to Springfield police, the thefts, which have occurred mostly after midnight, are "not uncommon," especially in cooler weather, when house windows are closed and

residents are unable to hear strangers moving around on the street.

"The crimes have been identified as 'probably related,' since there has been a tendency for them to occur within similar time periods. According to one officer, who wished to remain anonymous, police have not ruled out local thieves, although access to South Springfield Avenue leaves open the possibility of out-of-town thieves."

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Interactive education

Learning is more than memorizing.

During the Nov. 1 Springfield Board of Education meeting, board members heard proposals for new courses for the 2000-01 school year in the areas of social studies, science and math. These classes not only incorporate the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, but reach far beyond them.

Social studies supervisor Barry Bacheneimer proposed the Institute for Political and Legal Education, an interactive class that would make use of traditional and new media, that would focus on involvement and activism and that would enhance analyzing and critical-thinking skills. His course proposal includes visits by lawyers, politicians and government employees so students can learn how the political process works and discover first-hand all the benefits and limitations that accompany it.

This type of course is what should be offered in all subjects and at all levels. It not only challenges students, but gets them to think about the "why's" and "how's," rather than simply the "who's" and "when's." It is more than memorizing dates and places, but thinking about history and its significance and learning about the political process and who it affects.

The proposed science and math classes, as well, incorporate more thinking and less memorizing. In both areas, students would develop fundamental skills while encompassing a larger scope of the subjects.

Members of the Board of Education should applaud their teachers and supervisors for the creativity and innovation they have demonstrated in these course proposals. It is that type of teacher, and that type of foresight, that will enhance the public education system in Springfield. Courses and faculty like this can make a system great.

We congratulate the teachers and administrators for the time and energy they have spent laboring over these course proposals. Hopefully, members of the Board of Education will vote for their implementation and construct a school system devoted to practical, interactive education.

Holiday honors veterans, peace

Tomorrow, our nation will pause in its routine to celebrate Veterans Day.

Sometime between the Korean and Vietnam wars, the public consciousness in America underwent a metamorphosis, shifting from what had been a relatively unquestioning patriotic support of our fighting troops to a fierce opposition to war, a stance that unfortunately often spilled over to the perception of veterans. As more and more Americans grew to oppose acts of war, so the respect veterans once enjoyed diminished. They, rather than the national leaders who officially waged war, became the scapegoats of anti-war sentimentalists.

No longer seen as the conquering heroes, Vietnam veterans returned to no jubilant welcome. Until recent years, there were no ticker tape parades, no monuments or memorials. Nothing.

This anti-war sentiment has grown since the 1960s, sometimes justifiably so. And with that, the honor once afforded the veterans who fought in these wars has waned considerably. And, in the process, Veterans Day has become something of an overlooked observance, especially among younger citizens who perceive this as a celebration of war.

However, older generations remember this holiday by another name — Armistice Day, as it was originally called when it was instituted to mark the end of World War I. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary defines armistice as a "truce" and a "suspension of hostilities between warring parties."

In that light, it is easy to see this is not a holiday celebrating war, but one commemorating peace — an end to war and the men and women whose service brought it about. It is a reminder of the monumental sacrifice made by all veterans in ensuring peace for our country; a reminder that we all desire peace and abhor the waste and destruction of war.

Veterans Day is an opportunity to celebrate peace, to hold it among the highest of ideals.

And it is a time to honor and thank all the men and women who have given peace a chance.

"If we are not free to pursue the truth wherever it takes us, then democracy becomes shaky for everyone."

—David Lawrence, Jr.
Miami Herald publisher
1996



Photo By Barbara Kikkalis

SAM J. AM — First Union Bank employee Linda Babicz reads Dr. Seuss' 'Oh, the Places You'll Go' to students at Springfield's Caldwell School.

State, district come together for assessments

New Jersey is one of many states that has raised the bar in education. By now, most everyone is aware of New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards and the various state assessments.

These standards, apply across the curriculum. Mathematics, science, social studies and language arts are but a few of the areas that have a minimum content that must be taught by our local school districts. In order to ensure that New Jersey's students are mastering the course work, a series of tests has been developed. The Elementary School Proficiency Assessment, the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment and the High School Proficiency Assessment have become household acronyms. These tests are administered in the fourth-, eighth- and 11th-grades, respectively. Assessment in the fourth- and eighth-grades has been designed as a photograph, intended to portray just how well our students are doing at that particular time in grasping the subject material. Ultimately, our district's administrators and professional teaching staff will have the capability to analyze the evaluation of our children's knowledge.

Superintendent's Report

By Gerard A. Schaller

While we all struggle coming to terms with the three categories our children are scored in — advanced proficient, proficient and partially proficient — a real benefit of the test is unrealized. That is, a detailed reprint of the children's knowledge. Having this information would enable our educators to focus on strengths and weaknesses of the instructional program. Your school board members have been listening to the frustration of our district and the parents of the children of Mountainside.

Several members of the Mountainside Board of Education and myself attended a workshop recently on the state assessment. Hosted by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the guest speaker was Joan London, assistant superintendent of the Berkeley Heights School District.

London is a member of a committee from the New Jersey Association of School Administrators. This group of administrators has been studying

assessment of the standards. Guests at their meetings have included the commissioner, assistant commissioner and representatives from testing, all of the state Department of Education.

The committee's findings are as follows:

- Amount of testing and the sacrifice in instructional program time.
- Limited diagnostic information, if any at all.
- Timeliness of receiving results which severely handicaps planning for changes in the instructional program.
- Disparity of scores which includes questionable scoring methodologies and limited training for scoring performance requirements.
- Limited information on tests to come.

Standards not in agreement with the test content.

Impact on the school day, budget considerations, curriculum and our students.

How does New Jersey School Boards-fit into this picture? School boards also have formed a test committee. Various field representatives — Mountainside's is Carol Larsen — are requesting input from their school

districts. I have written a letter to Larsen outlining my concerns for our district, which are echoed in the issues we heard at the workshop.

Between now and January 2000, representatives will be reporting their findings back to the test committee. A comprehensive policy statement then will be constructed that empowers the Board of Directors of NJSEA to work with the state Department of Education to affect changes.

Raising the bar in education is a good thing. Mountainside believes in setting higher standards and challenging its students. This belief is reflected in our district's Strategic Plan.

What we have discovered and are reporting to you is that the tools needed by our professionals are slowly being forged by the state. We believe that the tools for a meaningful evaluation are forthcoming. After all, the purpose of challenging the students is intended to benefit our children.

Gerard Schaller is chief school administrator for the Mountainside School District.

Freedom's heroes: The American veteran

Each year residents of our town and all across America take time to honor with sadness and pride the memory of the American veterans, especially those who died to protect those freedoms we so cherish today.

I have had the good fortune to have listened to my own father's experiences as a World War II veteran and medic. Growing up, I was always in awe and so proud of my dad whenever I saw his Purple Hearts, many pictures of war-torn Europe, listened to the stories of his personal horror of that terrible war.

I have also had the great honor to meet many Springfield veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm and learn as well about their tales of war. The one abiding thought that I believe is so important is to make sure each and every one of their stories is heard, written down or recorded or just told to the next generation. It is so important to not forget the brave deeds that ordinary citizens



took to protect us and future generations.

The veterans in our town like the traveler in one of Robert Frost's poems lived in a time where courage and patriotism forged them to take the road less traveled and seek out difficult and unknown challenges for our country. You can be assured that each and every veteran had a fire that burned throughout the night, working very hard, coming face to face with pain and fear to do what's right for us.

As in the poem by Dylan Thomas, the American veteran chose to not go gently into that good night and instead

look action to rage, rage against the dying of the light. They fought hard to protect those sacred freedoms today we take for granted.

As I look at the history of the world wars and see the sweeping cemeteries in Europe, Asia and at Arlington, I cannot help but recall well the words of John Donne that "no man is an island unto himself, every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." The fruits of their labor and sacrifice worked for the greater good and stamp out evil and create for future generations a life without fear and to improve our quality of life.

So as we celebrate the good things about Springfield and our local veterans, remember the sense of honor, duty and allegiance to America that they represent. Let us remember for all time the good things they have done for all of us.

As many of our older veterans get on in life, I hope they will continue to

deposit for all time in the memories of our children and our children's children the horror of war as well as the courage and beliefs which guided them in those conflicts.

On Nov. 11 and on every day of our lives, remember what our Springfield veterans did for America. The poet Tennyson best expressed the value of one person to a society: "It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles, and see the great Achilles whom we knew. Though much is taken, much abides; and though we are 'not slow the strength which in old days moved earth and heaven, that which we are we are — one equal Temper of heroic hearts, strong in will to strive, to seek, to find and not yield!"

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will always remember!

Roy Hirschfeld is a member of the Springfield Township Committee.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Officers should have counseling

To the Editor:

In my capacity as chief law enforcement officer of Union County, I am required to address issues of concern relating to members of the law enforcement community.

I am writing about a concern which emanated from a recently-conducted survey among the municipalities in Union County. The purpose of the survey was to determine which municipalities provided employee assistance programs to law enforcement officers within the county. Many do offer such programs, but many of our municipalities do not.

The programs that are provided throughout the county provide law enforcement officers — and in some cases, their families — with confidential assessments and counseling for emotional and mental health problems relating to family and marital difficulties, alcohol and substance abuse and other stress-related conditions.

Within the last 12 months, three law enforcement officers in Union County

took their lives. These tragic incidents clearly evidence what has been determined through many studies, i.e., susceptible to long-term psychological symptoms emanating from their job experiences. These symptoms include severe depression, unexplained illnesses and feedbacks to traumatic events. In many instances, the officers who are confronted with these think that it will be viewed as "weakness" and that their seeking assistance will adversely impact their career.

They are also concerned about the cost for counseling and treatment. The key to dispelling these fears and concerns lies in the provision of a confidential assistance program without cost or at a minimum cost to the officer.

When governing bodies consider how taxpayer dollars should be expended, I believe they should consider the invaluable service that law enforcement officers provide to our communities, the incumbent and unfortunate stress that arises out of the performance of those duties and the essential need for available assistance programs.

Thomas V. Manahan
Union County Prosecutor

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"The daylight."



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"Daylight — definitely."



Joyce DeLorenzo

"I like it the way it is."

Comparison shopping important for elections

America has become dramatically commercialized, and so has the race for president.

I am certain that I am not the first person to contend this, but I will say that our consumer-oriented culture does a world of good in this area. After all, we live in a market economy based on capitalism, where the consumer is granted vast choices in financial investment and retail spending. The intense magnitude of choice has led people to be more particular about what is just right for them.

Money becomes money well spent. Why shouldn't we feel the same way about our president? For instance, companies such as the Consumers Union, which publishes Consumer Reports magazine to educate buyers on what computer or microwave or mutual fund to purchase, are wide in influence. Also, websites like CNET and Priceline compare specifications and prices of thousands of products for the Internet customer.

These watchful eyes supposedly help us make wiser choices for our hard-earned dollars. Now, our tax dollars are at stake, as well as a host of other national issues, as the presidency has been transformed into a point and click operation.

Through the website SelectSmart.com, you have the opportunity to answer questions on public policy matters based on your own personal positions. Your answers are then matched with a candidate who best corresponds to your political and social beliefs.

SelectSmart makes the campaign process simple and painless with the click of a few buttons, and without going into too much detail. Important policy issues such as abortion, affirmative action, crime, defense spending, drug policy, education and the environment are included in the survey. The site also asks for opinions on drug use by the candidate, moral

Point of View

By Adam Lieb

issues and the teaching of evolution versus creation.

This being the first presidential election in which I am eligible to vote, I have declared that I will take on the responsibility of being an educated swing voter. Therefore, I have been actively reading newspaper articles on the various candidates, checking out their websites and listening to people's opinions of them.

Incidentally, campaign websites are increasingly intricate and comprehensive, some of which provide records of contributions, biographies, photo galleries, texts of speeches and more. All of this for a small but growing percent of the population who even uses the Internet.

One might call this comparison shopping, and it is. Such decision-making is not a new phenomenon, though it has been enhanced by computer technology. I am doubtful that anyone is going to make a final decision on who to vote for in the presidential election purely as a result of a website, but the SelectSmart indicator can narrow down the field, confirm who has been personally selected already, or suggest false assumptions.

The positive aspect to a SelectSmart system is that it encourages independent thinking to supplement the technology used in making the match. Site users are forced to contemplate, though broadly, their thoughts on significant matters of private and national interest before a computation can even be completed.

And, once a candidate is selected to meet the user's needs, some rationalization process must accompany the

disclosure. Questions like, "How is this candidate going to achieve the goals I believe in?" and "Do I really feel that the candidate has the resources to accomplish the goals?" and "What do I feel about the candidate's personality?" are debated before a final choice is made.

To borrow words from U.S. Assistant Surgeon General Dr. Susan Blumenthal, whom I had the pleasure to hear at a forum during her term at Brandeis University, a person can be given information, but it is up to the individual to integrate it. In other words, using SelectSmart as an exam-

ple, someone else programs in the information which we in turn relate to our own situations for a truly informed choice to be made.

Simplifying the selection process in a culture of seemingly infinite choices and comparison shopping is a huge benefit. The challenge is to avoid letting the computer do all of the thinking.

A resident of Springfield, Adam Lieb is a junior at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. He is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

Hadassah chapter gets dose from Mental Health Players

The Mental Health Players, an improvisational volunteer theater group, will perform before members of the Springfield Hadassah Chapter Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahim, Springfield.

The performers, part of the Mental Health Association in New Jersey, seek to increase public awareness and understanding of mental health issues, according to chapter co-presidents Irene Chotiner and Dorothea Schwartz.

The volunteer thespians — without costumes, spotlights, scenery or props — move onto a bare stage and perform without a script to educate the public about mental health issues. Eleanor Kuperstein, program vice chairperson, said. The program begins with a narrative describing the issue to the audience.

After the scene concludes, the narrator stops the action and invites the audience to interact with the players who respond to audience questions, Kuperstein said. The narrator then summarizes the solutions and comments offered by the audience.

The goal of the Mental Health Players program is to help individuals gain awareness and real understanding of how problems begin or how they can be resolved and how immediate help within their community can be found. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Hadassah is not only the nation's largest women's volunteer group, with more than 300,000 members, but it also is the largest Jewish organization in this country and the largest Zionist group in the world, co-presidents Schwartz and Chotiner said.

Among its many roles, Hadassah supports two major research hospitals and a college of technology in Israel and job training and resettlement for thousands of persons who emigrate to that country.

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FANS Project scheduled for Springfield parents

On Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will offer a free workshop for parents: The FANS Project — Families Achieving the New Standards in Math, Science and Technology Education.

Its goals are to inform parents about the standards in mathematics, science and technology adopted by the New Jersey state Board of Education in May 1996 to involve parents in helping their children reach the standards and to encourage parents to support the local implementation of the standards.

The 95-minute FANS workshop involves a 35-minute videotape, shown in three segments. The video conveys to parents the following key messages: high achievable expectations are appropriate for their children, New Jersey's standards set high expectations for all children and parents can help their children achieve these high standards.

Between segments of the videotape, parents will complete hands-on activities similar to those their children will be doing in their classrooms. These activities reinforce the video's messages and provide parents with direct experiences of the kinds of activities that will be taking place in schools as the standards are implemented.

Take-home materials provide additional information about the standards and include math, science and technology activities that can be done at home.

The FANS Project is a three-year parent outreach project sponsored by the New Jersey Mathematics Coalition and funded by the National Science Foundation.

This workshop will be in the Springfield Library Meeting Room. Registration is suggested but not required. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Willing to share?



Mountainside resident Jeremy Henik, 10, was crowned at the pie-eating contest at the Jersey Jazz by the Lake Festival in Echo Lake Park recently. Henik emerged from a blueberry pie to claim first place in round one. He received a \$25 gift certificate to Toys R Us.

Expert to present treatment information at the Springfield Free Public Library

Dr. Herbert Marvin, board certified in addictions and compulsive disorders, will present the latest information on treating the problem of attention deficit without using Ritalin or other drugs. This program will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

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First-grade trip



Lincoln-Hubbard School first-grader Rose Cromwell reads while visiting the Summit Free Public Library Nov. 3. Pat Obst, head of the Children's Department, gave the first-graders a tour and read some stories.

Women artists 'tell' their three stories

Beginning Sunday, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will be hosting an exhibition titled "3 Artists — 3 Stories." There will be a reception Sunday at the center at 68 Elm St., Summit, from 2 to 5 p.m. that is free and open to the public. The exhibition continues through Jan. 16, 2000.

NICVA will also be hosting a panel discussion with the three artists Dec. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. The panel discussion will feature slides and statements by the artists about their work and will conclude with a question-and-answer period. This event is also free and open to the public.

These three women artists present their unique voices, informed by their lives as they live them. One can infer from their personal statements about their work how strongly they are affected by their responses to their own histories and those of their ancestors.

Nancy Cohen is primarily a sculptor who also works with paper. She states that "my work is a mix of meanings and a kind of balancing act because it reflects my life and my experience of it."

She talks about a jumping-off point, a "small, blue vase that I took from my grandmother's house after she went into a nursing home" and how this becomes part of the "stream of consciousness that led to the sculpture 'Anklet.'"

Key Walker-Stick describes her work in this manner: "My paintings are made in a rather thin oil paint, very juicy, using figure and landscape often with an abstract shape or shapes. . . Everything that we are — our genes, our culture, our heritage, our gender, our physical configuration, our education, our era, our roles in life — informs our art. I was raised by my white mother to think of myself as a Cherokee, although we lived in a white Protestant culture."

Bisa Washington is a sculptor and mixed-media artist who uses "weaving, and traditionally decorative media to create . . . abstract structures." She states that "African and Oceanic art are a source of constant inspiration. Masks, decorative embellishments, costumes and performance are the subject of my images. Many of the sculptures are inspired by the ritual art and religion of the Yoruba people of West Africa."

This exhibit presents works revolving around private and personal cultures, cultures that rise to become part of the public's collective culture. All of which in turn may give one time to pause and reflect on the inferences.

Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local artists, New Jersey Center for Visual Arts has evolved into a major regional art center with a full-scale art school taught by award-winning faculty members. There are two interior galleries and an outdoor exhibition space/sculpture garden. NICVA is the largest of the state's art centers specifically devoted to contemporary art. Programs include "Artists with Disabilities," docented tours, lectures, demonstrations, art trips, workshops and other activities.

The Center is open Mondays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The non-profit New Jersey Center for Visual Arts is wheelchair-accessible and is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Oak Knoll graduates named AP Scholars

Several area residents, who were 1999 graduates of Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement examinations. They are Christina Tien of Springfield; Victoria Ford, Millicent Ford, and Lisa King of Chatham; and Maureen Ellinwood of Short Hills.

AP examinations, which students take in May after completing college-level courses in high schools, are graded on a 5-point scale. Students may receive a year of college credit if they achieve qualifying grades.

Ellinwood merited the AP Scholar With Distinction Award by earning scores of 3 or above on five or more AP exams. Ellinwood, who is attending Dartmouth, is the daughter of Charles and Rosemary Ellinwood of Short Hills.

The three other students earned the AP Scholar Award, receiving scores of 3 or above on three or more AP exams.

King, who is attending Villanova University, is the daughter of John and Barbara King of Chatham, and Millicent and Victoria Ford are the daughters of Stephen and Mary Ford of Chatham. They are both freshmen at Brown University.

Tien is attending Cornell University and is the daughter of Avo Ozo of Springfield.

Kent Place students earn honors on tests

Kent Place senior Ayirini Fonsosa-Sabune of Newark was named a Semi-Finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program, along with two of her classmates. Thirteen seniors were recognized as Commended Students under the National Merit Scholarship Program, and two other seniors received commendations from the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

Fonsosa-Sabune, who took the PSAT as a junior last spring, was among an elite group of approximately 15,000 students nationwide who achieved semi-finalist status. Semi-finalists are eligible to advance to Finalist standing, a prerequisite for a National Merit Scholarship Award.

Ayirini Fonsosa-Sabune, Morinokiki Adebayo of Hillside, and Jihan Quail of West Orange were among the 1,500 top scoring students, — or over 100,000 who took the 1998 PSAT/NMSQT — named Semi-Finalists, who were designated on a regional representation basis, are the highest-scoring entrants in the states that make up their geographic region.

These three seniors now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for over 700 Achievement Scholarship awards that will be offered next spring for college undergraduate study.

Senior Andrea de Vries of East Orange and Alisha Matorola of Bayonne were among 3,300 black students being commended to U.S. colleges and universities by the National Achievement Scholarship Program. These students scored in the top 5 percent of over 100,000 black students who took the 1998 PSAT/NMSQT.

STUDENT UPDATE

Thirteen seniors have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program for their exceptional academic promise. These students placed among the top five percent of more than 1 million students who entered the year 2000 Merit Program by taking the 1998 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Among the Commended

Students were Jennifer LaRosa of Union.

Seton Hall awards AP exam achievers

Five students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars

include Joseph Fanning, of Springfield, a National Merit Finalist, attending Boston College and Michael Quirk, of Springfield, attending Rutgers College.

Fifteen recent graduates of Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement.

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OBITUARIES

Herman O. Miska

Herman O. Miska, 87, of Lakewood, formerly of Mountaintide, died Nov. 1 in the Fountain View Care Center, Lakewood. Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Miska lived in Mountaintide and Irvington before moving to Lakewood. He was a merchandising agent with Abbott Dairies, Newark, for 27 years and retired 22 years ago. Mr. Miska was a life member and volunteer at Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Browns Mills. Surviving are two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

City before moving to Mountaintide 25 years ago. She was a member of Hadassah and the B'nai B'rith Women, both of Westfield. Mrs. Gordon studied voice at the Juilliard School of Music and the Manhattan School of Music for many years. Surviving is her mother, Jeanne Scher.

Joseph Fertig

Joseph Fertig of Summit died Nov. 6 at home. Born in Poland, Mr. Fertig lived in

Irvington and Maplewood before moving to Summit seven years ago. He was the proprietor of A and J Food Market, Irvington, before retiring. Mr. Fertig was a Holocaust survivor. He was a member of the Summit Jewish Center and an associate of Hadassah. Surviving is his wife, Lillian.

Ruth Bilwise

Ruth Bilwise of Mountaintide died Nov. 5 in the Manor Health Care Center Facility, Mountaintide. Born in Newark, Mrs. Bilwise lived in Elizabeth before moving to Mountaintide 45 years ago. She was employed by the Newark Board of Education as a teacher until 1955. Mrs. Bilwise graduated from New Jersey State Teachers College, Newark, with a bachelor of arts degree in education. She was a member of the Hadassah and B'nai B'rith, both of Westfield, and a charter member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum of Washington, D.C. Surviving are her husband, Daniel; a son, Dr. Donald Bilwise; a brother, Dr. William Offenkrantz; and a grandchild.

LIFESTYLE

City's Chase selected for Women's Fund

Summit resident Susan Chase, of the city's Resource Center for Women, has been selected to serve as chair of the Nominating Committee for the Women's Fund of New Jersey. The consortium of women's organizations has reorganized its leadership to begin a more targeted campaign to secure work-force funding for member programs that benefit New Jersey's women and families. The four-year-old WFNJ will be headed by Livingston-based corporate attorney and partner of Fox and Fox LLP, Nancy C. McDonald. "Our 16 member organizations provide vital services to New Jersey women and their families," McDonald said. "WFNJ works to secure a stable source of funding, through corporate check-offs and other donations, to enable our member organizations to improve the quality of lives for women in the state. Now we need the corporate community to expand its participation in our funding lifeline."

Shirley Schaible

Shirley Schaible, 79, of Springfield, formerly of Roselle, died Nov. 3 in Elizabeth General Medical Center, Elizabeth. Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Schaible lived in Roselle for 62 years before moving to Springfield in 1992. She worked at the Roselle Public Library for 37 years and retired as director in October. Prior to that, Mrs. Schaible had been the assistant director of the library. She was chairman of the United Way of Roselle from 1970 through 1972 and was a member of the Vestry and St. Faith's Group of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Roselle. Surviving are two sons, David W. and Gary N.; a daughter, Constance S. Marshall; and four grandchildren.

Guglielmo M. Finis

Guglielmo Mario Finis, 56, of Summit died Nov. 4 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Italy, Mr. Finis came to the United States in 1969 and settled in Summit. He was a chef with the Villa Restaurant, Summit, for 20 years. Mr. Finis also worked as a custodian at the Roberts School in New Providence for the past 10 years. Surviving are his wife, Adele; a daughter, Maria Teresa; three brothers, Alfredo, Ilano and Joseph, and two sisters, Melina and Jesulmina.

Barbara Gordon

Barbara Gordon of Mountaintide died Nov. 4 in Overlook Hospital. Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Gordon lived in Connecticut and New York

Advertisement for Summit YMCA. Text: "We're now ready to serve you... Our newly expanded state-of-the-art facility is open and ready to offer you full service fitness options... Join now and save! Sign up as an individual or Family member before December 1 & save up to \$75 on the joining fee!" Includes address: Summit YMCA, 67 Maple Street (906) 273-3330.

Advertisement for Pingry A Coeducational K-12 Country Day School. Text: "Come See For Yourself Why We Are So Proud of Our School OPEN HOUSE... Quality Education In A Caring Community". Includes contact information for Summit Hills Campus and Martinsville Campus.

Large advertisement for Thanksgiving Ham or Turkey. Features a coupon for a free ham or turkey, a list of participating merchants, and a "WIN your" graphic. Merchants include Summit Brick Oven Pizza, Budget Rent-A-Car, Cards Galore, Florez Tobacconist, Foodtown of Springfield, Fuscò Bros., Harquail Bros., Hersh's Hearing Aid Center, Merle Norman Cosmetics, Mountaintide Deli, Neuman & Schindler Opticians, Quick Mart, Stahl-Del-Duca Florist, Summit Food Market, Summit Texaco, Summit Car Wash & Detail Center, Thompson Sporting Goods, and Trost Bake Shop.



Below, the Hutchings Homestead, commonly known as the Cannonball House, rests on Morris Avenue in Springfield. Workers in 1924 discovered a cannonball left over from the Battle of Springfield. It had been fired in 1780 and became embedded in the west wall. Left, Elaine Auer, vice president of the Springfield Historical Society and her husband, Don, pause in the gardens during a tour of the house. The Historical Society has occupied the building since 1955.



Kitchen utensils are removed, residents face assault charges

Springfield
Springfield residents Robert McIntosh, 86, and Margarita McIntosh, 38, were arrested Oct. 30 and charged with simple assault.
As a condition of bail set by the judge, various items have been removed from the McIntosh home: a set of five knives and one sharpener in a wood block, one Asian butcher knife, one large 6-inch fork, eight assorted knives and one baseball bat, painted half black.
Edna Smith, 34, of Newark, was arrested at Staples on eastbound Route 22 and charged with attempted theft by deception and forgery on Nov. 1. According to reports from the Springfield Police Department, Smith's aliases include Dolores Greene, Roxanne Irving, Tonya Smith and Roselyn Greene.
A Springfield resident reported a car stolen from behind the Troy Apartment Complex Monday. The car contained some shoes, a shirt, compact discs, two umbrellas and a case of Diet Coke.
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POLICE BLOTTER

Route 22 reported \$11,768.89 in software merchandise missing on Nov. 3, after they took an inventory.
• Adrie Thom, 23, and Michael Casey McNair, 18, were arrested and charged with marijuana possession and distribution Nov. 3.
• Several motor vehicle thefts also were reported Nov. 3. A wallet reportedly was taken from a car parked at Bally's on Route 22; two cars allegedly were entered on Laying Terrace, resulting in the theft of a cellular phone, wallet, leather coat and credit cards. Several more items, including a personal computer carrying case, were taken from a vehicle on Kemp Drive.
• A Forest Drive resident left a table and chair out to dry on the front lawn after painting them, resulting in the reported theft of both on Oct. 31. A Mountain Avenue resident told police she believed her boyfriend stole her cat. According to the

woman, the boyfriend had threatened to take the cat during an argument.
Mountaineer
• Keith Briggs of Mountaineer was stopped by members of the Mountaineer Police Department for driving erratically on Evergreen Court Saturday and was found to be driving while intoxicated.
• Pernell Parham of East Orange was stopped on eastbound Route 22 Friday for a cracked taillight and having his lights out. Further investigation revealed him to be a suspended and uninsured driver. His vehicle also was unregistered. He was held on \$250 bail.
• Irvington resident Ronald Garrett was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated Nov. 4. Further investigation revealed him to be in possession of crack cocaine, with the intent to distribute. He also had an outstanding criminal warrant out of Essex County. Tianna Carnegie, of Newark, was a passenger in Garrett's car. She was charged with possession of crack cocaine, with the intent to distribute.

Driver uses car despite vehicle fire

The Shop Rite on Morris Turnpike was the site of a small car fire Friday. The vehicle, parked in the store lot, had its passenger area completely clouded with smoke. Members of the Springfield Fire Department broke the side window to gain entry and used a foam extinguisher to extinguish the fire. Damage was limited to a small part of the seat and the console, which was partially melted.
Department personnel determined that the fire may have been caused by an ash tray, situated near the console area, which contained a number of ashes. Although able to be driven, the firefighters attempted to discourage the owner from using the vehicle because of glass shards on the seat as the result of the broken window. The owner decided to drive the car away.
• Report of a car fire on westbound Route 78 actually turned out to be a blown engine Saturday. Splashed motor oil was absorbed by the department with Speedy-dry. No injuries were reported.

FIRE BLOTTER

A spill from a motor vehicle accident was handled at 5:54 p.m. There were two medical service calls on the day.
• One stove problem, a motor vehicle accident at intersection of Route 22 and Padem Road and a smoke condition in a Mountain Avenue basement all were handled Nov. 3.

There was one medical service call that day.
• A call for an extinguished stove fire was answered Nov. 2. Calls for one motor vehicle accident, two activated alarms and two medical emergencies also were placed.
• The department responded to a Warner Avenue residence on a report of an odor Nov. 1.
• Two medical service calls were answered.

Rescue Squad has open house

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad will hold an open house Nov. 17, 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 20 from noon to 5 p.m. The squad is located at 10 North Trivet Ave., across from Springfield's Town hall.
Visitors and potential volunteers will have the opportunity to see the ambulances and meet squad members. Demonstrations of equipment and skills will take place, as well as blood pressure screenings and first aid tips.
Membership information and refreshments will be available. Children are welcome.

Repairs necessary for preservation

(Continued from Page 1)
In 1994, the architectural firm of David-V. Abramson and Associates issued an extensive conditions assessment in which the wood-framed post-and-beam structure and floors were identified as being badly in need of work. Quotes from the Abramson

Spencer Tracy featured at township library

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its Lunchtime Video series "Hollywood Classics: Old & New" with "The Devil at 4 p.m., 1961, 125 mins. This program is planned for Nov. 23 at noon."
In "The Devil at 4 p.m.," Spencer Tracy teams up with Frank Sinatra in an action-packed drama set in the South Pacific. A seaplane lands on the island of Talua to unload three criminals — including Harry, Frank

report were submitted to the Springfield Township Committee on Oct. 12, as part of the 1999 Community Development Block Grant Program.

Sinatra, — plus a young priest who has come to succeed aging, Spencer Tracy as Father Doonan. When an earthquake and volcanic eruption strike Talua, Father Doonan persuades Harry to parachute with him into the mountains on a daring rescue mission to an isolated hospital. The party, mostly children, is menaced by landslides, forest fires and flowing lava as they make their way to safety. Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The Springfield Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

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Business of the year



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The Springfield Chapter of the Union County Chamber of Commerce dinner chair Andrea Karsian, left, program co-chair Pat Paolella, Outback Steakhouse's Ed Young, program co-chair Ron Kravitz and Township Committeeman Sy Mullman celebrate the awarding of Outback Steakhouse as Springfield's business of the year Oct. 27.

Winter is around the corner at the library

On Sunday at 2 p.m. the Springfield Free Public Library will present "Winter's Round the Corner," a musical sing-a-long for families and children, presented by Jeanne De Podwin, entertainer and educator.

In this 45-minute program, suitable for 3-year-olds and older, the children make music along with De Podwin on guitar. The children will try rhythm instruments — maracas bells, tambourines, jingle sticks and tom-toms — and other instruments from different countries. Thanksgiving, seasonal songs and folk ditties provide the vocals, with a special guest appearance of Petty the Puppet, the maestro of sing-a-long.

The program is sponsored by the Springfield TV Cable Committee and through the Springfield Free Public Library. The program is free and open to all. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

Woman's Club celebrates 50 years

The Springfield Woman's Club will celebrate its 50th year of service to the community Monday at The Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield at 1 p.m.

All presidents and district chairmen and their guests in the 7th District have been invited. New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club President Carol Hancock, New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club First Vice President Mary Ellen Brock and 7th District Vice President Lois Hawkins will be in attendance. The entertainment for the day will be the "Swinging singing seniors."

Local young artist performs Saturday

Kristin Joham of Mountainside, a junior at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, has been chosen to participate in "A Showcase for Exceptional Young Artists."

The concert, sponsored by Crescent Concerts of Plainfield, will be held on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Watchung Avenue at East Seventh Street in Plainfield.

Joham attends The Juilliard School Pre-College program where she studies French horn and piano. In addition, she studies voice and takes part in the Papermill Playhouse Musical Theatre Workshop.

During summer 1999, Joham was recommended by the Alliance for Arts Education-New Jersey to represent New Jersey at the Kennedy Center/National Symphony Orchestra Summer Music Institute. The one New Jersey fellowship at this prestigious institute offered Joham biweekly lessons with an NSO musician, master classes and seminars with music professionals, as well as participation in the NSO Summer Music Institute Orchestra and in chamber music groups. Upon completion of the Summer Music Institute Joham attended the Tanglewood Music Institute in Lenox, Mass. as a member of the Atlantic Brass Quintet Seminar.

Joham is very active in music in New Jersey and often has performed as a guest artist on French horn and as a vocalist with many organizations in the Tri-State area. She is a member of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, the Westfield Junior Music Club, has performed with the NJPAC Festival Orchestra and is active in the Governor Livingston music department. In 1999, for the second consecutive year, Joham was accepted into three All-State Musical organizations: All-State Band, All-State Chorus and All-State Orchestra.

The concert is open to the public.



Mountainside resident Kristin Joham will perform Saturday at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield. Joham attends The Juilliard School Pre-College program and studies French horn and piano.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Funding for this concert has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. For more information call Joanne Joham at (908) 232-8627 or Crescent Avenue Church at (908) 756-2468.

Deerfield School collects for resources

Mountainside's Deerfield School announces its participation in the 1999-2000 Campbell's Labels for Education Program label collection drive. Members of the community are asked to support Deerfield School's efforts by collecting Campbell's product labels. With these labels, Deerfield can earn valuable educational resources.

Eligible Campbell's products for label collection include the following items: Campbell's soups, beans and juices, Peppercorn Farm products including Goldfish, V8 beverage products, Franco-American pastas and gravies, Prego sauces and Swanson broths and poultry products. Check the individual product labels for information on which part of the package to collect.

Labels will be collected throughout the school year and can be brought to the Deerfield School main office or to the special collection box at the Recreation Office located in Borough Hall. For more information on the Deerfield School Campbell's Labels for Education Program, call Nancy Kinney at (908) 789-8593.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

As of press time Sunday night — this week's deadline moved up a day because of tomorrow's Veteran's Day holiday — it appeared as if as many as five area teams qualified for the state playoffs.

Although unofficial pairings were published in some dailies on Sunday, the official pairings were not to be disclosed until Monday afternoon.

Area teams that will be playing in NJSIAA sectional quarterfinal-round playoff games this weekend include Elizabeth, Union and Linden in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4; Rahway in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3; and Johnson in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2. By now the pairings should be set. Here's a look at the unofficial pairings as published on Sunday, including team records. If there were no changes, then the following NJSIAA sectional quarterfinal-round matchups will take place this weekend:

North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4
 8-Plainfield (5-3) at 1-Union (7-1)
 7-Bloomfield (3-3) at 2-Roxbury (7-1)
 6-Randolph (5-3) at 3-Elizabeth (7-1)
 5-Linden (6-2) at 4-Montclair (7-1)
 North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3
 7-Par. Hills (5-3) at 2-Scotch Plains (7-1)
 6-Morris Hills (5-3) at 3-Rahway (7-1)
 5-West Morris (4-4) at 4-Orange (7-2)
 1-Morristown (8-0) received bye
 North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2
 8-Cranford (4-4) at 1-Hanover Park (8-0)
 7-Johnson (5-3) at 2-Piquanook (9-0)
 6-Monville (5-4) at 3-Mendham (6-2)
 5-West Essex (6-2) at 4-Caldwell (7-1)

Unofficially, half the field in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 comes from the Watchung Conference as Union, Elizabeth, Linden and Plainfield qualified.

Union has won three sectional titles in the 1990s and is the owner of the most in its section with 10. Elizabeth has won the section three times, winning playoff titles in 1988, 1989 and 1997.

Linden has never won North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4, but did win North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 in 1985.

Plainfield has never won a playoff championship. However, the Cardinals did reach the sectional final the past two years, falling at home to Elizabeth 14-7 two years ago and at Giant Stadium to Roxbury 7-6 last year.

Rahway and Johnson have captured playoff championships as well.

The Indians won North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 in 1978, 1979 and 1984, while the Crusaders claimed North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 in 1995.

Last year's champions in North Jersey, Section 2 included:
 Group 4: Roxbury, third seed
 Group 3: Morristown, top seed
 Group 2: Caldwell, top seed
 Group 1: Madison, sixth seed

Area teams that did not qualify for the state playoffs will compete in sectional consolation games this weekend and then conclude their seasons on Thanksgiving.

WEEK EIGHT

Friday, Nov. 5

Elizabeth 6, Shabazz 0
 Gov. Liv. 31, Manville 0
 Johnson 28, Roselle Park 27
 North Plain 41, Hillside 14

Saturday, Nov. 6
 Rahway 21, Bressler 0
 Plainfield 60, Cranford 6
 Linden 35, Union 22
 Dayton 26, Roselle 6
 Morris Hills 41, Summit 12

J.R.'s picks
 Last Week: 7-2
 Season: 63-17 (788)

TERRIFIC THIRTEEN

1. Elizabeth (7-1)
2. Union (7-1)
3. Linden (6-2)
4. Rahway (7-1)
5. Johnson (5-3)
6. Bressler (4-4)
7. Dayton (4-4)
8. Hillside (3-5)
9. Roselle (2-6)
10. Roselle Park (2-6)
11. Cranford (1-7)
12. Gov. Livingston (1-7)
13. Summit (0-8)

GL gets first win of season

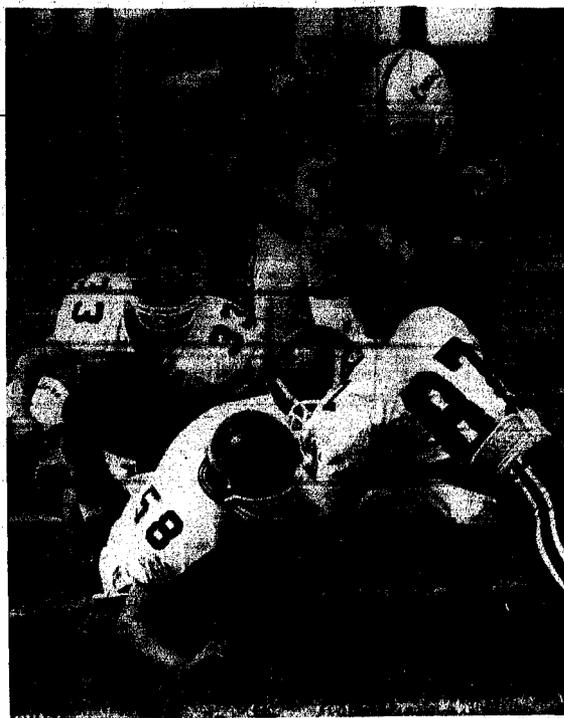


Photo by Milton Mills

The Governor Livingston High School football team, shown here in a game against Johnson earlier this year, won its first game of the season last Friday night when it blanked Manville 31-0 in a Mountain Valley Conference-interdivision contest in Manville. The Highlanders scored in every quarter as Tim Marcantonio scored two touchdowns and Brian Pritchard, Tom Geraghty and Jeremy Ferguson had one.

Summit keeps on trying



Photo by Milton Mills

The Summit High School football team, shown here in a game against Dover earlier this year, has two more opportunities to win its first game this season. Last Saturday the Hilltoppers were defeated by Morris Hills 41-12 in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play in Rockaway.

Summit relentless in OT state effort Hilltoppers hold their own

By John Zucal
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Overtime in field hockey can be a free-for-all. Some years ago the National Federation of State High School Associations instituted a 7-on-7 overtime format as a way to quicken the game's flow and open more chances for scoring.

That rule came back to nip Summit's field hockey team, whose postseason aspirations were dashed by Meredith Batcha, who scored three goals, two of them 90 seconds apart in overtime, to give Hopewell Valley a 3-2 victory in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 quarterfinal last week.

High School Field Hockey

Hopewell Valley, from Mercer County, was ousted 18-9 by the Hilltoppers. Summit was relentless in its attempt for a second-half, game-winning goal with 10 tries, including six from Alison Ballanyne.

The Hilltoppers, who fell to 9-6-3, gained an early 1-0 lead when HoVal goalkeeper Lyndsi Warner was forced to cover the ball in the middle of a six-player goal-line scramble during the eighth minute. On the penalty flick, Warner guessed correctly by moving to her right, but Libby Getzendorfer placed the ball out of the goalie's reach.

Summit controlled play during the first half, spending much of the time in HoVal's defensive half. However, the Hilltoppers failed to generate another score in regulation.

Batcha's first score came in the 33rd minute. As she pushed the ball ahead in the circle, Summit goalie Wendy Havourd came out to challenge. Batcha fired a shot past Havourd's left from eight yards away to even the match.

Summit fans, including parents and scores of students who came out after school was dismissed, thought their team scored with about a minute remaining when Ballanyne, standing just outside the 15-yard circle, attempted to send the ball into the scoring area. The ball rolled and bounced untouched, through a maze of players until Warner watched it enter her net. The "goal" was immediately disallowed.

Slowly thereafter the Bulldogs regained momentum. It hit a high point in the 7-on-7 overtime when Batcha iced the win with goals in the 65th and 67th minutes. The first came off a Havourd save from a shot that was taken about eight yards away and the second was a line drive shot from 12 yards away.

Meredith Feezer, who raced up and down the middle of the field all game long, narrowed the margin to 3-2 when she put in a rebound at the right post. But while many were cheering, the timer's right hand gave the grim detail: three fingers, meaning three seconds remaining.

Feezer, who has been named to the Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division first team and is an all-Union County first-team selection, gained high marks from Summit head coach Sheila Dunne.

"Meredith is a hustler," Dunne said, "She sees the ball, gets down low and pushes it through. She just never gives up."

The overtime format brings a challenge to defenses, especially on corner hits, which set up both overtime goals for Batcha:

"You only have three backs on corners," Dunne said, noting it makes for a 5-on-3 situation, plus a goalie, in the circle. "But it also makes for a nicer game because you can spread the offense out at a quicker pace."

Dunne spoke with her players after the match with the possibility her squad had played its final match of the season. She urged her seniors to continue playing, whether in college or a club, and saw she had a group of girls who could provide a strong nucleus for next season.

"I never, ever had a worry that they wouldn't give me everything they had," Dunne said, responding how she would characterize her squad. "They did — every day of the season."

Dayton football evens mark at 4-4 by beating Roselle

The Dayton High School football team evened its record at 4-4 by winning at home over Roselle 26-6 last Saturday at Meisel Field in Springfield.

The Bulldogs scored three of their four touchdowns in the second quarter to take a commanding 20-0 halftime lead.

Senior quarterback Lorenzo Williams completed touchdown passes of 51 yards to senior tailback B.J. Jones and 18 yards to wideout David Woodruff. Senior fullback Matt Fischer also scored in the second quarter on a one-yard run, his score followed by a Jones pass to Williams for two points.

Jones also completed a 25-yard touchdown pass to Woodruff for Dayton's final points in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, Roselle stand-out senior wide receiver Derrick Guest caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Yusef Muhammad for Roselle's only points.

Dayton will play in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 consolation game this weekend before wrapping up at home on Thanksgiving against Bressler.

Dayton (4-4)
 (H) Bound Brook 19, Dayton 12
 (H) Dayton forfeit win Manville
 (A) Dayton 34, Roselle Park 7
 (A) New Providence 42, Dayton 6
 (H) North Plainfield 28, Dayton 20
 (A) Dayton 18, Gov. Liv. 2
 (A) Johnson 28, Dayton 25
 (H) Dayton 26, Roselle 6
 Nov. 25 Bressler, 10-30
 Record: 4-4
 MVC-Valley: 2-3
 Home: 2-2
 Away: 2-2
 Points for: 141
 Points against: 132
 Shutouts: 0
 Overtime: 0-0

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Oak Knoll's Zawacki wins singles title

Oak Knoll freshman Tary Zawacki became the fourth tennis player to win the NJSIAA girls' singles title in her first high school year last Thursday when she pulled out a three-set championship match at the Inman Sports Club in Edison.

Zawacki, whose sister Terry Ann was the 1990 and 1991 state champion at Union, recovered from a let-down and rallied to defeat junior Danielle Schwartz of Newark Academy 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

Zawacki, who finished the season 30-0, was the first seed. Schwartz was seeded second and finished 22-1.

Zawacki, who won the first singles competition at the Union County Tournament in September, was on her way to victory as two service breaks led her to a 5-2 third-set lead. Schwartz rallied to 4-5 and 40-0 and was just one point away from leveling the match.

Schwartz would not win another point, as Zawacki gained the last five, using a strong forehand passing shot to ice the nearly two-hour match.

Zawacki's serve was broken in the first game of the match, but then she took control, winning six of the next seven games to take the set. Schwartz used two more breaks of service to help her claim the second set.

Summit girls' soccer captures state tourney tilt

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