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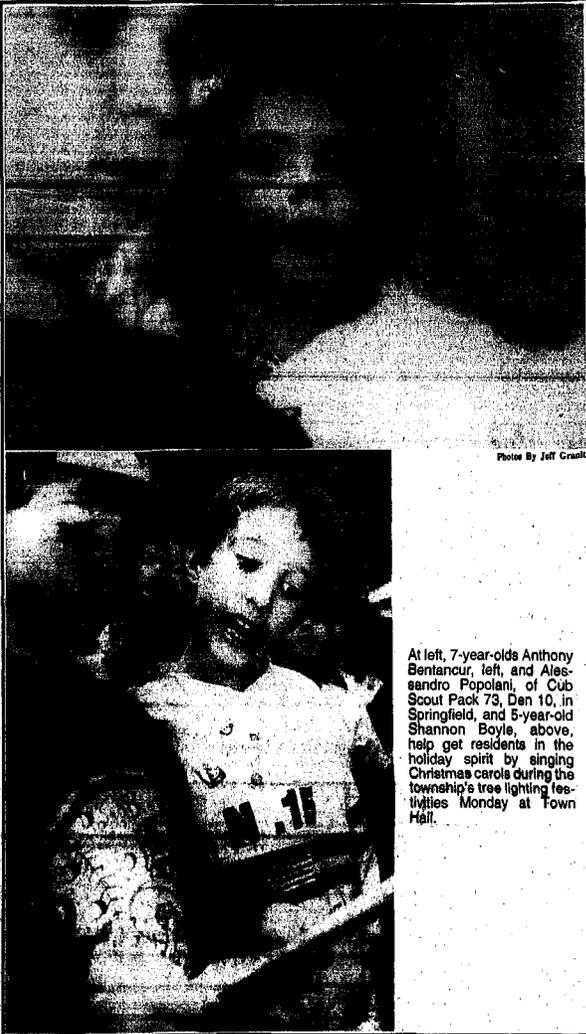


Photo by Jeff Grant

At left, 7-year-olds Anthony Bentancor, left, and Alessandro Popolani, of Cub Scout Pack 73, Den 10, in Springfield, and 5-year-old Shannon Boyle, above, help get residents in the holiday spirit by singing Christmas carols during the township's tree lighting festivities Monday at Town Hall.

## Hearing continues for Bryant condos

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

With a brook on one side, a temple on the other and a defunct railroad track on yet another, K&K Developers' proposed Bryant Park Commons apartment complex has shaped into a stand-off between Springfield and Summit.

The proposed complex, which would be located in Springfield on the former site of the Carter-Bell Manufacturing Company, has only one access road — the 50-foot Park Drive, which goes through Summit. Developers plan to widen the road, to provide better access for emergency vehicles, as well as for a substantial number of cars belonging to potential residents. A 281-car parking lot is planned for the complex.

Development of the complex would result in Summit having to cope with extra traffic. With the lone access road cutting through the city, Summit would be responsible for providing emergency services while Springfield would receive the ratables.

"We want to be good neighbors to Springfield," Summit Mayor Walter Long said. "But we can't have the traffic and supply the emergency management services to their complex."

Long wants the developer and the township to explore the possibility of putting an alternate roadway. The most viable direction, as Long sees it, is through the old railway.

"We should all be working together with the Department of Transportation to move that railway line," Long said. "Springfield doesn't want to talk. Or the developers don't want to

explore it. They want to do it the easiest way possible."

"The situation up there is very unusual," Springfield Mayor Gregory Clarke said. "The DOT acquired that railroad three or four years ago, and they don't want to give it up. As far as Springfield is concerned, that property is landlocked."

"If you could buy about a quarter of a mile of railroad, you could go out through Shunpike Road and then the entrance would be in Springfield. But once the DOT sold a piece of track, people up and down the line would start asking to buy some, too."

Long, who has lived in Summit since 1972, said, "I've never seen a train go through there."

Bruce Pitman, attorney for the Short Hills-based K&K Developers Inc., began presenting the developer's case to the Summit Planning Board Nov. 22. Pitman brought with him a number of witnesses, primary among them engineer Kevin Page, whose firm performed a feasibility study of the area.

Page told the Planning Board that acquiring a stretch of railroad tracks would prove very difficult, and that the alternative — building a bridge over the brook to the north — is even less likely, given the fact that the Department of Environmental Protection prohibits such construction when an alternate route exists.

As for the idea of building a bridge over the existing railroad tracks, Clarke said, "That's an exotic answer, but not practical."

He also denied the viability of building an access road from the direction of the temple, which lies to the south. The temple has recently been refurbished.

"Places are becoming more crowded," Clarke said. "When push comes to shove, we have to develop these properties."

"I'm not against the project, just don't give me all the traffic," Long said. "If Springfield is serious, they should sit down with us and the county and the state and discuss the railway line. I'm sorry, but I'll hold this up as long as I can."

The hearing will resume Monday at 8 p.m. at Summit City Hall.

## Superintendent leaving Friedland gives board one year to find replacement

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

After 14 years with the district, Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland submitted to the Board of Education, letter of intent to step down from the position. He gave the board one year's notice.

"Although I am not officially retiring from the field of education, it is imperative for the board to understand that my reasons for leaving Springfield are not because of dissatisfaction or lack of support from the community, staff or board," Friedland said in his letter, which was read at the beginning of Monday's board meeting.

"The reasons lie with the fact that I have accomplished with the board its major goals for the district, and I have completed my agreement with you to bring the district through the most difficult period of transition to a K-12 district."

Of the year's notice, Friedland said, "I know this is early. However, it is possible with the use of accrued vacation days I will actually be leaving the position slightly earlier than the dates indicated in my contract."

"This is a bittersweet moment," board president Richard Falkin said. "We're glad Dr. Friedland has decided to move on, but he's a tough act to follow. We, as the board, hope we can make as good a selection as the board did 14 years ago when they chose Dr. Friedland."

In a prepared statement, Friedland said he is looking forward to continuing his policy of education for Springfield's children, the board will be looking for the candidate that is the best fit for our district in order to meet the educational goals and desires of the community."

Falkin described the time frame for the transition as "lengthy, by mutual agreement between the superintendent and the board." The board expressed confidence in having a new superintendent in place within one year. The board began its process of interviewing consultants and organizations specializing in superintendent searches at its executive session on Tuesday.

In his letter, Friedland promised to work cooperatively with the board in setting an appropriate termination date "as the time moves closer to the actual selection of an individual."

Friedland cited the preschool education programs, the "cutting edge" curriculum, the infusion of technology and the reorganization of the administrative structure as among the district's greatest accomplishments during his tenure. He also overrode the district's demeritization when the Union County Regional School District was dissolved and Jonathan Dayton High School came under local control.

## Middle States to evaluate schools

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education listened carefully as Jonathan Dayton principal Charles Serson made a special presentation Tuesday night.

Serson addressed the board on the subject of the Middle States Evaluation — a process through which secondary schools receive their accreditation.

"The evaluation happens every 10 years," Serson said. "Our last evaluation was in 1991. In 2001 we'll be evaluated again."

Serson described the evaluation as a two-part process. "The first part is a self-evaluation," he said. "We're doing that this year. We've established a steering committee and two subcommittees, selected from among our teaching staff. They'll establish the criteria for the self-evaluation. That criteria will then be judged on a ratings system, numbered from five to one. Excellent, Good, Satisfactory, Poor, Missing But Needed and 'NA, Not Applicable.'"

After the self-evaluation, 14 members of the Commission on Secondary Schools visit the school and prepare their own evaluation over a three-day period. "The committee makes its evaluation according to what we say," Serson pointed out. "If we say we think we're doing a good job in a particular area, the committee might say, 'Yes, you're doing that.' They're going to match up what we say with what they see."

Serson showed the board a notebook, several inches thick, containing the results of the 1991 evaluation. "There's criteria for everything," he said, "even ventilation."

"There'll be a report for everything, but the process doesn't end with the three-day evaluation; the chairman then gives a report on their findings."

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— Charles Serson

after which they provide a final report outlining all recommendations and comments. After one year we'll have to file a report on the changes we've made, then another report in three years, another one in five, and still another in seven. Then by the 10th year we'll be ready to go through the whole process all-over again."

Serson described the procedure as "not inexpensive, but the information you get from it is worth the price tag."

Costs include a "pre-visit" to the township by the Middle States chairman, transportation and housing for the 14 judging members for three nights, meals and various materials including computers and copy machines, and secretarial costs. Serson estimated the total cost of the procedure for Springfield at \$33,586, as compared to the \$38,000 and \$42,000 spent respectively by a Long Island and local high school.

Serson targeted the Middle States "team visit" to occur either the week of March 13, 2001, Oct. 23, 2000 or Nov. 6, 2000. He told the board that the commission prefers the fall dates, citing the possible threat of March snow.

The board listened carefully, with minimal comment. Board president Richard Falkin called the procedure "comprehensive. We're getting a glimpse of what it is. Keep us informed."

"Casting an objective eye on your school is important," board member Linda Duke said.

### School website

Dayton Technology Coordinator Paul Tyburski demonstrated the district's website, which he designed himself, for the board. "It'll always be under construction," he said in his introduction. The site offers the obvious and the not-so-obvious, such as parking information for students at Dayton, up-to-date weather, and Board of Education news.

The District Site Directory serves as the main navigational focal point of the site. To locate an individual school, the user goes to the Springfield Public Schools Page in the directory, each individual school, in turn, has its own School Site Directory. Tyburski said the site is best viewed with the latest versions of Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Internet Explorer.

## O' Christmas tree

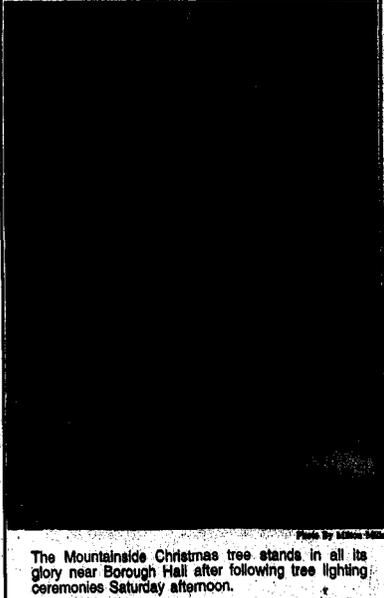


Photo by Melissa Sells

The Mountainside Christmas tree stands in all its glory near Borough Hall after following tree lighting ceremonies Saturday afternoon.

## Papers to be published early

The holiday season is upon us, which means we will be altering our deadlines toward the end of the month to observe Christmas and New Year's Day.

Readers and advertisers should know that our deadline schedule will change. The following are deadlines for the editions of Dec. 22 and Dec. 30.

This newspaper will be published Wednesday, Dec. 22 because of the Christmas holiday. Our offices will close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 23, and remain closed until Monday, Dec. 27.

- The deadlines for the Dec. 22 edition are as follows:
- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — today, noon.
  - Letters to the editor — Friday, noon.
  - What's Going On — Friday, 3:30 p.m.
  - Display ads — Friday noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
  - Sports news — Friday, 9 a.m.
  - General news — Monday, 9 a.m.
  - Classified advertising — Monday, 3 p.m.
  - Legal advertising — Monday, noon.

Our final edition of the year will be published on its normal Thursday publishing date, Dec. 30. Our offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, and reopen Monday, Jan. 3.

- The deadlines for the Dec. 30 edition are as follows:
- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — Dec. 22, noon.
  - Letters to the editor — Dec. 27, noon.
  - What's Going On — Dec. 27, 3:30 p.m.
  - Display ads — Dec. 27 noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
  - Sports news — Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
  - General news — Dec. 28, 9 a.m.
  - Classified advertising — Dec. 28, 3 p.m.
  - Legal advertising — Dec. 28, noon.

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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.

**Tomorrow**

• Members of the Mountsides Senior Citizen Club meet at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House for a social afternoon. The meeting begins at noon with light refreshments.

**Sunday**

• The Springfield Historical Society plans a multifaceted historical event from 3 to 5 p.m. at Cannonball House, 126 Morris Ave. In addition to the annual showing of colonial Christmas decorations, there will be a display of artifacts honoring the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington, Dec. 14, 1799.

• Listeners can hear tales from ancient times when people used their imaginations to create stories of characters in the sky at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, at 3:30 p.m. This program is for children ages 4 to 6 with an adult. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens.

**Tuesday**

• The Mountsides Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the library at Deerfield School.

• The Mountsides Borough Council will meet for a workshop meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in Town Hall.

**Upcoming Events**

**Dec. 16**

• The Springfield Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its second annual holiday breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Jonathan Dayton High School cafeteria. Members of

the Springfield Rotary, Springfield Lions and the Millburn/Springfield Kiwanis clubs are invited to attend.

• The Mountsides Senior Citizens Club will have its annual Christmas Luncheon at noon at the Pantagis Renaissance restaurant in Scotch Plains. Reservations can be made by calling Loreta Buschman at (908) 232-1404.

• The Mountsides Newcomers Club will have its final Ladies Night Out of the year as a wine and cheese/migrating animals to relax and visit with friends. All are invited to take a break from the stress of the holiday preparations. For more information and reservations call Carole Cahill at (908) 233-8426.

**Dec. 19**

• At 2 p.m., visitors to the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can look at how people through the ages have been using the sky as a seasonal calendar to know when to plant crops and hunt migrating animals. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. This program is for ages 6 and up.

• The Mountsides Newcomers Club will sponsor a visit to members' homes by Santa Claus. For more information call Doreen Lane at (908) 789-9717.

**Dec. 21**

• The Mountsides Borough Council will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.

**Ongoing**

• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines with one year's date. The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

**New library video offers help and hope**

Chris Vacca and Dennis Berry had to learn to say their names over again. For these three million Americans who stutter, saying their own name is just one of the many challenges confronting them as they start their day.

Vacca, Berry and a dozen other adults who stutter discuss how they have coped successfully with stuttering in a new videotape produced by the Stuttering Foundation of America called "If You Stutter: Advice for Adults," now available at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

"It's meant to give stutters some insight into the tools they need to begin dealing with stuttering and offers good ideas for families, speech-language pathologists and health-care professionals," said Dr. Barry Guitart, a University of Vermont professor and one of the experts featured in the video.

In the 55-minute program, men and women discuss how stuttering has affected their everyday lives and how they've learned to deal with it. They discuss challenges like using the telephone, interviewing for a job and shopping in a store.

Between real-life examples, experts identify ways people who stutter can manage the problem and become more fluent speakers.

"We focus on demonstrating a vari-

ety of therapy strategies that are appropriate in working with adults and teens," said the University of Colorado's Dr. Peter Ramig. "We also answer questions about stuttering and present examples of therapy sessions showing how stuttering can be reduced."

The video helps people understand what stuttering is, how to improve their speech and how to regain fluency even when they relapse.

"Because many people are unable to get therapy or aren't aware of its benefits, we wanted to produce a video that would show the results of effective programs and also give some self-therapy ideas," Guitart said.

Therapy must be tailored to an individual's needs, and it's important to find the right program. As the video points out, there are several valid approaches to therapy that can be used individually or in combination to achieve lasting success.

"We've seen many people deal with stuttering so effectively that they have become better than average communicators, good listeners and

even excellent public speakers," said Dr. Hugo Gregory, a Northwestern University professor who offers advice in the video.

Other experts appearing in the video include June Campbell of Northwestern University; Deborah Kully of the Institute for Stuttering Treatment Research in Alberta, Canada; and Catherine Oto-Mongomery of the American Institute for Stuttering Treatment in New York, N.Y.

To get a copy of the 55-minute videotape, send \$5 to cover postage and handling to the Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, Tenn. 38111-0749, or call (800) 992-9292 for more information.

The Stuttering Foundation, a non-profit organization founded in 1947 dedicated to helping people who stutter, offers the video free of charge to all public libraries.

**NEWS CLIPS**

**Foreign films continue at Springfield Library**

The 1998 Russian film "A Friend of the Deceased" will be shown at the Springfield Free Public Library Dec. 16 at noon and 7 p.m. "A Friend of the Deceased," is directed by Vyacheslav Kristofovich. This dark comedy, combining grim humor, drama, suspense and political satire, can be likened to Warren Beatty's "Bulworth." A depressed, unemployed Ukrainian translator hires a contract killer to put him out of his misery.

After an amorous encounter he fraudulently tries to cancel the contract but discovers he can't. His only hope is to hire a second hit-man to do away with the original — and quickly. This film received an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Language Picture. The next film in this series will be the 1998 French film "Western." It will be shown March 16, 2000 at noon and 7 p.m.

Funding for this series has been made possible in part by the New Jersey state Council of the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. It also has been 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.

**Borough Woman's Club holds holiday boutique**

The Woman's Club of Mountsides will sponsor its holiday boutique luncheon Wednesday at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountsides at noon. Reservations may be made with Nancy Spadacini at (908) 654-7359 no later than tomorrow.

The boutique will offer patrons a chance to view pieces by Vintage Select. It also will feature Pokemon merchandise, attic antiques, crafts and more.

The entertainment for the day will be marimba and chimes music for the holidays.

**County posts schedule for local leaf collection**

Leaf collection along county roads is under way. The county's Division of Public Works is trying to keep to

the following schedule but may be behind by a day or two.

The following county roads are scheduled in Springfield and Mountsides for a second leaf pickup:

- Mountsides
- Springfield Avenue from the Westfield line to the Springfield line, Dec. 16.
- Mountain Avenue from Route 22 to the Westfield line, Dec. 16.
- New Providence Road from Coles Avenue to Summit Lane, Dec. 17.
- New Providence Road from Mountain Avenue to Tracy Drive, Dec. 17.
- Summit Lane from New Providence Road to Tanger Way, Dec. 17.
- Tanger Way from Deer Path to Coles Avenue, Dec. 20.
- Sky Top Road from Coles Avenue to Glenside Avenue, Dec. 20.
- Tracy Drive from Deer Path to Glenside Avenue, Dec. 20.
- Ackerman Avenue from Coles Avenue to Deer Path, Dec. 20.
- Coles Avenue from New Providence Road to Sky Top Road, Dec. 21.
- Summit Road from the Springfield line to Route 22, Dec. 22.

**Springfield**

• Shunpike Road from Orchard Street to South Springfield Avenue, Jan. 3, 2000.

• Mountain Avenue from Morris Avenue to Route 22, Jan. 4.

• Morris Avenue from the Summit line to the Summit line, Jan. 6.

• Baltusor Road from Summit Road to the Summit line, Jan. 7.

• Main Street from Morris Avenue to the Essex County line, Jan. 10.

• Hillside Avenue from Mountain Avenue to Route 22, Jan. 11.

• South Springfield Avenue from the Mountsides line to Mountain Avenue, Jan. 12.

• South Springfield Avenue from the Mountsides line to Mountain Avenue, Jan. 12.

• Metel Avenue from South Springfield Avenue to Morris Avenue, Jan. 14.

**Borough library sponsors book donation drive**

The Mountsides Public Library is conducting the 1999 Books for Kids donation drive. Participants can give a child the gift of reading by bringing a new book to the library collection box.

For more information call Linda Corona, public services librarian, at (908) 233-0115.

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## Donations help fund research

A \$15 donation to The Healing Heart Foundation brings donors a \$30 ticket to a New Jersey Nets game and supports pain management for pediatric cancer patients.

The Healing Heart Foundation was founded by the Nehmer family of Springfield in memory of their 12-year-old son, David, who died of leukemia in August 1998.

In October 1996, David Nehmer, then 10, was diagnosed with AML Leukemia. From that point on, a heart necklace became the symbol of strength and courage for their family in times of need. David Nehmer wore the necklace throughout his entire battle with cancer and the rest of the family wore their own hearts for support.

The Nehmer family established the foundation in David Nehmer's memory to help other children suffering with pain from cancer and its treatments.

To honor David Nehmer's memory and wishes to help other children with catastrophic illness, the Healing Heart Foundation benefits studies by Dr. Gary Wakin, associate professor of pediatrics at Hackensack University Medical Center. This will be part of a consortium of cancer centers across the United States to develop pediatric pain protocols.

To purchase half-price New Jersey Nets tickets, or to be a Healing Heart benefactor and buy a 25-seat package for \$375, call the Healing Heart Foundation at (973) 584-8827.



Lea Nehmer, founder of Healing Heart Foundation, celebrates the most recent fund-raising effort with Willis Reed, New Jersey Nets executive vice president and NBA champion. A \$15 donation to the Healing Heart Foundation gets donors a \$30 ticket to a Nets game.

## Borough's Butler 'keeps busy' with bow

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Claire Butler, Realtor, archer, Olympian. Butler, of Mountainside, recently earned a gold medal in archery at the U.S. National Senior Olympics. The competition was held at the Wide World of Sports at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. More than 12,000 senior athletes attended, competing in 18 sports.

"The medal is Butler's sixth. "I used to skate," Butler said. "I switched to archery in 1989. But I was so bad my coach told me to forget the whole thing."

Butler, who had hired her own coach, had every right in the world to believe he was telling her the truth. But she continued with her practicing — three times a week. "There's more than one kind of bow," she said. "You have to find the kind of bow that's right for you, you have to learn the stance, you have to find the number of pounds you're comfortable pulling."

Of the 12,000 athletes at the nationals, approximately 300 competed in archery. But Butler said she thinks only about herself. "I compete with myself," she said. "I try to beat my last national score. I didn't this time, but my score was still good enough for the gold medal."

"It's a challenge," Butler said. "If you like a challenge, you go into archery. I still practice very often; you have to want to be the best I can."

Butler takes the "best I can" approach in every aspect of

her life. With 32 years experience in real estate, she described herself as having "sold a lot of houses." She is a quarter century member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors and continues to work in the business part time with Realty World in Mountainside. On top of that, she owns her own printing establishment.

Archers have the choice of working with three kinds of bows: the recurve, compound or bare bow. Butler began with the recurve, but some ruptured ligaments and tendons caused her to switch to the less stressful compound bow.

"The arm pain happens not in the arm that's pulling the arrow back, but in the arm that's holding the bow," she said. "But you don't let things like cortizone shots stop you."

True to form, rather than quit, Butler simply changed bows.

Butler keeps a busy competition schedule. She plans to shoot again in a U.S. Nationals competition in Virginia in March.

"It's the Masters' Division," she said. "It's not just for seniors, it's for everybody, including me." In April, Butler plans to attend the World Shoot in Atlantic City.

"I never count how many competitions I've done," she said. "I just go around competing and keeping busy. Keeping busy — that's the secret of good health and prosperity."

## Parents will vote on uniforms

Following two meetings by the committee study the possibility of uniform attire at Deerfield School in Mountainside, parents will be asked to vote in early February whether they are in favor of uniforms or not.

The committee met for the second time Dec. 2, where it was decided that the issues would be put to a vote of the parents. Parents will be asked to vote simply "for" or "against" adopting uniforms for Deerfield School. If the parents' vote indicates strong support for uniforms, the committee will move to the next step.

If uniforms were to be adopted, it would occur in September 2000. Parents who want more information on uniforms can contact the school office.

The first forum was held Nov. 23 to discuss the possibility of adopting uniform attire at Deerfield School. Approximately 100 members of the community attended the meeting.

The meeting began with the introduction of the committee members present: Board of Education members Patricia Tasscher and John Perrin, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, Vice Principal Elizabeth Keshish, Lee Kline, Jerri Greenberg, Ann Hinman, Suzanne Nugent, Lou Ann Denny, Jamie Boyce and Jon Landis. John Theis, another committee member, was not able to be present.

An invited guest, the director of student services from Ridley, Pa., Jack Cleghton, also was introduced. The results from the survey were shared with the group. Approximately 50 percent of the parent population had responded to the survey. The responses indicated that 52 percent were in favor of uniforms, 24 percent were opposed to uniforms and 24 percent were undecided.

During the forum discussion Nov. 23, and in response to the survey, opinions were offered in favor of and opposed to uniforms. Briefly summarized, those in favor of uniforms assert that uniforms increase safety,

instill discipline, help reduce peer pressure, help students focus on their school work, establish equality, increase a sense of community, assist parents in preparing children for school, are economical, foster self-esteem and promote discipline.

Those opposed to uniforms assert that uniforms make no major changes in a child's academic behavior, restrict a child's individuality, restrict a school's decision-making, suggest parochial school, are not economical and are not necessary.

Many of the parents had questions regarding the types of uniforms that are under consideration.

## A bag full of goodies



Seven-year-old Jennifer Romano marvels at what Santa Claus will pull out of his bag next during Mountainside's tree lighting ceremonies on Saturday.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

## Keep an open mind

Nobody enjoys being told what to do. Wars have been fought, family battles have been waged and students are disciplined for not conforming. But if all sides had listened to the others, conflicts could have been avoided.

The Mountainside Board of Education held a public forum Nov. 23 to discuss the idea of school uniforms. Hosted by Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller and Board of Education President Pat Taeschler, many parents in attendance saw the evening as an opportunity to attack.

This dialogue stemmed from a May forum on school safety, held at Deerfield School soon after students with guns found their way into Columbine High School in Colorado. During the May forum, Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan told parents and school administrators he felt uniforms had a positive influence on children's performance in school. That evening, an informal poll of parents in attendance told Mountainside school officials to pursue the idea.

During the recent forum, several parents did nothing but criticize borough school officials and John Cleghorn, a guest from the Ridley School District in Pennsylvania who came to offer his insight as an administrator from a district that already uses uniforms. These parents arrived with their minds made up and their ammunition ready.

Rather than discuss, parents attacked; rather than listen, they heard only what they wanted to hear.

Parents need to realize that these discussions are healthy and beneficial for themselves, for administrators and, most importantly, for students. As much dialogue as possible is necessary before Schaller and the Board of Education decide to take any kind of official action on uniforms.

It seemed as though several parents were arguing without truly thinking about the issue. Parents have argued that their children express themselves through clothing. While this may be true, what children wear should not dictate who they are.

There is a favored children's tale in which Mr. Pine lives on a street where all the houses look alike. The doors are the same, the window shutters, even each blade of grass is identical. Mr. Pine keeps forgetting where he lives because everything looks the same.

One day, Mr. Pine decides to paint his door a different color. All of his neighbors look at this bold statement: at first with shock, then with longing. They paint all of their doors the same color as Mr. Pine's. The same thing happens when he plants a bush in his front yard. Eventually, Mr. Pine makes the boldest move of all. He paints his house purple so he can figure out which house is his.

The neighbors look at his house and realize they don't like purple. Instead, they like blue, yellow and brown. Now all the houses on Mr. Pine's street are different colors.

This story is one about individuality and choice. But readers never find out what is inside Mr. Pine's or any other house on the block.

Children should not look identical. Their individuality and their personalities, however, do not come from their clothing. Instead, they come from their academic, social and extra-curricular interests. No one ever argues the merits of wearing uniforms to play sports. Why are uniforms important? They provide safety and a sense of stability and team spirit. The players are not all the same; their personalities still come through in the way they carry themselves and the way they play — physically and mentally.

The need to maintain the latest fashion trends causes unnecessary competition between children. Let them learn the benefits of healthy competition through sports, academics and other activities. Don't teach these lessons by way of the most outrageous shirt, belt or pair of pants.

But the most important lesson parents in Mountainside should be teaching their children now is the lesson of listening. Parents should take advantage of all the dialogues provided by the Board of Education. They should attend meetings and write letters to this newspaper sharing their feelings on this issue. They should not verbally attack guests or school officials.

Teach your children these valuable lessons. Help mold and shape those personalities which, uniforms or not, will determine who they are.



**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE** — Making paper by recycling materials are, from left, Amanda Rodriguez, Jeff Feder, Linda Cinicolo and Zack Kaoston. Students in Kristan Plahner's sixth-grade science class at Springfield's Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School have been discussing alternative means for trash disposal. By collecting paper from their classrooms or homes, this process allows them to see the steps involved in recycling.

## Elected officials can't win with salary hikes

Elected officials can't win when they propose salary increases for themselves. If they vote to approve salary hikes, they'll be criticized for looking out for themselves. If they never increase their salaries it's unfair — even for politicians.

State legislators haven't had a raise in almost 10 years. Even for those "part-time" politicians, it's time to take a look at some type of salary hike.

How does one solve such a dilemma? Take the decision out of their hands. Officials voting on their own salary increases just doesn't sit well with taxpayers; there's no way it can. The average person in the private sector can't give themselves a raise.

It's a similar situation if an elected official was appointing someone or approving a raise for someone they know. They should abstain in those situations, so why would it be any different if they're voting on their own raises?

I think the answer might be to put salary increases for elected officials to

### My Two Cents

By Mark Hrywko  
Regional Editor

a public vote. Sure, you'll get those voters who will reject it every chance they get, but I think there will be enough people in some cases that would be amenable to raises. Even San Jere, the outspoken leader of a New Jersey taxpayers group, believes it's time state legislators received a raise.

The Union County Board of Freeholders for the third straight year introduced salary hikes of \$875 for themselves. The "part-time" position currently offers an annual salary of \$25,000, in addition to health coverage and a pension plan.

A commission formed to study raises for state legislators, judges, the governor and Cabinet members last

week recommended an increase from \$35,000 to \$49,000 — 40 percent — for state assemblymen and senators. Forty percent over nine years is an annual average of about 4.5 percent and the recommended salary stops just short of the \$50,000 mark.

The commission recommended \$26,000 increases for judges and Cabinet members, which would boost their salaries from \$115,000 to \$141,000. The governor's salary was recommended to be raised by \$45,000, from \$130,000 to \$175,000.

The commission was created last December by a 34-6 vote in the Assembly and a 64-8 vote in the state Senate. Locally, the only legislators to vote against the creation of this commission were Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole of the 21st district.

It's no surprise the recommendations for salary hikes are coming now when legislators have just been re-elected to two-year terms. It's a safe bet the Senate and Assembly both will

act on the legislation before the final session of this Legislature concludes.

It seems routine for freeholders to approve their increases in December, after the election and before the end of the year. The hikes are effective Jan. 1, 1990 for a nice Christmas bonus.

Public officials sometimes compare themselves to the private sector as in boards of directors. When was the last time your boss gave you a raise and said he'd start it 12 months ago? The way I usually see it work is that you're rewarded with a raise and it takes effect in your next paycheck.

In addition to salaries, officials receive health coverage and pension plans. How many part-time jobs do you know that offer those kinds of benefits? State legislators get thousands of dollars for hiring legislative aides and for things such as postage stamps.

Although it would be the first pay hike this decade for members of the Legislature, \$49,000 seems an awful lot for a "part-time" job.

## Border war is bordering on the ridiculous

Border wars. Summit versus Springfield. Get your boxing gloves on.

Here's how it goes: Springfield wants to build an affordable housing unit in Springfield. The only access road to the proposed site travels 50 happy feet through Summit.

Springfield will reap property tax dollars from the new construction. Summit will end up having to supply emergency services — fire, police, first aid — to the complex. And, oh yes, Summit will also acquire the extra traffic.

Sounds wrong? It is wrong. It's like having to clean the house next door.

The developers are currently putting their case in front of Summit's Planning Board. If faces are any indi-

### Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

cation, things don't look good for Springfield.

Bruce Pitman, the attorney presenting the case for the developers, entered last Monday's Summit Planning Board meeting with the words, "There's one access road to the property and we intend to use it."

That's not such a good way to start. The city is already down on the idea, and coming in with a

we're-gonna-get-it-done-or-else approach isn't going to win anyone any points.

Pitman came in with five witnesses — the developer, architect, engineer, traffic engineer, title officer — guns ablazin', all brass and confidence. You need such surface confidence when you have to attempt the ridiculous: convince a community to provide emergency services, on a regular basis, to another community's facility. Summit burns while Springfield gets extinguished? Pitman had better sound confident.

Generally speaking, I'm not for or against either community. I report about both, and although I'm aware of the private peccadilloes of each, I'm not holding anyone's oddities against

them here. But in regard to this case, Springfield has to cut Summit a break. Springfield is Springfield, Summit is Summit. Beyond the neighborhood aspects of mutual aid, neither community should be responsible for anything that happens in the other.

Citizens of both communities need to know that their voices aren't being left out of this little border war. The public has a chance to speak here, to shoot questions at the experts. All witnesses are cross-examined by the Planning Board, and the public is also allowed to quiz them. Public opinion will be welcomed too, although at a later date, after all the testimony has been given.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

## Tax cuts take back seat to raises

To the Editor:

There are parallels and contrasts in three recent stories concerning pay raises for the governing class. We learn that at the state level, clandestine meetings are taking place in an effort to get pay raises passed for legislators, judges and members of the governor's cabinet. No open meetings, no public notice.

At the Union County level, members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders have just introduced an ordinance to grant freeholders — there's not much free about them — department heads and other officials pay raises that will average 3.5 percent.

And it is impossible to document in such a limited space the trials and tribulations of the Mountainside Borough Council members' efforts to collect pay — an idea that is a perversion of the undocumented reimbursed expenses, that was another perversion, incurred while doing the people's business.

At the state level, you have an effort to keep an unpopular action away from the voter's attention. When it is passed, there will be someone else to blame if there is an outcry. They also will point to not having had a raise since 1990 — that one's difficult to believe. At the county level, they don't worry about any outcry since they rarely occur. Also at the county level, they frequently do not wait more than a year.

One of the freeholders said the 3.5 percent is consistent with the private sector. Oh, really? It's not real clear how many businesses are handing out 3.5-percent pay raises. Not only is the percentage usually a lot less but, if there is any raise at all, it's based on a certain level of performance. What performance standard do the freeholders meet, being re-elected?

It's not consistent with the private sector where companies do not raise base salaries, which also increases benefits. Rather, they give bonuses, which are

ted to many indicators — the most important of which are company profitability and overhead cost reduction. Contrast the three consecutive years of pay raises with the ballooning of one year of an infinitesimal budget cut which is measured in tenths of 1 percent.

Chances are that the Mountainside Borough Council eventually will wind up with the pay they so desperately want. Then they, too, can program in some automatic pay raises.

The common thread to all of this is: when politicians want a pay raise, they will always get it while budget or tax cuts wait in line and often die from lack of attention.

Frank Marchese  
Mountainside

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**Remembering history**



Springfield Historical Society docent Hazel Hardgrove reviews the latest book by author Michael Yesenko about Gen. George Washington's military skills. Cannonball House will display colonial Christmas decorations and commemorate the 200th anniversary of Washington's death from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

**Cashier arrested on theft, fraud charges**

Watkins resident Joseph Tonzola, a cashier at the Sports Authority, was arrested Nov. 24 and charged with theft by deception, credit card theft and credit card fraud.

Tonzola was alleged to have retained three separate credit cards left behind by Sports Authority customers. According to reports from the Springfield Police Department, the cards subsequently were used for purchases at the Springfield Staples and the Sound Connection in Union.

Tonzola allegedly took \$89.99 in cash from another customer and prepared a fraudulent void slip to cover the theft. He was arrested after an investigation by the Sports Authority and Springfield Detective Judd Levinson.

An East Hanover resident, driving a 1995 Chrysler, was traveling northbound on Springfield Avenue Friday when another vehicle, traveling in the left lane, struck the side view mirror.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

The unidentified vehicle then attempted to enter the center lane, as the driver of the Chrysler tried to wave them off. During the attempted merge, the unidentified vehicle side-swiped the Chrysler on its driver side; the driver of the Chrysler indicated for both drivers to pull over into a nearby gas station. The driver of the unidentified vehicle fled.

An Irvington resident traveling in the left lane of eastbound Route 22 left the road Friday, striking a curb and coming to rest on the grassy center divider. The driver claimed to have been cut off. There were no injuries.

Two rims and a set of Michelin tires reportedly were stolen from two new vehicles in the front lot of Springfield Acura Dec. 2.

A vehicle owned by a Basking Ridge electrical company reportedly was broken into Nov. 29, resulting in the loss of numerous tools. The overall value of the theft is not known.

A \$200 zip drive was reported stolen from a car on Hawthorne Avenue Nov. 28.

An Elizabeth resident reportedly lost a number of personal items after a theft in the Bally's locker room Nov. 27. Reported stolen were a purse, a wallet containing \$75 in cash, a credit card and ATM card, a driver's license, a Social Security card and keys to the victim's home and car.

A car parked in the Echo Plaza parking lot reportedly was burglarized Nov. 26. A brief case, laptop compu-

ter, printer, set of golf clubs and a London Fog coat allegedly were stolen. The theft is valued at \$3,100.

Springfield resident Charles Maltzman, 26, was arrested and charged with simple assault and harassment Nov. 23.

Charles R. Thomas was arrested Nov. 23 at Staples in Springfield and charged with theft by deception, forgery and identity theft.

Jersey City resident Hartman Hall was stopped for having excessive smoke coming from his vehicle Sunday and was arrested and charged with possessing a counterfeit insurance card. He also was unlicensed.

Rizal Gilmore, 25, of Newark, was arrested Sunday for having a suspended driver's license. He also had a warrant out of East Orange.

Mountainside resident Vincent Tufano was arrested on Mary Allen Lane Nov. 4 and charged with having a suspended license. It was his third offense. He was held on \$1,000 bail. A court date of Jan. 6, 2000 was set.

Steven Caravage of Jersey City was arrested on eastbound Route 22 and New Providence Road and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Tatum White, 21, of Hillside, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute. White had 29 "Ecstasy" pills in his possession. Police arrested him after business hours in the parking lot of the Getty Station on westbound Route 22 and Summit Road.

Raishawn Lavendar of Newark was stopped for allegedly speeding on eastbound Route 22 on Saturday. He

was arrested and charged with having a suspended license, with an Automated Traffic System warrant of \$300 from Hillside. Lavendar was held on \$380 bail.

Newark resident Darryl Blabop was arrested Friday for having numerous criminal and traffic warrants. Police spotted him in a vehicle with tape over the side door lock.

Carl Oneal of Plainfield was arrested Dec. 2 and charged with being uninsured and having fictitious license plates.

Adan Gonzalez-Peno, 23, was arrested Dec. 1 for being in possession of a lost or stolen driver's license and Social Security card.

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**Ashes cause bin blaze in township garage fire**

A reported garage fire Friday at a Bryant Avenue residence turned out to be a wooden compost bin.

According to reports from the Springfield Fire Department, the fire was caused by fireplace ashes deposited in the bin by the resident. The embers, smoldering for several days, finally resulted in a fire. The blaze was extinguished with a garden hose by two members of the department and a neighbor.

Engine One arrived and continued wetting down the area. Damage was limited to the compost bin and a sheet of corrugated fiberglass siding and roofing material stored next to the bin. The resident was advised not to dispose of fireplace ashes in a combustible container.

A build-up of dust and lint in a clothes dryer resulted in a burning odor at a Sycamore Terrace residence Friday. The department shut off electric power to the unit, then opened the appliance to check for fire extension. None was found.

**FIRE BLOTTER**

The department responded to Meisel Avenue and Milltown Road on a report of power lines down.

There was one medical service call on the day.

Three medical service calls were handled Dec. 2.

The department responded to a Morris Avenue business for a medical service call Dec. 1.

Two motor vehicle accidents, one report of a burning odor and one medical service call were answered Nov. 30.

Two medical service calls were answered Nov. 29.

The department responded to westbound Route 78 for a reported car fire Nov. 28. No fire was found.

A pilot light out on a stove caused a small gas odor at a Mountain Avenue apartment complex.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Anthony Sotella**

Anthony Sotella, 78, of Springfield died Dec. 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Oswego, N.Y., Mr. Sotella lived in Springfield for 25 years. He was a tool and die maker for many years with Ivers Lee, West Caldwell and retired 10 years ago.  
Mr. Sotella served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the Newark Legion Post and the Elks Lodge 2004 in Springfield.

**John MacKechnie**

John G. MacKechnie, 90, of Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Summit, died Nov. 26 at home.  
Born in Newark, Mr. MacKechnie lived in Summit for more than 50 years before moving to Florida. He was a lawyer and industrialist with the firm of Loom, Tamblin and Fairlie, Newark, before joining Eastwood-Nealley Corp., Belleville in 1941. Mr. MacKechnie became president and principal owner of the Eastwood-Nealley Corp. in 1955 and was later elected chairman of the Wire Cloth Manufacturers of America.  
Mr. MacKechnie was the former director and chairman of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association and the New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Co. He was a Summit councilman from 1949 through 1955.  
He served as a director of the Summit Trust Co., now Summit Bank, for many years. Mr. MacKechnie was a chairman of the board of trustees of Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, Vt. He also was the chairman of the board of trustees of the Hyde and Watson Foundation, Chatham.  
Mr. MacKechnie was a member of the Baltusrol Golf Club, the Country Club and the Ocean Club, all of Florida.  
Surviving are his wife, Ruth; a son, Andrew; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**LeRoy J. Smith**

LeRoy J. Smith, 74, of Springfield died Nov. 29 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.  
Born in Irvington, Mr. Smith moved to Springfield 11 years ago. He was a salesman for Drake's Cakes at the Irvington and East Brunswick plants for 35 years and retired in 1988.  
Mr. Smith was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion Post 16. He was a former trustee of the Irvington Public Library.  
Surviving are a son, Richard A.; two daughters, Nancy Smith-Ciancio, and Diane L., and a grandchild.

**Angie Cavallaro**

Angie Cavallaro, 62, of Summit died Dec. 1 in University Hospital, Newark.  
Born in Italy, Mrs. Cavallaro came to the United States at the age of 15 and lived in Chatham before moving to Summit 25 years ago.  
Surviving are her husband, John; three daughters, Mary Ann Osmulski, Angie Balasic and Judy Desien; two sisters, Mary Dasti and Teresa Salvo, and six grandchildren.

**William Ellis Jr.**

William Ellis Jr., 58, of Summit died Dec. 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Montclair, Mr. Ellis lived in Summit for 22 years. He was a software engineer at C.R. Bard, Murray Hill, for 20 years. Mr. Ellis was a graduate of the Newark Business College.  
He was a member of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department, the Fire Prevention Bureau and deMolay, a masonic organization.  
Surviving are his wife, Georgette; a son, George; a daughter, Lu Ann; his father, William Ellis Sr.; his stepmother, Anna Ellis, and a grandchild.

**Esther Drucks**

Esther Drucks, 83, of Burlington, formerly of Union and Springfield, died Dec. 5 in the Masonic Home of New Jersey, Burlington.  
Born in Newark, Mrs. Drucks lived in Irvington, Freehold, Union and Springfield before moving to Burlington last week. She had been president and secretary of Torah Chaim Jewish

**Lorraine Post**

Lorraine Post of Summit died Dec. 5 at home.  
Born in Savannah, Ga., Mrs. Post lived in Summit for 75 years. She taught Christian education at Christ Church in Summit for many years until retiring.  
Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie L. Bryant, and a son, Percy A. Jr.

**Ralph J. La Salle**

Ralph J. La Salle, 70, of Summit died Dec. 5 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Morristown, Mr. La Salle lived most of his life in Summit. He was a machine operator with Micro Pul Corp., Summit, for eight years and retired 15 years ago.  
Surviving are his mother, Anna La Salle, and a brother, Anthony.

**The Connection offers free dance workshop Saturday**

The Connection for Women and Families offers a free and open dance workshop on Saturday at The Connection. From 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the auditorium, Greg Mitchell will demonstrate, teach and answer questions about theater dance.  
Mitchell has danced with the national Ballet of Canada with Rudolph Nureyev and spent six years as a principal dancer in the Elft Field Ballet.  
He is a veteran of numerous theater, television and film productions, including "Cradle Will Rock," with director Tim Robbins. He is currently a featured dancer in the Broadway hit, "Chicago."

Mitchell is a resident of Montclair.  
The dance portion is recommended for children ages 10 and older. Interested participants may call The Connection for Women and Families and register a place at 273-4242.  
The Connection is located at 79 Maple St. in Summit, just off Morris Avenue. Free parking is available, and The Connection is also just two blocks from the Summit train station.  
This workshop is presented as part of The Connection for Women and Families Community Dance Program, coordinated by Myung Bondy, dance director at The Connection.

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**Maria Alonso**  
"I don't think so. When the time comes, they'll be ready."



**John Sanft**  
"I think there'll be minor nuisances. But we won't have any of that end-of-the-world stuff."



**Mark Slotnick**  
"No, but there's always the possibility. Hopefully, with all the money that's been spent, everything will be okay."



**Bob Cruit**  
"I think they're overdoing it, although there's a possibility within the smaller industries. I don't think things like the banks will be effected."

## 'Grandpa Sid' will share stories, songs at library

"Grandpa Sid," played by Springfield resident Sid Frank, will tell stories and play songs for kids at the Donald B. Palmer Stadium at the Springfield Free Public Library at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Frank has written the scripts for about 40 children's long-playing records containing hundreds of songs for which he has written the lyrics. The program will consist of selections from this material.

"Grandpa Sid" will tell his own stories, play his own songs and put on his own silly hats. He will tell about Pinocchio, Uncle Barnaby and the Good Pond from "Babies in Toyland," Johnny Appleseed, Paul Bunyan, Babe the Blue Ox and why witches take "mean pills."

Frank has a long career in theater and recording. He wrote the book and lyrics for a series of educational musical productions including "Jez," about New Jersey; "Lurabel," about North Carolina; "One for God Measure," an introduction to the metric system and "They knew New Brunswick," for the city's centennial.

Also done by Frank are "Gold Pieces" and "The Wizard of Oz," both children's musicals. Frank has written lyrics for songs recorded by Johnny Ray, Frank Sinatra, Billy Eckstine and Sarah Vaughan.

He is the author of books such as "The Presidents," "Tidbits and Trivia" and "Howard the Horrible Horse." His contribution to education includes "The Talking Map," "The World of the Birds" and "World of Weather & Trip to the Moon."

Funding for this program has been provided by the A. Leigh Balber Memorial Fund. Balber, a long time local resident, was active in all library issues. Because of his actions on behalf of the county system and of local libraries in Essex County, the New Jersey State Library Association awarded him its Library Service Award in 1988.

This program is free and open to all. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library at 66 Mountain Ave. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

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**STUDENT UPDATE**

**Visit with a Kennedy**



Kristin Soccodato

**Soccodato chosen as Student of the Month**

Summit High School senior Kristin Soccodato has been chosen by the faculty as the school's Student of the Month.

Soccodato has participated in a variety of school activities including Student Council, chorus and athletics. She has been an active participant in the Student Advocacy Speakers Bureau whose members speak to middle school students about the upcoming academic options and strategies in high school.



Mountainside residents and Villanova University freshmen Alison Kobel, left, and Lauren Kobel, right, meet with Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who recently spoke at the school in an effort to increase environmental awareness among students. The Kobels, 1999 graduates of Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, serve on the Ideas and Issues Committee of the Villanova Campus Activities Team that sponsored Kennedy's visit.

**Summit's Pathways offers variety of cancer support services**

The Summit-based Pathways offers a variety of cancer support services. Support offered includes groups for women diagnosed with breast cancer, recently diagnosed and/or currently in treatment or at the post-treatment

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7:30 PM

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9:30 AM

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9:30 AM (Bilingual)  
Saturday, December 26th  
9:30 AM and 12:00 NOON

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
11:00 Midnight (Bilingual)  
Sunday, December 27th  
8:30 AM and 12:00 NOON

**NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
Friday, December 31st  
5:30 PM  
Prayer Vigil for the Passage to the Year 2000  
11:00 PM  
Followed by Mass at Midnight  
12:00 Midnight  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
Saturday, January 1, 2000 Octave of Christmas  
Mary, Mother of God  
Mass 11:00 AM

**Sunday, January 2, 2000**  
8:30 AM  
9:45 AM (Spanish)  
12:15 PM

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## THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini  
 Sports Editor

For the third year in a row Elizabeth finishes as our No. 1 team as the Minutemen captured a second state championship in three years last weekend.

Third-seeded Elizabeth bested fourth-seeded Monclair 26-14 in Saturday's 26th annual North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship game. The title contest was played at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford.

It was the second consecutive year that the third seed won the section and the sixth time in the 1990s, the other years being 1990 (Randolph), 1993 (Union), 1994 (Monclair), 1995 (Morris Knolls) and 1998 (Roxbury).

No. 2 Rahway, the third seed, was defeated by top-seeded Morristown 46-0 in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 championship game at Giants Stadium. Morristown leads the state with a 30-game winning streak and is now an undefeated 9-0 in the state playoffs, including five championships, the last three consecutive.

Elizabeth also finished No. 1 in the area in 1997 and 1998 and Union was No. 1 in 1996. Johnson Regional finished No. 1 in 1995 as the Crusaders have been the only team so far to finish No. 1 with an unbeaten record.

Elizabeth is now a perfect 5-0 in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship game, with its first and fifth title wins coming at Giants Stadium.

Rahway is now 3-3 in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 championship games and on Saturday appeared in its first one in 15 years.

Elizabeth also became Union County's 12th and final state champion in the 1990s.

The Minutemen started out 0-5 in the playoffs in the 1990s after the 1996 season. Since the 1997 season, Elizabeth is 6-1 in the state playoffs, with two championships.

Here's a look at Union County's state champs in the 1990s:

- Union (3): 1991, 1992, 1993
- Roselle Park (2): 1992, 1993
- Summit (2): 1993, 1994
- Elizabeth (2): 1997, 1999
- Scotch Plains (1): 1990
- Breazley (1): 1991
- Johnson (1): 1995

1990: Scotch Plains in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3.

1991: Union in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 and Breazley in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1.

1992: Union in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 and Roselle Park in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1.

1993: Union in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4, Summit in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 and Roselle Park in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1.

1994: Summit in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2.

1995: Johnson in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2.

1997: Elizabeth in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4.

1999: Elizabeth in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4.

Union and Elizabeth finished as the winningest teams in Union County in the 1990s. Union finished with an 85-18-1 (.825) record while Elizabeth came in at 82-13-1 (.812).

In addition to Elizabeth and Rahway, other area teams to post winning seasons in 1999 included Union, Linden, Johnson and Dayton.

See you in September.

WEEK TWELVE

Saturday, Dec. 4

NISAA Final at Giants Stadium

North 2, Group 4

Elizabeth 26, Monclair 14

North 2, Group 3

Morristown 46, Rahway 0

J.R.'s final picks

Last Week: 1-1

Season: 69-24 (.734)

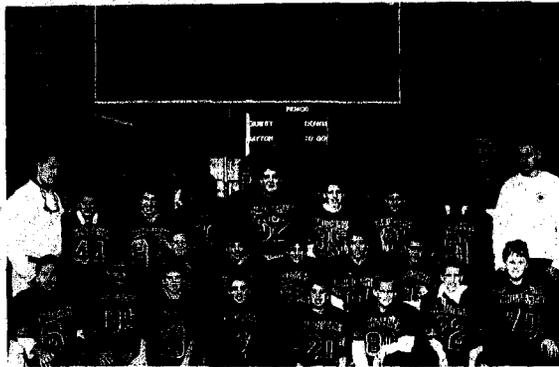
TERRIFIC THIRTEEN

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

## Grid teams excel



The Springfield Minutemen football A/B Team posted a winning record of 4-3. Kneeling, from left, are Mark Czarny, Justin Molinari, Daniel Kahoonei, David Tarullo, Jesse Weatherston, Pat Circelli and Graeme Matar. Standing, from left, are assistant coach Brian Ferrine, Anthony Stivalo, assistant coach Doug Stouffer, Matt Farley, Jon Rego, Tim Cubukcu, Stephen King, Leo Ferrine, Kevin Johnson, Mike Nico, Jordan Gerber, Vincent DeMaio and head coach Clayton Trivett. Not pictured are Matt Boelcher, Derek Seigel, Malcolm Gordon and Daniel Rivera.



The Springfield Minutemen football C Team showed a great deal of improvement. Kneeling, from left, are Ted Hopkins, Nick Netta, Matt Loftis, Zach Silverman, Jimmy Guarino, Matt Byk, Mark Byk and Paul Belliveau. Sitting, from left, are Alex Silverman, Ryan Joblon, Matt Netta, Stephen Suarez and Jeff Feder. Standing, from left, are assistant coach Nick Netta, Daniel DeCocco, Michael Wallach, Cornell Wolfe, Eric Du Beau, Jake Floyd, Joe Daleo, Brandon Cherry, assistant coach Dino DiCocco and head coach Mike Netta. Not pictured are Adam Hirst, Seth Nadel and assistant coach Fred Wallach.

## Cheerleaders lend support



The Springfield Minutemen football teams were well supported by their respective cheerleading squads. The A/B Team cheerleaders, above, include, from left, Taylor Sabinsky, Jaclyn Laurencelle, Linda Chicolo, Jaime Rutkowski and Jill Kuzma and, in back from left, Jacqueline Saul and Jillian Ovslew. The C Team cheerleaders, below, are, from front from left, Alissa Montour, Christina Grywalski and Diana Torzewski and, back row from left, Tiffany Dodson and Ann Marie Colone.



## Dayton expects to play at high level

### Bulldogs face Nutley Sunday

The Dayton High School ice hockey team enters the 1999-2000 season with high expectations.

Last year's squad improved a great deal after its debut two years ago. The Bulldogs defeated Hackensack 4-3, Verona 9-8 and Nutley 3-2 en route to a 3-1-1 record. Dayton tied Newark East Side 6-6.

Dayton's season was scheduled to commence against Tenafly last Sunday night. The Bulldogs' next game is scheduled to be played against Nutley this Sunday night at 8:15 at Chimney Rock.

### High School Ice Hockey

This year the Bulldogs know that they have to be more physical to be successful.

The key to the Bulldogs' season may be the physical play of seniors Brian Berger, Todd Walters, Gerardo Roman and junior John Laurencelle.

Berger returns to the ice after a year off and an subsequent knee surgery. Berger is one of the teams' most physical forwards and forces the opposition to skate with their heads up at all times.

Walters uses his size (6-2, 225) to add another tough left winger to the Bulldogs' offensive arsenal.

On defense, co-captain Roman and Laurencelle continually pound the opposition's forwards at every opportunity, eventually wearing down the opposition.

The hitting starts with these four players and must filter down throughout the roster, maintaining Dayton's reputation as a tough, relentless team.

By adding speed and offensive punch this year, the Bulldogs look to raise their play to the next level, seeking entry into the state playoffs by season's end.

Upcoming: Dec. 11 Nutley at Chimney Rock, 8:15 p.m.; Dec. 16 at Fair Lawn, 5:45 p.m.; Dec. 19 Newark East Side at Bridgewater, 4 p.m.; Dec. 22 Mahwah at Chimney Rock, 8:45 p.m.; Jan. 5 at Bernards, 8:30 p.m.; Jan. 8 at Nutley, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 13 at Mahway, 5:15 p.m.; Jan. 15 vs. Governor Livingston at Chimney Rock, 8:15 p.m.; Jan. 16 at Runson-Fair Haven, 7:00 p.m.; Jan. 22 Bernards at Chimney Rock, 8:15 p.m.; Jan. 23 Passaic Valley at Bridgewater, 5:45 p.m.; at Newark East Side, 4 p.m.; Northern Highlands at Chimney Rock, 8:15 p.m.; Feb. 2 Fair Lawn at Chimney Rock, 8:45 p.m.; Feb. 3 at Northern Highlands, 5:00 p.m.; Feb. 6 at Ramsey, 9:15 p.m.; Feb. 9 Ramsey at Chimney Rock, 8:45 p.m.; Feb. 12 Tenafly at Chimney Rock, 8:45 p.m.; Feb. 13 Governor Livingston, 4:15 p.m.



Dayton High School senior Brian Berger is back on the ice for the Bulldogs' varsity hockey team after a year off due to a knee injury. Berger, coming off of recent knee surgery, is one of the most physical forwards on the team, forcing the opposition to skate with their heads up at all times.

### Dayton Boys' Basketball

- Dec. 17 at Manville, 7:00
- Dec. 21 New Providence, 7:00
- Dec. 28 and 30
- Rahway Tournament
- Jan. 4 Bound Brook, 7:00
- Jan. 7 Oratory, 7:00
- Jan. 11 at Breazley, 7:00
- Jan. 13 at Roselle Park, 7:00
- Jan. 14 North Plainfield, 7:00
- Jan. 18 at St. Mary's, 7:00
- Jan. 20 Manville, 7:00
- Jan. 21 at New Providence, 7:00
- Jan. 25 at Bound Brook, 7:00
- Feb. 1 at Oratory, 7:00
- Feb. 4 Breazley, 7:00
- Feb. 8 Roselle Park, 7:00
- Feb. 11 at North Plainfield, 7:00
- Feb. 15 St. Mary's, 7:00
- Feb. 18 at Johnson, 7:00

### Dayton Indoor Track

- Dec. 15 at Cranford, 4:00
- Dec. 20 at Millburn, 4:00
- Dec. 22 at New Providence, 4:00
- Dec. 28 D. DeSchrive at Drew, TBA
- Jan. 3 G County Relays at Eliz., TBA
- Jan. 7 at Summit, 3:45
- Jan. 16 State Relays at Princeton
- Jan. 19 G County Meet at Eliz., TBA
- Jan. 26 G County Meet at Eliz., TBA
- Feb. 8 at Millburn, 4:00
- Feb. 13 State Meet at Princeton
- Feb. 20 Meet of Champs at Princeton

### Dayton Girls' Basketball

- Dec. 17 Manville, 7:00
- Dec. 21 at New Providence, 7:00
- Dec. 28 and 30
- Roselle Park Tournament
- Jan. 4 at Bound Brook, 4:00
- Jan. 6 Mt. St. Mary's, 7:00
- Jan. 7 at Oak Knoll, 7:00
- Jan. 11 Breazley, 7:00
- Jan. 13 Roselle Park, 7:00
- Jan. 14 at North Plainfield, 7:00
- Jan. 18 St. Mary's, 7:00
- Jan. 20 at Manville, 7:00
- Jan. 21 New Providence, 7:00
- Jan. 25 Bound Brook, 7:00
- Jan. 28 at Mt. St. Mary's, 7:00
- Feb. 1 Oak Knoll, 7:00
- Feb. 4 at Breazley, 7:00
- Feb. 8 at Roselle Park, 7:00

### Dayton Swimming

- Dec. 10 at Gov. Livingston, 5:15
- Dec. 13 at Elizabeth, 4:00
- Dec. 22 Union Catholic, 3:15
- Jan. 5 at Rahway, 3:30
- Jan. 11 Piscataway, 3:15
- Jan. 14 at Linden, 3:15
- Jan. 18 Roselle C., 3:45
- Jan. 20 at East Side, 4:00
- Jan. 28 Johnson, 8:30
- Jan. 31 at Union, 3:30
- Feb. 2 vs. New Prov. at Drew, 3:15
- Feb. 11 Sayreville, 8:15

### Wrestling coaches needed

The Springfield Recreation Department is in need of wrestling coaches for the upcoming 1999-2000 season. Anyone interested may call 973-912-2227 for more information.

# Local gifted and talented students design cars for the future

Could it be possible that cars of the future will use nuclear power? Will there be cars that run on combinations of solar power and compressed gas? Are such cars going to have Internet connections, refrigerators, microwave ovens and

retractable wheels that make it impossible to steal the car? According to the gifted and talented eighth-grade students from Springfield, Mountaintop, Clark and Roselle, all of these options are a sure thing. As a part of the many convocations run by the Union County Gifted and Talented Association, Pamela Gray of Springfield coordinated this learning experience to simulate what happens in the automobile industry when new cars are designed and marketed.

strategies the students could integrate into their own presentations. Students became corporate engineers and executives of car corporations.

Teachers Elaine Fass of Mountaintop, Mary Norris of Clark, and MaryEllen Moffitt and Barbara Suffiza of Roselle took small groups of students with chief executive officers, vice presidents for development, finance, marketing, advertising and public relations to teach them the responsibilities of each position. Guided by selected high school students, students then worked together across districts as simulated corporations to design and market their own alternate fuel automobiles.

They needed to consider their target consumer, create a car to fit that consumer and develop special features to make their car unique. Their proposed cars were required to be environmentally friendly — use alternate sources of energy and put forth low emissions.

'Corporations' then presented their new cars for evaluation of car design, marketing principles, use of free enterprise principles and creative ideas.

Students who didn't know each other at the onset of the first day bonded to share their ideas, develop skills to listen their presentations and develop the most exciting cars they could envision. Students from the high school television studio recorded the event. Plans are underway to create a television show for local viewing so this learning may be shared with others.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF ALICE B. SHACKELFORD,** also known as ALICE SHACKELFORD, Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of MARY M. TROWBRIDGE, Acting Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 3rd day of December, A.D., 1989, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executors of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors and demand against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

John H. Shackelford, Jr. Executor  
Shively, By, Williams, Gurnell & Bantz, Attorneys  
300 East Street, 8th Floor  
P.O. Box 2007  
Milburn, NJ 07043  
U8558 ECL, December 9, 1989 (\$9.75)

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF HENRY B. EINSTEIN,** Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of MARY M. TROWBRIDGE, Acting Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 3rd day of December, A.D., 1989, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executors of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors and demand against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

Chantine O. Einstein and Jean-Philippe Einstein and Rita C. Davis, Executors  
Chloff, Lovanbach, Berman & Buzal, Attorneys  
101 Elmwood Park, Parkway  
Roseland, NJ 07068  
U8557 ECL, December 9, 1989 (\$9.75)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF DECISION

#### TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD

#### PLEASE BE ADVISED

That on November 3, 1989 the Township of Springfield Planning Board approved the application of Nestlé of New York, Inc. for a Residential Commercial use and final site plan to permit the installation of an unattended wireless telephone facility on Block 303, Lot 8, commonly known as 20 Victory Road, Springfield Township, New Jersey. A Resolution memorializing the approval

## PUBLIC NOTICE

(Application #14-00-S) was adopted by the Township of Springfield Planning Board on December 1, 1989. A copy of the Resolution is on file with the Secretary of the Township of Springfield Planning Board, Municipal Building, 100 Locust Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 and that be inspected during normal business hours. WARDEN O. STEWART, SNT, ATTORNEY AT LAW, NESTLÉ OF NEW YORK, INC. AND NESTLÉ COMMUNICATIONS  
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