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Above, from left, Robert Yankhazzone, Mathew Nette, Arthur Buchner and Maxim Chitchebakov read ingredients together at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center in Springfield. Ben Dorkin and Lena Morraele review how to live a healthy life as a younger child. Springfield youngsters spent the day with seniors at Sarah Bailey Monday.

Photos By Barbara Koblitz



Harelik to become next mayor

By Joe Lugara

Staff Writer
 In a whirlwind Tuesday night meeting of the Springfield Township Committee, heroes were honored and a new mayor and deputy mayor announced.
 Emergency service workers from the Fire Department, Police Department, First Aid Squad, Office of Emergency Management, auxiliary police and Department of Public Works were honored by the township for their efforts during Tropical Storm Floyd.
 The meeting room was jammed with uniforms, but after the awards were all handed out, the honored workers, along with their friends and families, emptied, leaving only a handful of people to hear Mayor Gregory Clarke's announcement that Clara Harelik would be the township's first mayor of the new century.
 Elected to the Township Committee last year, Harelik will become the new mayor at the committee's annual reorganization meeting Jan. 1. Fellow Committee member Steven Goldstein, elected with Harelik, will become deputy mayor, replacing the recently re-elected Sy Mullman. Harelik and Goldstein defeated Republicans William Russoo and Judith Blitzer in the November 1998 General Election.
 Clarke described Harelik as "a hard worker, intelligent and someone who does her homework." Clarke was unsure as to exactly when Harelik would be taking the oath of office, saying only, "Technically, I remain the mayor until the new mayor is sworn in."
 Springfield's committee format, unchanged since its founding in 1794, calls for the annual selection of a new mayor and deputy mayor.
 Fire Chief William Grant, Police Chief William Chisholm, First Aid Squad President Gloria Simpson, Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage and Director of Public

Works Ken Homish handed out certificates of recognition to those employees who provided emergency services during Floyd's downpour.
 "The Office of Emergency Management is made up entirely of volunteers," Cottage said. "Hurricane Floyd marked our finest hour in terms of volunteerism — everyone was active."
 "We planned for this storm, as we always do, but what we didn't expect was to lose our facility," said Gras, whose fire headquarters was besieged by flood waters the evening of the storm. "But we handled it, and there's a lot to be proud of. I thank these gentlemen for a job well done."
 "It's important we recognize our employees," said Chisholm, whose department had more than 30 officers honored.
 "My guys are not used to being in the spotlight," Homish said. "I've worked 26 years in this department, and this was the best I've seen with everybody coming together to get the job done."
 Simpson described a specific moment for the gathering, with First Aid volunteers wading through the waist-deep water of one woman's home, "not knowing whether there were live wires in the water. It was dark, and they went in there to help this woman." She said the volunteers kept close to their papers even at home, in the event, an emergency occurred within their neighborhoods.
 Overall, more than 100 emergency service workers, both employees and volunteers, received recognition.
Award winners
 Maria Pomato of the Springfield Environmental Commission presented awards to the young poster artists and slogan writers of the Clean Communities Weekend poster competition. Jessica Ridella, Jessica Horn, Nicole Milano and Michael Mohr all were cited for their work.
 Forman also announced the Associ-

ation of New Jersey Environmental Commissioners had presented the Springfield Commission with its Environmental Achievements Award, and the Union County Planning Board has included Springfield's Roudelle Quarry in its Master Plan, which would make the land part of its park system.
 In the swift business portion of the meeting, the committee voted on a resolution to purchase three police cars under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program. Warnock Ford Inc. has been awarded the contract, with the amount of the three vehicles not to exceed \$60,981.

Condominium case continues Planning Board resumes proposed Bryant I

By Joe Lugara

Staff Writer
 The land-locked former site of the Carter-Bell Manufacturing Company continues to hold a starring role in the confrontation between Summit and Springfield over the proposed Bryant Park Commons apartment complex.
 The Summit Planning Board met Monday night to continue the hearing of the case. The first meeting was Nov. 22.
 The proposed complex, a project of the Short Hills-based K&K Developers Inc., would consist of 138 affordable housing units. The site, covering approximately 7.75 acres adjacent to Bryant Park, currently has only one access road, Summit's Park Drive for which the developers seek approval to widen.
 Summit Planning Board members, who have agreed to hear the case as part of an out-of-court agreement between the two municipalities, are disturbed that the city will reap only extra traffic by the development, while Springfield receives the benefits in terms of property tax dollars.
 Five members of Summit's Planning Board were absent from Monday night's hearing. Mayor Walter Long and Paul Deehan, both of whom recused themselves Nov. 22, did not sit in.

Ellen Hakes, B.J. Cohan and Brett Haire, all were given excused absences. In Deehan's absence, board member Phyllis Sank ran the hearing.
 Bruce Pitman, attorney for K&K Developers, opened the meeting by bringing back engineer Kevin Page, whose company had performed a feasibility study of the area. The meeting opened with the board's cross-examination of Page.
 As with the previous hearing, Page spent considerable time attempting to prove to the board that Park Drive is the only genuine access route to the site. "A boundary survey was done, and this was the only route in," Page said.
 The location is surrounded by various obstacles, including the United Railway Valley Railroad bed, Springfield's Troy Drive apartments, a temple and a west-to-east-flowing brook.
 "We investigated going through the Troy complex, but it wasn't possible legally," Page said. "And to the east there's a stream and a jughandle for Route 78."
 Of the brook, which lies to the northeast, Page restated his belief that getting a permit to construct a bridge over a body of water, while another access road already exists, is a near impossibility. He described the

chances of permit approval as slim.
 Planning Board member Maureen McAndrew seized on the slight 5 to 10 percent possibility, citing hardship. Page said hardship applications are only acceptable if no other access exists. "You have to show that you've investigated all your other alternatives and that there are none," he said. "We have one: Park Drive."
 Sank expressed concern at the width of Park Drive, which Page recommended extending from its current variable measurement of about 16 to 20 feet to 30 feet. "My own street, which I recently measured, is also 30 feet," Sank said. "And there are problems when a cable truck and a Fed Ex truck approach each other on it. This is a very large cul-de-sac for such a small entryway."
 Page identified 30 feet as "a traditional width — that's how I make them." He added that parking would not be permitted on either side of Park Drive, making the roadway even wider than the average residential street.
 "I think it's good practice to have two means of access," Page said. "But here we can't have that. We looked into emergency access and couldn't see DEVELOPERS," Page 5

Parking permits required for new lot

By Keimish Sireaf

Staff Writer
 Mountainside residents interested in preserving a spot in the new computer parking lot should approach the zoning board as soon as March 1, applications may be approved for a permit.
 Depending on how many people show interest in getting a space, however, they may have to be assigned by lottery.
 Members of the Borough Council agreed at their work session Tuesday night on a resolution for next week's regular meeting to have 42 of the 74 spots open as reserved permit slots for Mountainside residents who fill out an application with a \$90 per person quarterly fee.
 If more than 42 residents applied for a space, there would be a lottery. Remaining residents will not be eligible for the permit, but would have to rent the spaces on a monthly basis for a \$40 fee. If 42 people do not fill the designated permit spaces, the remaining spaces not assigned to residents would be open to anyone on a monthly basis.
 Preference would be given to residents over nonresidents if those spots became open and a resident decided to get a permit for it.
 During discussions on the issue, Aeting Borough Administrator and Police Chief James Debbie said the number of residents who have expressed an active interest in the spaces is about 26.
 Mayor Robert Vigilanti wanted to make sure residents were adequately aware of how parking spaces were to be assigned, thereby avoiding the complaints of residents who may later say they were not aware of the situation.
 To ensure the permits would not be misused, council members want to have the permits nontransferable to immediate family members in the same household and have each one display the license plate number of the car the permit would belong to.
 They also proposed that tough penalties be imposed to those who

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 They also proposed that tough penalties be imposed to those who

violate the rules, especially those who illegally park in a space reserved for a resident with a permit.
 "It needs to be a fine that has some teeth to it," Councilman Keith Turner said. "I think we have to be really careful that we don't make a decision and say later we didn't think of that."
 Another resolution was for the regular meeting is one to renew the Associated Humane Societies five-year contract to dispose of the remains of animals and the pick-up of strays.
 However, it was agreed that anti-Borough Attorney John Post examines the contract, and a provision is added for the borough to terminate its contract with them, only a monthly contract would be signed with the AHS.
 "In the past they have been good at taking care of certain things, and at other times I've had to scream, yell, kick and bite to get things done," Vigilanti said.
 The regular meeting of the Borough Council is scheduled for Tuesday at Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

Springfield youth collect for victims

By Joe Lugara

Staff Writer
 At least one neighbor at his Short Hills Village apartment complex thinks Corey Evans is one of the good ones.
 On the heels of Tropical Storm Floyd and the disaster it wrought in Bound Brook, Springfield resident Evans, 14, along with his friends Bryan Tavis, Mickey Stromeyer,

Ryan Lantier and John Lours, covered the 800-plus apartment complex on foot and by bike to distribute fliers asking for donations of goods.
 "He's been a Boy Scout for several years," his mother, Suzanne Evans, said. "He does a lot of volunteer work for the community, so he's familiar with the process."
 "He's a young man of values," said Phyllis Gardner, a neighbor of the Evans family, who offered her garage as a storage space for the collected items. "You wouldn't believe what my garage looked like — clothes, household goods, you name it. Corey has the kind of stuff of which the great young men of his generation will be made. It makes me feel good to see that."

Corey Evans
 Corey Evans described Gardner's garage as "a two- or three-car garage, and we had the floor covered with things, halfway up to the ceiling."
 For elderly neighbors who were unable to make it to the drop-off point, Evans and his friends went out to pick up their donations, making about 20 runs to do so. Management of the apartment complex supplied a maintenance employee and a truck to transport the goods to Somerville.

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 holidays.
 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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 A student at St. Rose of Lima in Short Hills, Evans has donated his time to numerous charitable activities, doing both a cellular phone drive and park clean-up as part of an Eagle Scout project. He also has been involved in the Short Hills Outreach Program.
 "We do a whole bunch of things in the Outreach Program," Evans said. "Usually around the holidays, people bring in nonperishable food. My class organizes and boxes it, and we send it to shelters and soup kitchens."

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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.

Today

• The Springfield Chamber of Commerce sponsors 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 Mountainside Senior Citizens Club has its annual Christmas luncheon at noon at the Panagis Renaissance restaurant in Scotch Plains. Reservations can be made by calling Loretta Buschman at (908) 232-1404.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club has its final Ladies Night Out of the year as a wine and cheese/massage evening 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 Carol Cahill at (908) 233-8426.

Sunday

• At 2 p.m., visitors to the Trailside Nature & Science

Center, 432 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.

• Patrons of the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 432 New Providence Road, can learn the reason for the seasons at 3:30 p.m. This program is for ages 6 and up. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club sponsors a visit to members' homes by Santa Claus. For more information call Doreen Lane at (908) 789-9171.

Tuesday

• The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Upcoming events

Dec. 23

• Handel's "Messiah" concert will be presented by the Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path, at 8 p.m.

Ongoing

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



Hillside resident Jay Gehring Smith's photographs of New Jersey bridges are on display until Jan. 6 at the Springfield Free Public Library.

Photos of bridges on display at library

Jay Gehring Smith of Hillside will present his photographic work in an exhibit, "Bridges of New Jersey," at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through Jan. 6.

Smith traveled throughout the Garden State to capture the artistic essence of many of New Jersey's interesting, unique and historic bridges.

"A bridge is more than a conveyance. The older bridges are pieces of art, and there is a real history there,"

Smith said. "Bridges have been critical in the history of man and are no less important in the history of New Jersey."

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours

of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

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NEWS CLIPS

Township department offers co-ed volleyball

The Springfield Recreation Department offers a co-ed volleyball program Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the gymnasium at Sandmeier School on South Springfield Avenue.

This program is open for all township residents.

For more information call (973) 912-2277.

Handel concert planned at Presbyterian Church

Handel's choral masterpiece, The Messiah Concert, will be sponsored by the Community Presbyterian Church, Mountainside, Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. at the church on Deer Path.

"This is always a glorious musical prelude to the celebration of Christmas," said Conductor Brenda Kay Kucin.

This program has a 27-year history as a highlight of the holiday season and most of the past performances have been held here at the church.

The concert includes a choral ensemble comprised of members of the church and the community, accompanied by a professional instrumental group. As in the past, all are welcome to attend the performance. It is free of charge to the public. A free offering will be taken at the concert.

Conductor for this year's presentation, Kucin was choral director at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School from 1982 to 1998. She has been an active choral singer with numerous concert organizations as singer and soloist at area churches and synagogues.

Solo singers include Andrew Hoydich, "Comfort Ye," recitative for tenor; Laurie Weeks Thomas, "But who may abide" and "O Thou that tellest," mezzo-soprano arias; James Flah, "For Behold; Darkness shall Cover the Earth" and "The People that Walked in Darkness," recitative and aria for bass; Kristie Weeks Boyce, Angel recitatives and "He shall Feed his Flock/Come unto Him," air for soprano.

Julie Fristensky rounds out the soloists with "Rejoice Greatly," air for soprano.

"The stirring 'Hallelujah Chorus' ends the program with the blending of many voices as Handel's musical magic carries on generation after generation," Kucin said.

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 scheduled by a day or two.

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

Mountainside
• Springfield Avenue from the Westfield line to the Springfield line, today.

• Mountain Avenue from Route 22 to the Westfield line, today.

• New Providence Road from Coles Avenue to Summit Lane, tomorrow.

• New Providence Road from Mountain Avenue to Tracy Drive, tomorrow.

• Summit Lane from New Providence Road to Tanger Way, tomorrow.

• Tanger Way from Deer Path to Coles Avenue, Monday.

• Sky Top Road from Coles Avenue to Glenaside Avenue, Monday.

• Tracy Drive from Deer Path to Glenaside Avenue, Monday.

• Ackerman Avenue from Coles Avenue to Deer Path, Monday.

• Coles Avenue from New Providence Road to Sky Top Road, Tuesday.

• Summit Road from the Springfield line to Route 22, Wednesday.

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

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

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

• Baltusrol 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 Mountainside line to Mountain Avenue, Jan. 12.

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Here comes Santa Claus



Photo By Jeff Grant

Santa arrives at the Springfield firehouse in the nick of time to quell anxious children's Christmas wishes Dec. 6. Santa's guest appearance was among the highlights of the township's tree lighting at Town Hall.

Board members consider their options

Enrollment, curriculum mean change in the schools

By Pamela Isaacson
Managing Editor

Members of the Mountainside Board of Education received data at their regular meeting Tuesday night that will help them determine the future of school facilities in the borough.

Joseph Richardson of Whitehall Associates presented a demographic study of the community with enrollment projections expanding into the 2004-05 school year. According to Richardson's report, enrollment will peak during that year with a total of 655 students in the district. There are 614 students enrolled in Mountainside's school system for the 1999-2000 school year.

"The general population is decreasing in this decade but the enrollment history over the past five years shows you have picked up 100 kids," Richardson said. "This is proof the older folks are moving out and the younger families are coming into the community. Enrollment is growing at every grade level."

Enrollment trends show district officials there has been and will continue to be a steady increase of young families moving into the district. Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller plans to distribute a survey to every borough household Dec. 28 so district officials can make decisions concerning how to accommodate these potential students.

Schaller said survey questions address not only if households plan to remain in the district for the next five years, but if they have preschool children who are not yet enrolled in Mountainside's public schools. Schaller requests all surveys are returned by Jan. 7, 2000.

If the predictions prove accurate, in the 2004-05 school year four classrooms will be needed for every grade in Deerfield School. The more immediate problem rests with an abundance of fourth-graders during the 2000-01 school year. Schaller said his and Vice Principal Elizabeth Keshish are outlining plans to accommodate the

fourth-graders without eliminating music or art classes.

Immediately following the demographer's report was a presentation of the feasibility study, given by John Kelenon. According to Kelenon's findings, Beechwood and Deerfield schools are "well-maintained but both have been aged."

Kelenon outlined options for board members' consideration that include either moving kindergarten through third grade to Beechwood School or building additional classrooms onto Deerfield School.

"We are at capacity here," Kelenon said. "It is not just enrollment, but the core curriculum keeps growing."

Setting enrollment projections aside, Kelenon said infrastructure improvements must be made to both schools within the next five years. He said special attention must be paid to the windows at Deerfield School, the two 1968 boilers must be replaced by a modern system and the fire system at Beechwood must be updated.

Anniversary of Washington's death remembered by township historians

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Springfield Historical Society marked the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington by hosting an open house at the Hutchings' Homestead Sunday afternoon.

Better known as the Cannon Ball House, the 1740 construction, located in the buzz of traffic near Morris and Springfield avenues, was well-occupied as a number of the township's residents, young and old, milled about, examining the contents — including a rarely seen document — of a far-off century.

The document in question was a letter, dated June 18, 1780, written by Gen. George Washington... Penned five days before the Battle of Springfield, in Springfield itself and in Washington's own hand, and addressed to Governor De Witt Clinton of New York, the letter was purchased in 1959 by the Historical Society's then-president Howard F. Casella and given to the society. Although it belongs to the society, the letter usually resides in a safety deposit box, rather than within the house, which serves as the society's headquarters.

In it, Washington stresses to the governor the importance of having the military, rather than the governments of the 13 colonies, make the appointments of Army officers.

"This mode, if adopted, will be attended with so many inconveniences... that I cannot forbear taking the liberty to send Brigadier General Knox to represent on my part the ill consequences of the measure, and the superior advantages of the plan recommended in preference," Washington wrote. "I cannot but manifest my anxiety when I see any measures in agitation that threaten the disappointment of our hopes, and take every step in my power to prevent them being carried into execution."

"We brought out all the documents we had relating to Washington, in honor of the anniversary," said Margaret Bandrowski, the society's president.

Images of Washington, along with a reproduction of the Jan. 4, 1800 *Ulster County Gazette*, containing the news and responses to Washington's death on Dec. 14, also were on display.

"In the long and lofty portico, where oft the Hero shrouded in all his glory, now lay the shrouded corpse," the account said. "The countenance still composed and serene, seemed to depress the dignity of the spirit, which lately dwelt in that lifeless form! There those who paid the last sad honors to the benefactor of this country, took an impressive — a farewell view."

The funeral procession, down the elevated laws of Mount Vernon to the Washington family vault on the bank of the Potomac, was described in detail, right down to the president's horse, as it carried his master's saddle, holsters and pistols. Tributes from the House of Representatives and President John Adams, who called the death "a common calamity to the world" also were included in the account.

Members of the Historical Society, dressed in period costume, took visitors on a tour of the house. Author and

historian Michael Yesenko of Union also was present, answering questions pertaining to his book, "General George Washington's Campaigns of 1775, 1776 and 1777."

Yesenko has spent considerable time studying the life of Colonial America's victorious general and first president. He is the author of several other books about Washington, along with numerous newspaper and magazine articles. Two poems by Springfield resident James Napier — one on the Cannon Ball House itself, the other on the Battle of Springfield — also were available to the public.

The house, which is only open to the public on select occasions, is in need of restoration work in several areas. According to Bandrowski, the society recently received a grant of \$4,000 from David Scharden of "The 1772 Foundation" for work on the ceiling in an upstairs bedroom that has been severely damaged over the years by seeping water.

Helicopter cancelled for ground transport

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

A sanitation worker was killed on North Trivet Avenue in Springfield when he was pinned between a truck and a dumpster he was attempting to move.

Michael Fazio, 40, of Kearny, died en route to University Hospital in Newark Dec. 7. The dumpster, which is located against the Municipal Building, near the side door of the Fire Department headquarters, brought out Fire Department personnel, who assessed and treated Fazio. Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician Charles Coline led the initial medical efforts.

The accident occurred at 6:59 a.m. According to Captain Masiello of the Springfield Fire Department, Fazio was inching the dumpster toward the truck, in order to hook it up, when the contact occurred. The sanitation truck driver, Marc Yatkowitz of Brooklyn, N.Y., who had only been on the job one week, was not charged with any wrongdoing in the incident.

Fazio and Yatkowitz were both employed by Manella and Usa Sanita-

tion Inc. of Clinton, said Capt. James Hietala of the Springfield police. Although new to the company, Yatkowitz had at least five years' prior experience. Fazio had been an employee for three years. Owners of the company were not available for comment at press time.

According to a Fire Department report, Coline requested a Northstar helicopter to transport Fazio to University Hospital. "We activated Northstar, but the paramedics cancelled it while it was in the air," said Fire Chief William Gras. The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad arrived on the scene at around 7:05 a.m., and Fazio was placed in the ambulance and driven to the hospital. According to Masiello, Fazio died of internal injuries on the way.

Fire personnel responded to Jonathan Dayton High School to prepare for the helicopter landing. Of the cancellation by the medics, Liz Fritzen, captain of the First Aid Squad, said, "I'm sure they had good reason." Fazio leaves a wife and three children. Funeral services will be held in Kearny last Saturday.

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Lessons about prioritizing

At an early age, school children complete drills to hone their skills at finding what is most important. They have to read short passages and pick out main ideas. They analyze word problems and decide the best course of action for solving them. They read current events and prioritize for leaders.

Parents in Mountainside should take these lessons. What can we say about our priorities when more parents attend a forum about a potential dress code than they do when a demographer gives a report about the district's overcrowded school system? What can we say when parents are more concerned with the design and pattern of possible uniforms than about reopening Beechwood School?

How can parents possibly help their children with homework that deals with establishing priorities when they struggle with this exercise?

The question of dress codes was proposed as a solution, or a way to combat violence in the schools. Fortunately, Deerfield School does not have a problem with violence. But it seems as though enough parents are looking to do something, anything, to address this issue. Uniforms are not the answer for combating school violence. Programs on diversity and stereotypes and frank discussions with students are more difficult, but more rewarding and will produce better results.

Mountainside school officials are trying to be proactive and speak to school violence before a local tragedy occurs. While the effort is admirable, they are trying too hard to simply "do something." Try talking to the children instead of acting.

Parents should be attending seminars on addressing these issues with their kids, rather than verbally attacking a guest speaker who discussed the way uniforms were implemented in his Pennsylvania district. They should be more concerned with Deerfield's overcrowded classes than with an anonymous survey about school uniforms.

Children learn best by example. Help teach your children to prioritize by doing it yourself. Think about what is truly important in the district: a solution to the school population which will only get more crowded during the next 10 years or a vote about what a child wears to attend school?

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-8988, and enter Selection 8000. Use our InfoSource hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



Let's value our resolutions

What would Michael Fazio's resolutions have been this year? Would they have carried more weight for the turn of the century? Would they have been about his wife of 10 years, his three children, his job as a sanitation worker in Springfield?

On Saturday, Fazio's family and friends buried the 40-year-old Keamy resident who lost his life Dec. 7. While on his route in the township, Fazio was crushed between a trash container and a garbage truck. The tragedy left the sanitation company wondering what happened and left his family asking why.

Any death, any senseless tragedy, makes us stop and consider our own lives, our loved ones, our resolutions. Any tragedy makes us pause in our daily routine and re-evaluate our priorities and our resolutions.

This year, let's not wait for Jan. 1 to start carrying them out. Let's start right now by setting small goals and marveling as they are accomplished.

Let's go back and complete that one kind deed rather than hurry away. Let's share that appreciation for a loved one that is sometimes easier to leave unsaid. Let's write that letter we keep pushing off and make that phone call to someone who was once a dear friend.

Any resolutions Fazio may have been contemplating will not be carried out by him. We are lucky to still be able to make our resolutions and to follow them through. This year, let's not let them come and go. When we achieve one resolution, let's create another. Let's let this tragedy teach us to value our resolutions and each person touched by them.

"There's something contagious about demanding freedom."

—Robin Morgan
Writer
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GIFT GIVING — Members of Springfield's James Caldwell School Student Council, from left, Thomas Walsh, Alex Neubaum, advisor Marcia Bright, Amanda Mejewski, Margot Kotler and Peter Sandler collect and pack holiday gifts for the children at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Daredevils should consider rescuers' safety

There are some people who enjoy living on the edge. Those people have always intrigued me.

Surfing in very high seas in spite of bans during hurricanes, swimming where there are dangerous undertows, racing automobiles, climbing dangerously high mountains and leaping over canyons are all activities which put lives on the line. One false step while performing any of these "hobbies" can lead to tragedy. But there are many who are drawn to the dangers.

Not too many years ago, all eyes were turned to people who went over Niagara Falls in barrels. Some made the trip over the falls successfully, while others continued down the Niagara River right out to sea. That practice is now illegal, so there are not many who would defy the law and the falls.

Then there are the skiers who attempt the slopes for which they have no skills. Or the mountain climbers who are not trained for the high elevations and either fall to their deaths in some crevice or meet their ends by freezing to death.

When it comes to automobile racing, I know just one little error at those high speeds can be the last error. Years ago, auto racing was viewed as a means of perfecting tires and rubber and engine design, while at the same

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

time testing out different types of fuels and oils. But those days of talking risk to help consumers drive safe cars are over.

So, why are the racers still racing and why do we still watch these daredevils deliberately test fate? Anytime there's a wreck on the track, it seems incredible when a major crack-up occurs, some of these drivers walk away unscathed.

The same applies to the surfers, who take great glee in stalking waves, sky-scaper-high and then take offense when lifeguards warn them of the dangers and order them off the beach. These bird-brains take offense at the warning, sometimes try to renew their will and, when warned again and banned from the beach, scream to the high heavens about their rights. What rights? Anyone can take control over their own lives, but what gives these water hounds the right to endanger the lives of the lifeguards? Common sense, please.

Then there are the likes of Evil Knave, attempting to fly over canyons where no sensible person would dare to go. Naturally, some of these daredevils are exhibitionists. And, we suspect, in many ways they are money grabbers who prey on the fears of others to fleece their pockets.

So, these daredevil events are staged with adequate backing to line the pockets of the canyon leaper, while at the same time titillating the public.

Most recently, we saw a woman who gained fame by rowing across the Atlantic Ocean. Of course, she had a back-up system, with all types of phones, etc. Don't get me wrong. I am not denouncing her attempt, nor her success. But, to what purpose was this trip? Just to prove it could be done? Just to prove she wasn't a wimp? What was the point?

There seems to be no reason except she wanted to do it. And she did. Bravo. What would have happened if she had experienced perilous problems and needed to call for help? She did not seem concerned that other people's lives could be put in danger if she were in serious trouble.

Can all these exploits be attributed to people wanting a listing in the "Guinness Book of World Records"? Do people get into the hot air balloon and attempt to circumnavigate the

globe for the sheer pleasure of seeing their names in print? Or do they just want to take a long ride in the sky to prove it can be done?

In any case, with the balloon riders it is apparent that it takes big bucks to attempt this feat over and over again. And it costs another stack of big bucks to be rescued.

Over the years, when daredevils have completed or been defeated at some perilous acts, when asked why they did it, the answer may be "Because it was there." So are the jaws of the shark, but no one deliberately swims into a shark's mouth to see what it's like inside.

Daredevils are not only men. There are women out there, too, such as the Atlantic rower, who have to prove their worth by performing acts of daring-do.

Psychologists probably would say these people have poor self-images. Or maybe they are just looking for publicity and name.

But, in any case, the money spent on daredevil acts that catch the eye of the media and the public could better be used to feed the hungry, clothe the ill-clad and house the homeless.

Again, it's a matter of priorities.

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

Despite war, weather new year is welcomed

It all started many years ago, when the younger children of the family persuaded the older members that they were finally old enough to stay up to watch the new year arrive at the stroke of midnight. Thus, for them, a new tradition was born; to be carried on for many years — the celebration of New Year's Eve.

It began quietly enough, just a simple evening at home with perhaps a few cookies and a glass of apple juice. There were a few games that could be played such as checkers, Parcheesi or other board challenges, but somehow there was not always enough activity to ward off sleep, and for some, the new year slipped in unnoticed.

Even the sleeping celebrants' who were roused at midnight seemed to have taken no notice of the event, although in the morning they complained that no one had awakened them.

As the years went by, things improved and staying awake until midnight was not as difficult as it had been.

Sometimes the party was at a friend's house, and there were more participants for the games. There were also special programs for New Year's Eve being broadcast on that new entertainment device known as a radio. Some of the programs reminded us of events that had happened during the old year, about which we might have forgotten.

The movie theaters advertised extended showings of new and old favorite films for that night, and it was "come early and stay" till the new year arrives." Some theaters sold tickets in

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

advance of New Year's Eve, and for 50 cents a customer had a reserved seat. He could come at 7 p.m. and watch movies until the new year, and nothing would have been repeated.

One year a couple of hardy members of the family decided to do something a little different from the previous celebrations and took a train ride into New York City. They joined the gathering crowds of merry-makers in Times Square to await the start of the new year. Although they finally returned home a few hours later and claimed that they had enjoyed everything, they also agreed that once in a lifetime was enough.

There were occasions when New Year's Eve was not the happy and carefree time it was supposed to be. One such evening occurred when a fight of the family dropped in for a visit and appeared to be in pain. Dad took one look at his rather green-colored face and shipped him off to the hospital, where the friend celebrated New Year's Eve in a bed, minus one appendix.

By the end of 1941, the country was at war and all of the factories were working night and day for the war effort. Most holidays became just another work day, and New Year's Day was no exception.

However, a little thing like a war was not going to be allowed to stop us

from celebrating, even after a 12-hour work shift. The parties went on well into the early hours of the morning, until it was time to return to work.

It was a sorry lot of workers who showed up that morning. Some were bleary-eyed and had difficulty keeping their eyelids from closing, although we all did our best.

There was one young fellow, however, who came to work dressed in his party clothes and raring to go. He worked at top speed for several hours while the rest of us struggled through the day, wondering how he could maintain such a pace.

Then suddenly, as though a switch had been thrown, he stopped working, disappeared into a washroom and was seen no more until he was roused to go home at the end of the shift. There were no complaints made, but the following year we had New Year's Day off.

A few years later, the war was over and Christmas morning was celebrated in its customary manner with the opening of presents that Santa Claus had brought for the new generation of children now part of the family.

He should not have had any trouble getting his sleigh back to the North Pole as a heavy snowstorm moved into the area and, by the next afternoon, everything was buried under two feet of snow.

The roads were barely passable by New Year's Eve, and then a freezing rain fell and coated the snow with about an inch of ice. Celebrations that year were a bit subdued, but the trees and bushes glistened beautifully in the

sunlight the next day with their mantle of ice.

Most of the family's New Year's celebrations in later years have taken place in routine fashion, such as watching television programs during the evening and waiting for the famous lighted ball to drop, signaling the end of one year and the start of a new one.

Noise-making is part of the fun, and so is listening for factory whistles and church bells.

There was one time, however, when things did not go as expected. That was the time when old Aunt Sophie visited some patients in the hospital on New Year's Eve afternoon.

An independent lady, she had taken herself downtown to see her friends and walked out of the hospital, only to slip on an icy patch and fall down.

Lifted to her feet by some passers-by, she said she was all right and would go home, although her leg was slightly painful. She was taken back into the hospital and x-rays indicated that there was no great damage to her knee, but later pictures showed that she had broken a thigh bone and was not going home just then.

As the word spread, family members gathered at the hospital while doctors operated and installed pins in the bone. The next day she was in a wheelchair, spending along the aisles and revisiting the friends she had come to see the day before.

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To the Editor:

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Joseph Chiappa
Mountainside

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To the Editor:

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Heather G. Suarez
Springfield Minutemen
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Annual Soccer Dinner a success

To the Editor:

On Dec. 1, the annual Soccer Dinner was held at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield. The dinner was attended by more than 140 people comprised of the boys and girls soccer teams, the cheerleading squad and their families, plus invited guests including coaches, the school principal, athletic director and athletic trainer.

Highlights of the evening included the dinner, which was catered this year by world class chef Gerard Gasparini of Balducci Golf Club. The meal was a sumptuous fare which everyone heartily enjoyed. Many thanks to Mr. Gasparini for making the meal so absolutely special.

In addition, the students were recipients of several fabulous donated door prizes. We would like to give a special thanks to the parents and teachers who contributed and to the many members of the business community who gave so freely.

Katie Denner
MaryAnne Gasparini
Soccer Dinner chairpersons

Who needs local stadiums, traffic?

To the Editor:

To any and all sports franchises enjoying facilities foolishly built and paid for by local government:

If you want to move AND pay for your own arena/stadium, please do. You don't carry your own economic weight making your value to the community or county or state barely negligible and highly dubious. In addition, traffic probably gets snarled around your facility.

Who needs it?

Frank Marchese
Mountainside

Developers' witness describes area traffic patterns

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do it. It's only 300 feet from the first driveway to Springfield Avenue. That's not a long distance. If it were 3,000 feet, I'd be concerned. But it's only 300. It's safe or safer than a typical neighborhood."

Asked by Sank who would enforce the "no parking" regulations, Page answered, "The proper authorities," a response that met with silence and at least one snicker.

Board member John McCann asked Page if putting an entrance to the northeast, over the brook, would cause K&K to lose some units. "He would lose some units, but that's not why it's the worst possible choice," Page answered, citing the severe difference in elevation on both sides as the reason why crossing "sinks" stands as a bad idea from an engineering perspective.

To construct a bridge at a simple right angle would result in a structure 80 to 100 feet in length, according to Page, with the width of the superstructure very nearly the same size as the proposed widening of Park Drive. The existence of a "Park and Ride" facility, along with a Department of Transportation maintenance yard on the other side of the stream, further complicate matters in that area.

Harold Maltz, a traffic and transportation engineer, was then introduced by Pitman. Maltz was retained by K&K in June 1998 to produce a traffic study of the area involving Park Drive, Springfield Avenue and Middle Avenue.

Maltz conducted his studies at two peak hours: 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. His counts were made on normal business days, under good weather conditions. In the morning peak hour, the predominant direction of traffic on Springfield Avenue was, according to Maltz's report, "overwhelmingly unidirectional," as it flowed eastbound toward Route 24 and Morris Avenue.

Park Drive was described as carrying only "nominal" traffic activity, with nine trips in each direction. Middle Avenue had only "light traffic flows" with 82 southbound vehicles moving into the Springfield Avenue intersection, of which 67 turned right in a westerly direction.

In the afternoon, Maltz observed Springfield Avenue traffic as continuing eastbound, "lighter in magnitude than the a.m. peak hour," and "not indicating a commuter travel pattern." Park Avenue remained consistent in its lightness and ratio of traffic in both directions, while Middle Avenue experienced a "large increase in traf-

fic activity over the morning rush hour," with 198 vehicles traveling southbound to Springfield Avenue. Of those, 85 percent turned right, moving west.

Maltz described roadway evaluation as being determined according to "Levels of Service." In LOS, roads are measured on a scale of A to F, with "A" indicating the shortest delays and "F" the longest. Maltz's capacity analysis for the Springfield

Avenue and Middle Avenue intersection indicated the Springfield Avenue eastbound left turn to be functioning at "A" level. Middle Avenue also was found to be operating at "A" level.

Maltz judged "all critical movements" to be functioning in the LOS A-B range, and concluded, "No improvements are required at this location due to the Bryant Park Commons site."

Public schools hold registration

Registration for the 2000-01 pre-kindergarten program in the Springfield Public Schools, as well as for children eligible for kindergarten in September 2000 who are not currently enrolled in the Walton School Early Childhood Pre-Kindergarten Program, will be held on the following days:

- Jan. 13, 2000: last names beginning with A-E, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.
- Jan. 14: F-K, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.
- Jan. 18: L-Q, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.
- Jan. 19: R-Z, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.

Registration will be held at the Edward V. Walton School Early Childhood Center. Parents are requested to call the school at (973) 376-1304 to confirm a date and time or, if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session.

To be eligible for the prekindergarten program, a child must be a resident of Springfield and be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2000.

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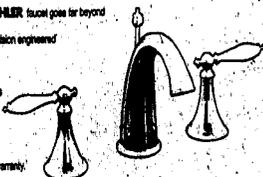
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The bride-to-be, a graduate of Summit High School, is a doctoral candidate in art history and an assistant instructor at the University of Texas at Austin. She graduated from Skidmore College where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Her father is retired from Morgan Stanley and Company, and her mother is the former mayor of Summit.

The future groom, also a doctoral candidate in art history at the University of Texas at Austin, is an assistant curator of photography and film at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center. He is a graduate of Highland Park High School in Dallas, Texas and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Bates College in Maine. He received his master's degree from Hunter College in New York City. His father is a senior partner at Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C. of Dallas, Texas. His mother is a development officer at the Dallas Museum of Art.

A June 2000 wedding is planned in Summit.

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Robert B. Speer

Robert B. Speer, 84, of Springfield died Dec. 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Nutley, Mr. Speer lived in Passaic and Clifton before returning to Nutley and moved to Springfield 35 years ago. He operated a private consulting firm with his wife, Julia, from 1980 through 1985. Prior to that, Mr. Speer was the corporate secretary and then senior vice president in charge of operations of the Summit-Elizabeth Trust Co.

Earlier, he had been an assistant vice president with the Passaic National Bank, Passaic, where he worked for 17 years. Before that he worked for the Fidelity Union Trust Co., Newark.

In 1958, Mr. Speer graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. He was treasurer of the Passaic Collegiate School and president of the Rotary Club in Passaic, the Passaic County American Institute of Banking and the Banking Administration Institute in Union County.

Mr. Speer was a member of the New Jersey Bankers Association Half-Century Club and the Union County Coordinating Commission of Higher Education, where he was chairman of its finance committee. He was a member of the Rotary Club and Advisory Board in Summit and the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield.

Mr. Speer was a member of the choir and board of directors of Vincent United Methodist Church, Nutley, and was a Sunday school teacher and a member of the finance committee of the Chatham United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith S. Kramer; a sister, Gertrude S. Sharpe; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Kitty Lobo

Kathryn "Kitty" Lobo, 34, of Madison, formerly of Summit, died Dec. 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Orange, Mrs. Lobo lived in Summit before moving to Madison four years ago. She was a 1988 graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Mrs. Lobo was a self-employed

computer consultant. She was a volunteer for many years with the Special Olympics for the state of New Jersey.

Surviving are her husband, Phillip James; her parents, Peter Jay and Sheila Conlin, and two sisters, Margaret Mary Collin-Tucker and Patricia.

Callmera Frederick

Callmera Frederick, 78, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Dec. 7 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are two daughters, Pamela Zurawski and Carole; a son, Leon; a stepdaughter, Leona Lechlinger; a brother, James Cardone, and three grandchildren.

Irene Glorlande

Irene Glorlande, 53, of Wayne, formerly of Springfield, a former Springfield school teacher, died Dec. 8 in the Hospice of New Jersey, Wayne.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Glorlande lived in Springfield before moving to Wayne 25 years ago. She was an office manager for A.C. Trucking, Paterson, for six years.

Earlier, Mrs. Glorlande was an elementary school teacher for the Springfield Board of Education and the Diocese of Paterson. She was a graduate of St. Elizabeth College, Convent Station.

Surviving are her husband, Edmund P.; a daughter, Alissa; her parents, Azeglio and Matilda Pancani, and a brother, Richard.

Rose Gomez

Rose Gomez, 79, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Dec. 6 in the Manorcare Health Services, Mountainside.

Mrs. Gomez was a seamstress with McGregor Clothiers, Summit. During World War II, Mrs. Gomez worked at the General Motors Corp. She was a volunteer with the Summit Red Cross.

Surviving are three daughters, Elaine Wright, Dr. Diane Gonzalez-Dahmer and Rosemary; a sister, Mary Taranella; a brother, Albert Hamway, and two grandchildren.

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 in Christ

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Church, Summit, for many years until her retirement.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie L. Bryant, and a son, Percy A. Jr.

Jeanne C. Whitesell

Jeanne C. Whitesell, 78, of Millburn, formerly of Summit, died Dec. 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. A memorial service will be in the spring.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Whitesell lived in Summit for many years before moving to Millburn eight years ago. She was a 1942 graduate of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., and attended The New School for Social Research in New York City.

Mrs. Whitesell was a volunteer at The Far Brook School in Short Hills for many years.

Surviving are three sons, John C., Thomas D. and David B.; a daughter, Margery W. Fautaux; a sister, Polly C. Wells, and nine grandchildren.

Dorothy McMurray

Dorothy S. McMurray, 89, of Freehold Township, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 4 in Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division.

Born in Allentown, Pa., Mrs. McMurray lived in Springfield before moving to Freehold Township three years ago. She was a member of the Senior Citizens Club in Springfield and the Atlas Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Westfield.

Mrs. McMurray also was a member

of the Daughters of the Revolution Church and the Cannon Chapter in Springfield where she served as secretary and a soloist for weddings and other functions.

Surviving are a daughter, Jean Pengett; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Grace Holler

Grace Holler, 72, of Springfield died Dec. 9 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Holler moved to Springfield 47 years ago. She was a sales supervisor with Cameco Corp., Verona, where she worked for five years and retired in 1995.

Previously, Mrs. Holler had been employed in the same capacity with Plumrose Inc., Springfield, from 1972 through 1989. She was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens.

Surviving are two daughters, Marilyn G. Dobrovizki and Arlene J.; a sister, Dolores Drew; a brother, John Drew, and four grandchildren.

Filomena C. Esoldi

Filomena S. Esoldi, 82, of Summit died Dec. 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Esoldi lived in Sirling before moving back to Summit in 1983. She was a manicurist at Jim's Hairdresser's in Summit for 10 years and retired in 1950. Mrs. Esoldi worked for the Army in Newark during World War II.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Howell named as Oratory Student of the Month

Brian Howell, a senior at Oratory Preparatory School in Summit, has been named the school's most recent Student of the Month.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Howell of Morris Plains; Howell is currently the president of Oratory's Student Council, a group he has represented in various capacities over the last four years. He has been a student ambassador during open houses, giving tours of the school to prospective students and has been a member of Campus Ministry.

Howell has been very active on several sports teams at Oratory. He has been a member of the basketball team for the past four years and was the recipient of the Most Valuable Player award in his freshman year. He also has participated in track and cross country, where he had been selected for the 1997 All-Conference Team.

Outside of Oratory, Howell has been a volunteer at Morristown Hospital. He is presently a floor trainer for the weight room at the Morristown YMCA and works with the youth group at St. Virgil's Church in Morristown.

Howell has applied to the University of Scranton, Fairleigh University, Loyola College and Kings College, where he hopes to major in the field of business.

Oratory, an all boys Catholic school for students in grades seven through 12, enrolls pupils from a six-county area in a college prep curriculum.



Brian Howell

38th Annual United States Senate Youth Program. Lau is one of two students who will represent New Jersey in this year's program.

Lau will travel to Washington, D.C. in March to participate in an all-expense paid seminar. She also will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

Lau was selected as a delegate to the U.S. Senate Youth Program from applicants representing high schools in New Jersey. Each school was allowed to nominate one elected student government officer for this honor. The qualities sought in a delegate include leadership ability, high scholastic standing, clear speech and thought processes and community involvement.

Lau is selected

Jessica Lau, a senior at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, has been selected as a delegate to the

O'Connor gets degree

Summit resident Brian A. O'Connor received his bachelor's degree in communications during the

summer term at Washington State University.

Farrell named Bloustein Distinguished Scholar

Ryan-Farrell of Springfield was among 12 students at Seton Hall Prep in West Orange to be named an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar for the 1999-2000 school year.

Through the Garden State Scholarship Program, the students selected as Bloustein Scholars were in the top 10 percent of their classes and had a minimum combined SAT score of 1,260, or ranked first, second or third, as of the end of their junior years. Farrell is ranked ninth in his class and scored 1,450 on his SATs.

Nearly 4,300 Distinguished Scholars received award offers for the 1999-2000 school year. Distinguished Scholars are offered an annual award of \$1,000 without regard to financial need.

Lee wins competition with borough teacher

Edison resident Michael Lee, a student of Loretta Jankowski of Mountainside, has been announced as a winner of the Andrew De Grado Piano Competition. Fourteen piano soloists and two piano accompanists will receive a certificate of recognition and a cash award.

Lee is a high school freshman who has been taking piano lessons for seven years. In 1997, Lee has been a winner several times as a soloist and as a duet partner with his sister in various piano competitions.

Lee also has composed music that won in the composition category of the Piano Teachers Society of America competition.

Criminal lessons



Caldwell College criminal justice majors, from left, Danielle Restiano and Bloomfield and James Miller of Springfield receive advice from Detective Sgt. Stephen Burke from the Somerset County Prosecutors Office/Police Academy during a recent class on Crime and Criminal Law at Caldwell College.

Children can learn the art of French puppets

French puppets are coming to the Springfield Free Public Library Jan. 22 at 2 p.m.

Children between the ages of 6 and 9 are invited to make a French "Guignol" hand-puppet. Participants will learn the history of a well-loved tradition, along with some easy French phrases, and then will put on a performance.

Debbie Zaiga, the leader of the hour-long workshop, has taught French at elementary and middle school levels and

presently teaches at Millburn High School. She will introduce Guignol, the mischievous little fellow with a ready smile, who has given his name to all French glove puppets, as well as to the theater where his plays are given.

Registration is required, as spaces are limited. Call the Springfield Free Public Library, 56 Mountain Ave., at (973) 376-4930.

The snow date is Jan. 29.

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 4:00 p.m. Memorial Hall
 6:30 p.m. Church
 10:00 p.m. Carols sung by the choir
 10:30 p.m. Mass

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th
 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon, 1:15 pm Spanish
No evening Mass on Sunday, December 25th
Sunday, December 26: Feast of the Holy Family - regular Sunday Schedule
Friday, December 31st - New Year's Eve and Saturday, January 1st
Friday, December 31st - Church will be opened to all for personal prayer from 7 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 11 p.m. (Saint Teresa Choir will Sing)
 No (5:30 p.m.) Mass on December 31st.
Saturday, January 1, 2000 - (Not a day of obligation)
 Masses will be at 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon.
No evening Mass on Saturday, January 1, 2000

Confession Schedule
 Wednesday, December 15th
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 Confessions - Saint Teresa's Saturday, Dec. 18th 4 p.m.
 Monday, December 20th 7 p.m.

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See article on church events elsewhere in this paper.

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4:30 PM and 11 PM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.

Community pitches in

An unfortunate accident turned into an opportunity for spirited community members to lend a helping hand. During this summer's school break, Summit's Washington School student Eleana Facchini was chasing her dog into the street when she was struck by a car. The fourth-grader suffered serious injuries that included a broken hip, femur, pelvis and coccyx. Doctors placed Facchini in a full-body cast, and she is expected to remain in the cast through the spring.

When school started Sept. 7, Facchini was unable to attend and began home instruction. Recently, however, Facchini's physicians determined she was ready to return to school. But Washington School was not quite ready for her.

Washington School's two fourth-grade classrooms are located on the second floor. But the building does not have an elevator, and Facchini, who has been getting around with the help of a walker and a wheelchair, cannot use the stairs. Principal Carol Friend realized the only solution was to bring the classroom to Facchini and decided the fourth grades would trade places with two second-grade classrooms that were located on the first floor. Team teaching is used for some subjects in fourth grade, so it was necessary to move both classes.

During renovations made to all of Summit's elementary schools over the past two years, Washington School was made the district's only ADA-compliant elementary school. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that all core facilities in a school, such as libraries, auditoriums,



Washington School fourth-grader Eleana Facchini thanks the captains of the Summit High School football team, from left, Sean Kerr, Jon Campagna, John Martini and Kareem Wilburn. The players were among volunteers who helped ready the school for Facchini's return after recovering from a car accident.

cafeterias and gymnasiums be hand-labeled accessible, but the requirement does not pertain to any particular classrooms.

"We had some advance notice that Eleana was returning full time on Nov. 15," said Friend. "But in order to keep disruption to a minimum, we had to get a whole lot done in a hurry."

On Nov. 5, parents, teachers and fifth-grade students volunteered to help the school custodians in packing

boxes and moving books and materials between the floors. But some extra strength was needed, so Friend called on the Summit High School football team.

"The football players are well acquainted with Washington School," Friend said. "They use Taillock Field behind the school for practices, and on Friday nights before home games they use our cafeteria to stare dinner and a pep talk to get them ready for the next day's game. The team was

eager and willing to help us out."

With the effort and concern of so many people, Washington School was ready for Facchini's return the following Monday. Facchini stopped by during the move to witness all the activity that was taking place on her behalf and to say "thank you."

"We saw a real spirit of community at work here at Washington School," said Friend. "It's good to know that so many people are available when you need them."

EDUCATION

St. James presents first quarter awards

First quarter awards were presented to students at St. James the Apostle school in Springfield. The following students earned honors in a number of categories:

Grade 1: Megan Rose Alzona, Nicholas Rossamondo, David Wightman.

Grade 2: Gillian Lau, Tera Nicole. Grade 4: Nicole De Primo.

Grade 5: Alexa Navia.

Grade 7: Colleen Spadora.

Grade 8: Jermaine Johnson, Joy Sarinas, Williams Fischer.

Second Honors are given to B+ students who received an average between 88 and 91.

Grade 1: Tony Kallakavumkal, Shaikja Modi, Philip Paten, Jennifer

Quagliato, Bridgite Runda. Grade 2: Danielle DeFronzo, Sharon Garcia, James Kosor, Nisha Mathew.

Grade 3: Krystina Quow, Grace Lau.

Grade 7: Alyssa De Luca, Grace Thomas.

Grade 8: Graeme Matear.

Students receive Honor Mention when they achieve an average between 83 and 87.

Grade 1: Harsh Patel.

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Soccer standouts



The Springfield Recreation Department Killer Bees soccer team, grades 1 and 2, enjoyed an outstanding fall season. First row, from left, are Sammy Dushkin, Jackie Loeshelle, Chris Fiorelli and Vincent Fiorelli. Second row, from left, are Darren Farbstein, Rebecca Frank, Justin Grant and Skyler Apollonia. Third row, from left, are Ross Fish, Jamie Valencina, Thomas Baker and coach Harry Loeshelle. Back row, from left, are coach Jeff Neubauer, Stephen Cohen, Matthew Neubauer, Dylan Prus, Elliot Karp and coach Barry Farbstein. Team members not pictured include Peter Blanco and Todd Robinson.

Dayton girls' basketball is ready for exciting season

Junior-laden squad returns eight players

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

Dave Rennie knows his girls' basketball team at Dayton High School has "taken some bumps in past years." Including a 5-15 mark last season, but the head coach also knows he has a youthful, experienced lineup for the next two seasons.

The Bulldogs return at least eight varsity players while having lost one senior from last season's team. Of those eight, only one is a senior.

Rachel Tiss, a 5-foot-7 center, is the lone senior in the Bulldogs' lineup. Rennie said Tiss is best on defense. "Rachel is strong with her defense, her rebounding and her overall physical play," Rennie said. "She definitely has a presence around the basket and inspires the team to play more aggressively."

The junior-laden squad will have three-year player Linda Agostinelli, at 5-5, and Dana Rutkowski, at 5-2, at the guard positions. Both are juniors.

"Linda is our starting point guard," Rennie said. "She's a good shooter and has excellent court sense. She's our floor general, the glue that keeps the team together on the court."

"We'll also be relying on Dana to make outside shots to loosen and open the defense so we can get the ball inside," Rennie added.

Three more juniors the Bulldogs' coach looks forward to having on the court in their home-opener tomorrow night against Manville will be 5-7 Sarah Abraham, 5-5 Tara Listowski and 5-3 Christina Tomasiino. All are forwards.

"Tara's a very good all-around athlete," Rennie said. "She anticipates well on defense, she can guard any position and does a little bit of everything, right down to the dirty work, such as diving on loose balls."

"Christina does a lot of intangible things on the floor," Rennie continued. "She is solid defensively, she really neutralizes those she plays against and knows her role.

She's a smart player."

Rennie said Abraham can fill any role he asks her to play, but will also be relied upon to provide another offensive weapon in the lineup.

"Sarah is incredible at running the floor," Rennie said. "She likes to run the fast break and she's very athletic. She can hit the outside shot, she'll get rebounds and will get physical if she has to."

Rennie said he has been pleased at what he has seen from sophomores Esther Aizenberg and Maria Zolotarsky as well as freshman Iyssia Gordon.

The coach said Aizenberg, a 5-3 guard, is quick on defense and aggressive on the offensive side.

"Esther comes up with a lot of steals, but she also runs the floor well," Rennie said. "She's also fearless. She's not worried about driving on bigger girls inside."

As for Zolotarsky, a 5-3 forward who did not play on the varsity team last season, Rennie described her as a strong kid and another player who he got some rebounds. "She can guard and be physical with somebody taller than her," Rennie said.

Rennie said Gordon, a 5-6 center, is strong and aggressive as well.

"She's shown us a lot during the first few weeks," Rennie said of Gordon. "She's very physical and knows when to step up her game."

Rennie said Dayton could find itself moving toward the middle of the Valley Division standings in the Mountain Valley Conference and could have an impact on teams chasing the championship trophy. The Bulldogs may have an idea where they stand after facing Manville, traveling Tuesday to Now Providence and playing Dec. 28 and 30 in Roselle Park's holiday tournament.

"We finished very strong last year with a win over St. Mary's (67-43) and an overtime loss to Mount St. Mary (32-50), which was one of the top three teams in our division," Rennie said. "We can't use the excuse that we're young. We have to establish ourselves in the conference."

Kopcha looking for youthful GL girls' hoops to surprise

Lone senior Ciasulli returns after injury absence

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

Dan Kopcha hopes his youthful Governor Livingston girls' basketball team can surprise some teams after losing six seniors from last season's 18-6 performance.

The Highlanders reached the Union County Tournament semifinals, where they fell to Elizabeth, and were eliminated by Summit in the second round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 tournament last season.

GL returns eight players, including just one senior and two juniors, from last squad.

Keri Ciasulli, the only senior, returns after missing last season due to injury. Kopcha said the guard "has a lot of hustle and desire. She is also a good motivator for the younger kids on the team."

Two juniors, Jen Calabrese and 6-foot-1 Maya Monroe, will be called upon to help provide floor leadership.

"Jen will probably be our leading scorer," Kopcha said of Calabrese, who averaged 13 points a game last season. "She knows the game well, she's an excellent shooter inside and outside, and is a good rebounder. Maya has excellent speed and good knowledge of the game. She's also an excellent shot-blocker, because of her height, and she's not afraid to mix it up."

The squad is heavily sophomore-laden, as seven second-year students are on the varsity team, which begins the regular season tomorrow when it hosts Hillside at 7 p.m.

Kopcha had plenty of praise for Zoey Cheniz, who will split time between guard and forward.

"Zoey has an excellent shot, good speed and dribble," Kopcha said. "We're hoping to get a lot of production from her offensively and defensively."

Joining Cheniz will be guards Catherine Dotto and Kristen Hauser.

"Catherine has excellent speed and an excellent shot," Kopcha said. "She's also a great hustler and is hungry to play the game. Kristen's also a good shooter and has great hustle and desire."

Lindsay Sheppard, at 5-10, Keri Moore, Storey Pizzo and Pamela Cash are the other sophomores.

"Lindsay has an excellent outside shot, while Keri brings good speed and shooting and excellent ball-handling," Kopcha said. "Storey hustles well and will work well within the system, as will Pamela."

Four freshmen — Megan Butler, Margaret Goodspeed, Bucky Ringwood and Crystal Hammond — will have a chance to see varsity action this season.

The Highlanders' coach said anything could happen with a young squad.

"I think the biggest thing is to try to get the best chemistry on the floor," Kopcha said. "A lot of things need to be in the mix. It's a matter of putting it together and seeing where they go and how they do against other teams."

Dayton has total of 99 letter-winners

The following Dayton High School athletes were honored at the school's annual Fall Athletic Awards Program.

A total of 99 varsity letters were presented to participants in football, cheerleading, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, boys' cross country, girls' cross country, tennis, girls' volleyball and gymnastics.

Leading the way was the football team, which posted a winning record of 6-4.

It was the grid squad's first winning season in three years and third of the 1990s.

Below are the letter-winners from each sport:

Football: Keith Allen, Justin Azran, Brian Berger, Charles Boyer, Dan Dell'Accono, Matt Fischer, Brian Jones, Richard (B) Jones, Richard Shulley, Todd Walters, Lorenzo Williams, David Woodruff, David Wyche, Kahl Goforth, Russell Hayward, John Laurencelle, Altag Vigilante, Joe Voorbes, Scott Hollander and Stefano Sarnecino.

Girls' Tennis: Christy Dell'Accono, Lillian Fannan, Rachel Mandel, Ali Pulliti, Tabaha Fishkin, Nicole Oati, Rena Steinhack, Val Zlosky.

Gymnastics: Laura Moiseov, Nicole Naggar, Melissa LoSchiovo, Stephanie Weiss.

Girls' Volleyball: Karin Abanto, Victoria Bronsteyn, Manuela Ganes, Bula Kozana, Lyndee Pagan, Dana Miccilli, Christina Florio, Tara Listowski, Maria Zolotarsky, Nicole Burke.

Boys' Cross Country: Jeff Marx, Alex Kramers, Chris Melendez, Jonathan Zippin, Sean Cordoni, Bryan Demberger, Chris Phillips, Andy Yanuk, Brett Berger, John Couage, Tim Hornish.

Girls' Cross Country: Dina Gordon, Rachel Nemer, Lisa DeNicolio, Stacey Fishkin, Diana Marquez, Juliet Marx, Lauren Montes, Miri Rosen, Jennifer Griener, Allison Lau, Shira Zabludovsky.

Boys' Soccer: Nate Denner, Ravi Quakha, Guillaume Gasparin, Adam Slater, Marc Eisenstein, Danilo Ruggiero, Dara Mirjanzany, Carlos Santuriles, Michael Jaffe, Mohamed Abdelaziz, Alex Mylakovskiy, Imanuel Pereira, Guilherme Bianco, Michael Nitolo, Justin Katz, Andy Title, Matt Schachtel.

Girls' Soccer: Michael Santoro, Alina Stiehl, Linda Agostinelli, Lindsey Decoster, Esther Allenberg, Sheryl Denning, Lauren Gearty, Pam Traum.

Cheerleaders: Luciana Cincio, Melissa Fernandez, Lauren Palaia, Valerie Luis, Janelle Gibbs, Dana Rutkowski, Vangie Summa, Jennifer Lewis, Heather Shanley, Colby Tisa.

1999 UCT champ returns 2 starters

Summit opens at Par. Hills

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

Reliving the magic season that was last year might be a stretch for Summit High School's girls' basketball squad, but head coach Dana Farinella sees a scenario where the Hilltoppers can come close.

It will not be easy, as Summit graduated six players from last season's 23-3 Union County Tournament champion squad which later fell to Hills Conference Hills Division rival Mendham in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 final.

Mendham was the only team Summit lost to last year as the Hilltoppers finished second in the Hills Division behind the Minutemen.

The Hilltoppers will return two starters, but could have three sophomores and four freshmen on their roster.

Forward Stephanie Bruce and guard Danielle Proper, two of Summit's three senior co-captains, were starters last season. Bruce, an All-Conference selection, was injured during the post-season.

High School Girls' Basketball

"Stephanie has a high level of intensity and a commitment to work hard," Farinella said. "She will be one of our strong points inside. Danielle will control our offense, but we're also looking for her scoring and for her to step up on defense."

Danielle Proper's twin, Dana, will also be a starting guard. Farinella said she is looking to see Dana Proper's largest contribution offensively.

Sophomore center Katie Tully and freshman guard-forward Karen Jann will likely start tomorrow when Summit travels to Parsippany Hills for their 7 p.m. IHC-Hills Division opener.

"Katie gained a lot of experience as a freshman," Farinella said. "We're looking for her to be more aggressive and develop into a leader."

As for Jann, Farinella called the freshman, "a pretty well-rounded athlete. She was strong in soccer and has taken her talents to the basketball court."

Shante Coffield improved soccer fans during her freshman season. Like Jann, Farinella is hoping for a strong contribution from Coffield.

Lian Price, a junior, and sophomores Lauren Urz and Liz Sheridan will come off the bench to fill guard positions.

"Lian's quick and when her shot's on, it's on," Farinella said. "We also need to have Liz work on ball control and taking control of the offense. She needs to be aggressive and a leader."

Farinella said two freshmen, Ashley Holmes and Sasha Orenczak, can give Summit a strong inside presence. Both are forwards.

Parsippany Hills is one of three Hills Division schools that Farinella feels will have a strong team this season.

"They have a rough squad with lots of experience and height," Farinella said. "Mendham's consistently No. 1 in the conference."

With the high number of players lost to graduation and the new players entering varsity competition for the first time, Farinella said she realizes any discussion about a repeat of last season's accomplishments are premature. But it may still be possible.

"We're laying the foundation and our emphasis now is on the fundamentals," Farinella said. "They've shown a lot of improvement. If they continue to improve, we will have a strong team and will be tough to beat."

Minutemen hoops here

The following are the Springfield Minutemen basketball rosters for the 1999-2000 season.

8th Grade: Helmi Abdelaziz, Anthony DeNicolio, Leo Ferrine, Billy Fletcher, Jordan Gerber, Malcolm Grant, Mike Ridiere, Stephen King, Robert Kleyman, Mike Luciano, Frank Miceli, Dan Scott, Bryan Sitt.

7th Grade: Matt Farley, Kevin Johnson, Kevin Kleyman, Robert Shebat, Kenneth Suarez, Michael Tisa, Jesse Weatherson.

6th Grade: Jake Floyd, Jesse Galinkin, Adam Hirt, Gregg Stefanelli, Alan Steinhack, Stephen Suarez.

5th Grade: Kyle Sealey.

The 8th grade team opened with a 60-33 win over Now Providence. Jordan Gerber scored 14 points. Helmi Abdelaziz poured in 13 and Dan Scott came off the bench to pull down seven key rebounds. Now Providence won the 7th grade game, despite a 10-point, 10-rebound performance by Springfield's Kevin Johnson.

Scrimmage games against South Orange are scheduled to take place Saturday at Gaudinier School beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Dayton scores in its season-opener

Roman, Kovacs find the net

Captain Gerardo Roman scored twice and Jonathan Kovacs tallied once and assisted on another goal, but it wasn't enough as the Dayton High School ice hockey team fell to Nutley in its opening game last Saturday, dropping a 6-3 decision at the Bridgewater rink.

Roman, a Brentley High School senior who played quarterback for the football team this past fall season, cut a 2-0 deficit in half by scoring late in the first period. Bill Chambers assisted on the score.

High School Ice Hockey

After Chris Bohm gave Nutley a 4-1 lead with his second goal midway through the second period, Roman received a pass from Kovacs and scored again.

Dayton then faced the Bulldogs a chance to come back when he took a feed from freshman Brett Berger and shot high into the net to cut the margin to 4-3 with three minutes remaining.

The Raiders then closed the game with two goals, including an empty-netter with 30 seconds remaining.

Dayton travels tonight to the Icehouse Rink in Hackensack for a 5:45 game against Fair Lawn.

After playing Fair Lawn, the Bulldogs have two games remaining before January.

Dayton is scheduled to play East Side Sunday at 4 p.m. and is then scheduled to face Mahwah Wednesday night at 8:45.

Dayton's first game of the 21st century is scheduled to be played Wednesday, Jan. 5 against Bernards at 8:30 p.m.

Dayton will then face Nutley again on Saturday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming: Dec. 16 at Fair Lawn 5:45; Dec. 19 East Side, 4:00; Dec. 22 Mahwah, 8:45; Jan. 5 at Bernards, 8:30; Jan. 8 at Nutley, 7:30; Jan. 13 at Mahwah, 5:15; Jan. 15 at Gov. Livingston, 8:15; Jan. 16 at Runson-Fair Haven, 7:00; Jan. 22 Bernards, 8:15; Jan. 23 Passaic Valley, 5:45; Jan. 27 at East Side, 4:00; Jan. 29 N. Highlands, 8:15; Feb. 2 Fair Lawn, 8:45; Feb. 3 at N. Highlands, 5:00; Feb. 6 at Ramsey, 9:15; Feb. 9 Ramsey, 8:45; Feb. 12 Tenafly, 8:45; Feb. 13 Gov. Livingston, 4:15.

Oak Knoll harriers outstanding

Oak Knoll completed a successful cross-country season by winning the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division girls' race.

Paul O'Shea, a Summit resident, coached the girls' team to a winning record of 7-4.

Oak Knoll placed seven runners among the top 12 in the Valley Division race and previously won the Newark Academy Invitational for the second time in three years. The Royals placed 4-9-17-22 for the team title.

In the Valley Division race, Oak Knoll needed to top most-favorite New Providence, which had defeated the Royals in two meets during the season.

While some believed New Providence had little to worry about, Oak Knoll placed five runners among the first nine to win the meet.

In addition to the varsity wins, the freshman team placed third in the New Jersey Catholic Track Conference's meet, while Megan McGinn won the Newark Academy junior varsity girls' race.

The Royals will return seven freshmen, six sophomores and two juniors to the 2000 squad.

Three runners — Catherine Dewey, Emily DeVita and Katherine Wagner — were named to the Mountain Valley Conference's Valley Division first team.

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