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By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Budget summaries for the 2000-01 school year were presented by the district's principals at Monday's meeting of the Springfield Board of Education.

For the most part, total costs between 2000-01 and the 1999-2000 school year varied only slightly. For the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, Principal Dennis McCarthy described his main expense as a new kiln for the art class, which he estimated at \$2,450. "We've been repairing ours constantly," he said.

Other cost increases involve an increased staff in the area of guidance/student support and the school office. Gaudineer's current enrollment of 535 students is projected to increase by 13, with anticipated staff changes for the next school year to include an increased sixth-grade section, a basic skills instructor, additional physical education support and additional section assistance for seventh- and eighth-grade social studies, science, math and communication arts. The total difference amounts to \$1,871.

When asked by board member Ken Faigenbaum whether there was a significant deviation between last year's budget proposal and the final numbers, McCarthy said there was not.

At Thelma L. Sandmeier School, the proposed budget difference of \$7,389 was greater than in other schools in the district. Necessities include computer and printer supplies, grade one literacy materials, Skills Links Workbooks for grades two and three, replacement calculators and maps and globes for social studies classes. Of those, the Skill Links Workbooks factor in at \$1,800, with replacement calculators valued at \$500. The need for a new photocopier also was cited.

At the James Caldwell School, purchases include materials in all major subjects. Enrichment increases are expected in the areas of art, language arts, math, science and social studies, necessitating a greater number of teaching materials.

Workbook replacement is recommended in the area of social studies, as is replacement of the existing book collection in the library/media center which contains, according to the budget summary sheet submitted by Principal Ken Bernabe, "many outdated books."

Purchase of audio visual equipment also was noted. In

the area of health and student support, Machine for eye examinations, costing \$2,100, was requested. The People's Assistance Comm. budget difference between 1999-2000 and 2000-01 Caldwell School is \$1,905. "It's about the same amount of money from last year," Bernabe told the board. "We're just trying to reallocate it."

The \$992 difference posted by the Edward V. Walton School Early Childhood Center marks the lowest difference between yearly budgets by any school in the district. The only areas of increase involve physical education, co-curricular/nonathletic activities and the school office. In physical education, the increase of \$342 marks the purchase of a new item, the Double Shot Basketball Game.

A \$200 increase marks the change in co-curricular/nonathletic activities, specifically for Recognition Awards, to be used for events such as students' birthdays and American Education Week.

In the school office, an increase of \$2,042 is being allotted for replacement of student chairs, additional folding chairs and laminate film — an expensive item used often by teachers, and not ordered by the school's administrators last year.

Although not listed on the budget summary sheet, concern for the safety of Walton School's students regarding the gymnasium windows which push out rather than raise vertically, was expressed by the school's principal, Faigenbaum asked for the situation to be evaluated by the Buildings and Grounds Committee and a report issued before any money is allotted for changes.

Turning his attention briefly to the upcoming century and its potentially troublesome computer situation, Superintendent Gary Friedland assured board members and the few parents in attendance that everything should be under control in the district.

"We've spent more than a year working on this problem," he said. "From the computer-controlled heating system to clocks — to the best of our knowledge, we're Y2K-compliant. We contacted our vendors on everything, and we're ready."

"Our custodians will be here on the weekend before school starts again to make sure everything's working. When we reopen on Jan. 3, there should be no problems."



Above, children dressed as angels sing for parents and friends Dec. 14 at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield. A nativity scene, left, complete with live animals and characters, helped explain the meaning of Christmas.

Borough police nab alleged thief

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Some throwed detective work by the Mountainside Police Department helped nab a suspect wanted in two burglaries in the borough and one in Westfield.

The investigation that led to the arrest of Luis Lorenzo Jr., 24, of Budd Lake, began Nov. 9, after a burglary on New Providence Road. According to Detective Sgt. Todd Turner of the Mountainside Police Department, the

suspect, made a forcible entry through a basement window of the residence, completely ransacking the house.

A second burglary allegedly occurred on Summit Lane Nov. 17. The owner of the residence, a 30-year-old male, reportedly returned home while the suspect was in the house. The intruder allegedly assaulted the homeowner with his fists, fleeing through the same rear glass door he used to make his entry. The victim, who sought medical attention, was not seriously injured in the attack.

Turner traced Lorenzo through a cellular phone reportedly stolen in the New Providence Road burglary. "We monitored activity on the cell phone," Turner said, "and through an interview with that person, we were able to learn how the phone was acquired."

Information provided by the confidential informant pointed police toward Mount Olive. "Mount Olive has jurisdiction over Budd Lake," Turner said. The two police departments worked together to determine a strategy to approach the house in Budd Lake.

Officers from both departments arrived at the Route 46 Budd Lake address early in the morning of Nov. 30, armed with an arrest warrant, and apprehended Lorenzo without incident.

"We had a search warrant," Turner said, "and we were able to recover some items from the previous burglary."

Lorenzo was transported back to Mountainside where, according to Turner, he made "incriminating remarks suggesting he'd been involved in both burglaries."

Turner added that Lorenzo had been identified in a photo lineup by the victim who reportedly had been assaulted in the Summit Lane break-in. A teletype was sent to surrounding towns, with a witness identifying Lorenzo as also having been involved in a burglary in Westfield. According to Turner, the witness saw Lorenzo leave the residence at the time of the burglary.

Lorenzo, an unemployed painter, is being held in the Union County Jail on \$50,000 cash bail. His alleged accomplice, a Dover resident, is presently incarcerated in the Morris County Jail on other charges.

The case was investigated by Turner, Mountainside Detective Kevin Beyeman and Detective Lt. Richard Oslaja. "It was a cooperative effort with Mount Olive," Turner said. "They went above and beyond to help us."

"Burglaries, unless you have fingerprints, are seldom solved," Turner said. "In this case, things worked out nicely."

Township appeals to FEMA for \$1.38 million

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Tropical Storm Floyd is still a tempest in Springfield, to the tune of \$1.38 million. As a result of damage caused by the storm, the township has applied for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"We asked for \$1.38 million, but what you ask for isn't necessarily what you



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Newspaper office to close for holiday

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 edition of Dec. 30.

This newspaper is being published today because of the Christmas holiday.

Our offices will close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 23, and remain closed until Monday, Dec. 27.

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.

get," said Township Administrator Richard Sheola. "You just put in the application and go through the audit."

The storm's consistent rain, which fell Sept. 16, caused severe damage to the Municipal Building. The overflowing of VanWinkle's Creek on Mountain Avenue resulted in water rushing down the stairs leading to the building's basement, damaging a number of township records and some police department offices.

Electrical panels, meters and telephones switching equipment were submerged in over six feet of water, forcing the Police Department to relocate to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center and throwing the township into a state of emergency.

"We're still technically in a state of emergency," Sheola said. "Until the Police Department is back in the Municipal Building, we'll be in a state of emergency."

"Our biggest drawback is that we lost 9-1-1," Springfield Police Chief William Chisholm said of the delay in moving the department back to its regular location. He said he expects to get the Patrol Division back in the Municipal Building "sometime in January. That's what Bell Atlantic told us," a fact that was echoed by Sheola.

Chisholm said the Crime Prevention and Traffic divisions will be housed in Jonathan Dayton High School. According to Sheola, the Detective Bureau, which is currently housed in the Girl Scout building on Caldwell Place, will have to stay where it is until enough room is made in the Municipal Building.

Decisions as to where the police locker room and records room will be relocated in the Municipal Building are "still up in the air," Chisholm said. Sheola was more specific, indicating the locker room will be moved to the first floor, at least temporarily, with the records room relocated to the second-floor conference room. He said a decision as to exactly what will be permanently located where has not been finalized.

Police records were indeed moved, as of Monday, to a second-floor office to make space for the locker room. Police department secretaries were busy unpacking and organizing records while downstairs, in an empty records office, a construction worker was making preparations for changes.

In Sheola's estimation, the township's largest flood expenses other than the Municipal Building involve the restoration of documents stored in the basement that were damaged by water. A complicated restoration technique, which involves freeze-drying, would cost the township about \$1 million, according to an estimate received by Sheola, "provided every sheet of paper we give them is returned, finished to us."

He said township officials are combing the documents to determine which are most crucial and in need of restoration.

In other storm-related activity, the library's carpet, which was submerged in two to three inches of water in some areas, is currently being replaced. The library, which closed Monday, is scheduled to reopen Jan. 5.

"We have two layers of carpeting," said Library Director Susan Pernaosh. "The top carpet was cleaned and deodorized, but the seams opened up in some places and the water seeped underneath onto the old carpet."

Pernaosh said library workers will be removing most of the books, and any books remaining in the library during the carpet replacement will be shrink-wrapped for protection. The underlying carpet, she said, contains a high level of bacteria.

Under observation

Springfield's Caldwell School fourth-grade students Liliana Rocha, left, and Allyson Brown use hand lenses to closely observe the different properties of minerals. Students tested the minerals for hardness, luster, streak and magnetism.

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Churros y chocolate



Students in Springfield's Florence M. Gaudinier School Spanish II class, from left, Pedro Rittweger, Jose Rodriguez, Felipe Gordon and Mateo Colandrea enjoy homemade churros and chocolate, a popular breakfast and holiday treat in Latin American countries.

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**
- Handel's "Messiah" concert will be presented by the Mountainside Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path, at 8 p.m.
- Sunday**
- Visitors to the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, will discover how people throughout the ages have been using the sky as a seasonal calendar to know when to plant their crops and hunt migrating animals. There will be a program at 2 p.m. for children ages 6 and up and a 3:30 p.m. show for children ages 4 through 6 with an adult. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens.

Upcoming events

- Jan. 2**
- The reorganization meeting of the Springfield Township Committee will be at noon at Town Hall.
 - Patrons visiting the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can discover what Y2K really means at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. This program is for children ages 6 and up. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens.
 - Visitors to the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can learn about early buttons, used for clothes and games at 2 p.m. The cost is \$2 for each child.
- Jan. 4**
- The Mountainside Borough Council will have its reorganization 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.

Versatile artist plans display

The work of Murray Hill artist Christopher Pacio will be featured exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum from Feb. 11 through March 16. The museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Specializing in nature subjects, Pacio works in many media such as wood, air brush, ceramic, oils, pastels, silk screen, pen and ink and water color. He also creates wearable art, rendering his subjects on jackets and t-shirts. Pacio is a graduate of the duCret School of Arts and has attended classes at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit. While a student at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, Pacio participated in the Teen Arts festivals and assisted in designing the festival when it was hosted by Governor Livingston High School. His work also has been displayed at Andrea's Pennsylvania House in Westfield. Pacio continues to be an active



Christopher Pacio member of the Center for Visual Arts. He maintains a workshop/studio in Berkeley Heights and creates custom art for his clients. Pacio is a maintenance supervisor for the Summit Board of Education and remains active with Governor Livingston High School as an adjunct weight trainer.

Town set for reorganization meeting

The Springfield Township Committee will have its annual reorganization meeting Jan. 2 at noon in Town Hall. Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik will be sworn in as mayor and Township Committeeman Steven Goldstein as deputy mayor. Sy Mullman will again take his oath to serve as a committeeman after being re-elected in November. All five seats on the committee will be held by Democrats for the second consecutive year.

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 Center Prekindergarten Program, will be held on the following days:

- Jan. 13: 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. Children entering kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before Dec. 1, 2000. Parents are requested to bring the following materials to the registration:

1. Child's birth certificate.
2. Current immunization records.
3. Two proofs of residency — New Jersey driver's license, utility bill, lease, etc.

NEWS CLIPS

Library closed for repairs

The Springfield Free Public Library is closed to install new carpeting. The process began Monday and will go through Jan. 4. The two-and-a-half week closing is necessary to remove carpet damaged by Tropical Storm Floyd and to install new carpeting. The library was flooded on Sept. 16 when the nearby VanWinkle Brook overflowed its banks and rushed through the municipal complex. For book lovers who took out books, videos, books-on-tape and compact discs before Sunday, they are not due until Jan. 10. The library also will be offering an amnesty period beginning Jan. 5 through Jan. 14. Any overdue library materials from any time will be accepted with no fines accrued. Patrons can take this opportunity to clear their records and start the new year without fines. The library will re-open at 10 a.m. Jan. 5. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Regular library hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

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 Hoyditch, "Comfort Ye," recitative for tenor; Laurie Weeks Thomas, "But who may Abide" and "O Thou that Teltest," mezzo-soprano aria; James Plath, "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 onto 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.

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) 912-2227.

Handel concert planned at Presbyterian Church

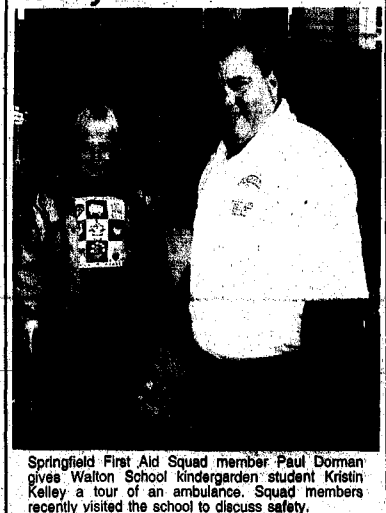
Handel's choral masterpiece, the Messiah Concert, will be sponsored by the Community Presbyterian Church, Mountainside, tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the church on Deer Path. "This is always a glorious musical prelude to the celebration of Christmas," said Conductor Brenda Jay Kucin. This program has a 27-year history as a highlight of the holiday season.

County posts schedule for local leaf collection

Last 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. County roads in Mountainside have been completed. The following county roads are scheduled in Springfield for a second leaf pickup:

- Shumpke 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.
- Balsour Road from Summit Road to the Summit line, Jan. 7.

Safety first



Springfield First Aid Squad member Paul Dorman gives Walton School kindergarten student Kristin Kelley a tour of an ambulance. Squad members recently visited the school to discuss safety.

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Simon dice...



Springfield's Caldwell School second-graders participate in a Spanish version of 'Simon Says.' The students receive a weekly lesson in Spanish, in addition to the classroom teacher reinforcing newly learned skills.

Grand old flags aid local hospital

By Joe Lugara Staff Writer

For those who have a notion to help a child, they can wave a flag.

The Mountainside Women's Club is helping the New Jersey state Federation of Women's Clubs raise funds for the Early Intervention Program at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside by selling the American flag.

"Every year the New Jersey state Federation of Women's Clubs has its own special state project," said Pat Knodel, president of the Mountainside club. "It's customary for the federation's officers to select a project that all the clubs can raise money for."

Children's Specialized Hospital has been near and dear to my heart since I was a child in Westfield," said the federation's current president, Carol B. Hancock. "I was a Junior Auxiliary member of the hospital when I was in high school, and my mom and I have been supportive of it all these years."

The Mountainside arm of the organization has decided to sell the flags as their own contribution to the fund-raising effort. Hancock, who worked her way up to federation president after 10 years, has been a loyal member of the Mountainside organization for 37 years.

"Many clubs are doing individual fund-raisers," Hancock said. "Mountainside happens to be doing the fund-raiser with the flags."

The hospital's Early Intervention Program assists children from birth to age 3 who have suffered disabilities in their normal development. The program also helps educate parents to the special needs of their children and instructs them in the active participa-

tion of their child's learning.

Physical development — including vision and hearing — cognitive development, communicative development, social/emotional development and the development of self-help skills are the five general areas referred to as "developmental domains." EIP measures the child's development in these areas. Children whose developmental delays are either 33 percent in one or 25 percent in two or more areas, qualify for the program.

The fund-raiser for EIP began with the beginning of Hancock's administration in May 1998 and is scheduled to end in May 2000. So far, according to Hancock, the fund-raiser has been successful. "My state chairman just raised \$6,300 for the program through a luncheon and fashion show," she said. "We also had a basket raffle that raised some good money."

All collected funds will go to the hospital at once. "We're building to a grand finale," Hancock said.

Flags cost \$12. To purchase a flag, call Sue Clement at (908) 654-5180, Joan Shomo at (908) 233-0737 or Ruth Goense at (908) 233-5253.

All collected funds will go to the hospital at once.

"I talked about diseases and cures and vaccinations. I also talked a little about robotics — the procedures that are being used for surgery."

Handeli pointed toward the nation's success with chicken pox, mumps, measles and polio vaccines,

Township art exhibit hits the road

If parents are wondering where their children's artwork is, they can turn to the Springfield School District which will be hosting a touring art show of student work.

The compiled work is a sample of the best painting, printing, drawing, computer graphics and multimedia within a variety of classes for each grade level. The show includes work from prekindergarten to high school and will be touring all of the schools and the board offices.

The schedule is as follows:
• Caldwell Elementary School from Monday to Jan. 14.
• Sandmeier Elementary School from Jan. 18 to Feb. 4.
• Walton Elementary School from Feb. 7 to Feb. 28.

Towns prepare New Year's security

By Joe Lugara Staff Writer

Springfield and Mountainside seem to be prepared for the inevitable.

"We're ready for New Year's," said Springfield Township Administrator Richard Sheola. "We'll have extra patrols, extra firefighters and an emergency command center activation force from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. We'll have the auxiliary police going. Public works will have people here and on stand-by. The managers of all the departments will be here."

"We'll be double-staffing, starting at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve," said Springfield Fire Chief William Gras. "We'll be double-staffed right through to 8 a.m.; with shift changes. At that point we'll determine if we have a need to continue with it."

Gras said the Fire Department already has had several emergency management meetings, and the department will be in constant communication with both the Police Department and Springfield Emergency Management.

"The number of officers we have on patrol at a given time varies, but, generally speaking, we'll be double-staffed," said Springfield Police Chief William Chisholm. "We'll be covering the entire town, just like always, only with extra men."

Chisholm said the double-staffing will run from late evening on New Year's Eve to the early morning hours of 2000.

In Mountainside, Police Chief James Debbie said, "We're basically doubling staff. We'll have five people working a normal shift, including a civilian dispatcher."

The department also will have another five officers available. "They'll have the option of either coming in to work, or they can choose to advise us where they'll be that night," Debbie said.

Officers must be in close proximity, must not be drinking alcohol and must advise the department of the phone numbers at which they can be reached. Currently, according to Debbie, three of the available officers are coming in, with two on stand-by.

According to Debbie, in the event of an emergency, all 12 borough officers are subject to recall. "We're not expecting any problems," Debbie said. "Our Fire Department and First Aid Squad, both of whom are volunteers, will have crews on stand-by, also."

As of Thanksgiving, the borough has increased its roving driving while intoxicated patrol. The patrol, covering the entire borough, will continue throughout New Year's. No road checks will be held.

Handeli shares her voice of democracy

By Joe Lugara Staff Writer

Democracy literally has a voice at Jonathan Dayton High School. It sounds exactly like Marsha Handeli.

Handeli, a sophomore, was selected the local winner of the "Voice of Democracy" contest. Sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars, the competition, open to high school students throughout the county, asks its contributors to define the role of the nation in the coming century. Rather than submit written responses, students offer their ideas in their own voices, on three-minute audiotapes.

Handeli's entry addressed the nation's emerging role as a leader and developer of medical technology.

"I watch '20/20' a lot," Handeli said. "I like science, and I watch the medical developments on that show."

Handeli said she wanted to refer to America's past image as that of peacekeeper while looking forward to its future image as a leader in the field of medical technology.

"I talked about diseases and cures and vaccinations. I also talked a little about robotics — the procedures that are being used for surgery."

and its current use of eye laser surgery techniques as a connection between past and present medical achievements.

But Handeli also addressed some contemporary challenges and flaws. "This century is ending with the threat of communism diminishing and technology taking over," she wrote. "The challenges that are facing us right now are the advancements brought about by new technology such as the Internet and telecommunication. But, on the downside, violence is increasing in the United States. For example, the shooting at Columbine High School, the making of violent music and movies and the creation of violent video games and toys. All of this effects the lives of the people in America, especially young, impressionable minds."

"Marsha didn't ask me once for assistance," said her history teacher, James LEBEL, in whose class Handeli did the assignment. Handeli admitted, however, that she did ask her dad for some ideas.

"I asked him, but I couldn't elaborate on any of them," she said. "So I had to come up with one on my own."

LEBEL said the contest rules arrived rather late, and that students only had

about one week to conceive, write and record their ideas.

"It took me about four or five days to get the idea," Handeli said. "Then I just wrote it the night before. I did my homework right after school, then at 7 or 8 at night I sat down at the computer for an hour or an hour and a half. Handeli began with a very short piece, eventually building it up to its finished length of 3 minutes, 14 seconds.

Although she wrote about medicine, Handeli admits her interests lay in architecture. "I like art and I'm pretty good in math, so I think architecture's a good idea. In art class we did drawings of houses in perspective. I like drawing with perspective."

Overall, more than 60 of Dayton's students participated in the competition. Handeli's entry will advance to the regional level — with state, and possibly national, levels next. At the end of it all is a \$20,000 first-place scholarship.

"Winning in the school alone was a big surprise," Handeli said. "When they called me to the office and told me, it was a big shock."

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And a child shall lead them

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

It was with these words that the angels alerted the lowly shepherds to the birth of the Messiah. However, despite the grand words — "Savior," "Lord" — what the shepherds found was a newborn infant whose parents, a common working man and an unwed mother, were relegated to an animal stall where hay, among other things, littered the stable floor.

Imagine the surprise at this sight, not only that of the shepherds, but that of the mighty kings who had traveled so far to greet a fellow king. Yes, they all knew they would find a baby, but one of such common bearing?

Yet, they believed the world's salvation rested in the hands of this Child, not a powerful ruler or warrior. A baby, and an ostensibly low-born one at that.

Would we, some 2,000 years later, be as willing to trust God's plan? Would we fall to our knees in the sand, straw and animal matter and humbly bow our heads? Would we see hope in one so powerless and defenseless? Or would we hold out, waiting for a more obvious incarnation of salvation?

In the age of "Show me the money," we have lost, to a great degree, the ability to trust. Without realizing it or even intending to, we have become suspicious of merchants, businesspeople, doctors, our neighbors, many of the people with whom we come in contact daily. We are on our toes, on the alert for any perceived wrongdoing against us.

But if a child were to come to us in need — "I can't find my mommy," "Can you please help me open this door?" "I'm lost" — our defenses drop. For how can a child bear malice? How can one so helpless present a threat? And how can our learned apprehension not be affected by the innocent trust of a child?

More often than not, when we have had dealings with a child, we find our own sense of faith in life is renewed, our hope for something better is made stronger and our belief in goodness is restored.

Whether it is a swaddled babe in a manger, our kids and nieces and nephews, a youthful stranger we encounter or that little child deep inside each of us whose eyes sparkle hope and whose heart beats trust, may a Child lead you to peace, harmony and hope this Christmas season.

Leave the details for later

When you go on a trip, you do not decide what to wear to dinner the fourth day before you decide where you are going.

Members of the Mountainside Board of Education are getting ahead of themselves. At the same meeting when they received the demographer's report that gave them official data about projected student enrollment for the next five years, they were contemplating details such as building an auxiliary gymnasium and removing the portable classrooms. These are decisions that need to be made — but not now. Before board members even think about how to expand Deerfield School to accommodate a growing number of students, they need to decide on a course of action. Before they decide what to include in the project, they need to figure out if there even will be a project.

There are several options officials must consider to maintain and improve academic programs, to expand extracurricular activities and to house a growing number of students that will peak in the 2004-05 school year. A few of these options include moving younger grades into Beechwood School and expanding Deerfield School. The options need to be carefully considered before details are finalized. Even discussing details at this early stage creates unnecessary concern and hysteria.

First, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller should present the demographer's report to the public in a summarized manner. Then, he, along with an ad hoc committee, should consider and outline solutions for what will become an over-populated Deerfield School. He should make his recommendations for the course of action he feels will be most cost-effective and advantageous. All of this should be done before any talk of adding multi-purpose rooms and an auditorium.

Although it is difficult not to consider any and all future plans at once, the district should try not to jump several steps ahead of the process. It should decide where to go on the trip and how to get there before planning each day.

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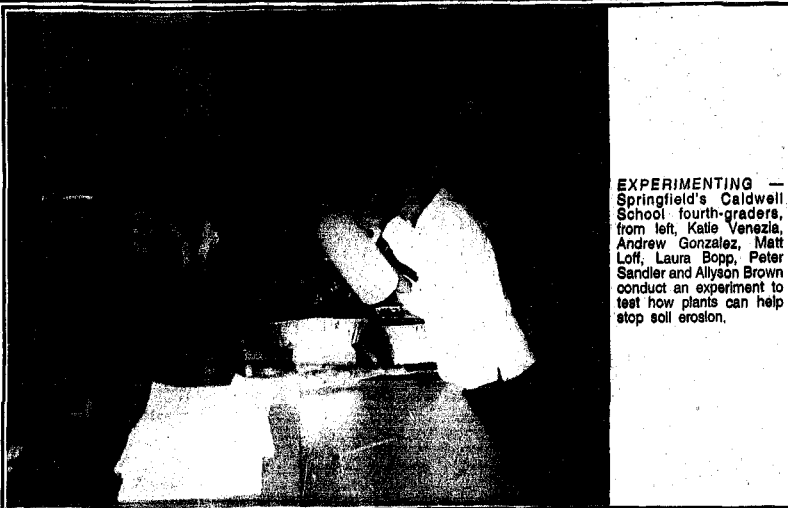
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EXPERIMENTING — Springfield's Caldwell School fourth-graders, from left, Katie Venezia, Andrew Gonzalez, Matt Loff, Laura Bopp, Peter Sandler and Allyson Brown conduct an experiment to test how plants can help stop soil erosion.

New Year's Eve is a bust before it occurs

The exotic quality of 2000 has dissipated quickly. For many of us, the idea of 2000 is becoming as cherished as the memory of 1978.

This 2000 thing wasn't great shakes to begin with. It was a curiosity, sometimes a fun one — selecting our top person or events or domains of the past century — but whatever minor entertainment value it had as a media event extinguished itself long ago. America, like a kid at Christmas, just can't wait it doesn't understand the importance of letting an experience build. The nation is so furiously intent on selling, it often kills interest in the thing it's trying to market.

All the marketing efforts have slowed the 2000 thing down to a trickle. Remember, more than a year ago, how we were all advising one another to start making plans for the

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

big one? Well the big one's almost here, and there are still places available to rent for private parties, still bottles of champagne in the liquor stores, still parties to get invited to because the advance signing wasn't what anyone thought it would be.

In other words, it's another New Year's. It's just costing everyone more.

I haven't made plans for the 2000 New Year's. I'm an improviser. If something occurs that sounds okay, I

might take it. Or I might not. I don't care much either way right now. But I don't buy into these kinds of things. I may end up the Party of the Century after all — but if I don't, which is very likely, I'm not going to spend the rest of my days on earth bemoaning the fact that I was watching Boris Karloff or Bela Lugosi at the moment the century changed.

We can't stage memorable moments. That's why so many of us have had rotten, or at best unmemorable, New Year's Eves; maybe we tried a little too hard to make something happen rather than just letting it happen. And with the importance attached to this particular New Year's, a New Year's everyone expects to be the big memory marker, the opportunity for loneliness and disappointment are as great as for any event ever.

There's a remedy for this: Don't accept New Year's 2000 as a big event. Remember, it's already started to shrink. It was an event for sure, like the Super Bowl, and like most Super Bowls, and practically all New Year's, it's mortal; it's been a bust before and it can be a bust again.

To sell an event in America, the primary psychological ploy is to make you feel like a nobody if you don't participate. I think that's exactly what's happening here; the Marketing Gods are trying to tell us that if we're not kissing our mates in the center of Times Square at midnight, like on that DeBeers diamond commercial, then we're losers, poor jerks who'll be looking back, 50 years from now, at Dec. 31, 1999 with tears of regret in our eyes. Right.

Eliminating violence starts within ourselves

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

prom, all decked out in black velvet, went into the ladies' room, had a baby, then nonchalantly went back to the prom to dance the night away after she threw the baby away.

And not to be forgotten is the case of the two Bergen County teen-agers who went to Delaware to a motel for the birth of a baby, also discarded on the surmise the baby was dead. They, too, found out justice did not take a kind view of this type of cavalier disregard of a person's life, no matter how young.

Some years ago, Betty Shabazz, a well-meaning, educated woman who had already undergone enough trouble in her life to meet anyone's idea of life's fairness, met her death in a horrendous fire. Who set the fire? Her grandson, who evidently was chafing under her discipline.

This is not a Pollyanna world. Everyone gets angry at one time or another. In extreme cases, a person might even physically punch back.

But the extremes being demonstrated today defy logic.

And, frankly, I am sick and tired of hearing about dysfunctional families. According to some popular theories, every kid or adult who goes wrong having a dysfunctional family, with a drunken father, an absent mother and a grandmother who beat them. I just don't believe so many families are that dysfunctional that mayhem is the natural result and people have no control over their emotions and actions.

Does every driver who gets out of his car, takes offense at another driver's actions and then punches him, or worse yet, shoots him, come from a dysfunctional family? I don't think so.

Blaming this wave of violence on films, videos and other media sources goes in and out of favor. Naturally, the owners of the media contend the public wants to view the violence and the shows reflect society as it is.

The detractors, many of whom can't agree among themselves, claim the media, and now particularly the "games" available via the computer, are responsible for the carnage. Certainly, the killers in Colorado made reference to computer "games," but why is it others can watch the same games and come out without shooting?

There are others who blame guns. This group says the proliferation of

guns is attributed to their easy availability. Actually, of course, getting a gun may be easy in some places, but I doubt if the ordinary person on the street even knows where to start. The gun lobby claims "guns don't kill, people do." That's nonsense. People hold the guns that kill.

The media cannot go home free. Just take a look at almost every show on television, and what you see is violence. Take a look at almost every commercial, except for oatmeal and baby soap, and what you get is violent action. No, the media cannot be left off the hook.

But, the media are not alone. We are all responsible. We permit the media to get away with this type of violence for only one reason — money. This violence sells products, whether it's autos, or plane trips or so-called entertainment.

We cannot just keep blaming others for the violence in our society. We need only look to ourselves to determine if we are really trying hard enough to eliminate that violence, or if we are shrugging and saying, "That's just the way it is."

A resident of Summit, Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent columnist for this newspaper.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A special poem for the holidays

To the Editor:

We are residents at Runnels Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights. We gathered together to write a holiday poem that we would like to share with everyone:

"Holiday Anticipation"

The winter and holiday seasons are upon us
With the new millennium comes the Y2K fuss.
Holiday traditions will prevail
Even if the lights and furnaces fail.
Singing-carols, decorating with ornamental lights.

Drinking eggnog by the fire and having romantic nights.
Underneath the mistletoe, two lovers they may kiss.
Reflecting the old, anticipating the new can only give us bliss.
The holidays are fun even with the wind and snow,
Consuming food and gaining weight
But what the Ho Ho Ho.

Editor's note: The preceding poem was composed by five residents of Runnels Specialized Hospital of Union County: Eddie Baistice, formerly of Union; Ed "Mr. Socialized" Gordon, formerly of Brick; Herb Hun, formerly of Elizabethtown; Anne Ligan, formerly of Clark; and Ernie Salvant, formerly of Roselle Park.



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Above, Springfield Sandmeier School students, from left, Daniel Sauerhoff, Justin Chin and Melissa Bace count food donations made to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, based in Hillsdale. Catherine Zlaring, left, and Jaclyn Flicci write an encouraging note for the Sandmeier population to keep the food donations coming in. Below, Student Council members David Steinman, left, and Andrew Agronovich write their thank-you speech to the Sandmeier community for all of the donations. The students organized a food drive to collect nonperishable and canned goods for the food bank. The collection was part of the Student Council's latest project.

Artist displays black and white

Art Carlson of Hillsborough will be showing his black and white photography in an exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from Jan. 7 to Feb. 10.

Carlson, who specializes in black and white photography, groups his work into three categories — landscapes, architectural studies and close-up views of both landscape and architectural subjects. He is largely self-taught and does his own developing, printing, mounting, matting and framing.

One reviewer said, "Art Carlson's background is in architectural work and that comes through in his photography, which range from the geometric precision of the Brooklyn Bridge suspension cables to the serenity of a fog-covered pond."

Carlson has exhibited his work in several one-man shows in Northern New Jersey and also has participated and won awards in local art shows. In this exhibit at the Palmer Museum, he will be displaying several prints from his recent trip to Italy. He is past president of the Plainfield Camera Club and, after living many years in Westfield, now operates an architectural photo studio from his home in Hillsborough.

Children learn about tradition through French hand-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 Zaira, 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, 66 Mountain Ave., at (973) 376-4930. The snow date is Jan. 29.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Honest answers are under scrutiny

To the Editor:

It would be laughable if it were not so serious a matter. The laugh is all the pundits and some others trying to explain George W. Bush's faith in Jesus Christ. It's astounding how they are dissecting the answer.

If I was in Bush's spot, of course in retrospect, I would have said, "Mickey Mouse" just to get a reaction. Straight forward honest answers are demanded. When they come, they are psychoanalyzed.

Joseph Chieppa
Mountainside

Township library has film series

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its Lunchtime Video series, "Hollywood Classics: Old and New" with "Ghosts of Mississippi," 1996, 131 minutes. This program is scheduled for Jan. 18 at noon.

In the film "Ghosts of Mississippi," for decades Myrtle Evers had waited, hoped, prayed and worked for the conviction of the white supremacist who murdered her husband, civil rights leader Medgar Evers. Yet after two hung juries and 30 years, justice had not come. How Evers' killer was finally convicted comes to the screen in suspenseful style and with shattering emotional force.

This series continues at noon on the following Tuesdays of every other week as follows:

- Feb. 1: "As Good As It Gets," 1997.
- Feb. 15: "My Best Friend's Wedding," 1998.
- Feb. 29: "A River Runs Through It," 1992.

• March 14: "Philadelphia," 1994. Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Chapter gives presentation on disasters

Last month, the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross Disaster Chairman David Kelly gave a presentation on "Disaster Preparedness" to a group of 20 students in the Friday Enrichment program at the Westfield Neighborhood Council. The Friday Enrichment program is conducted by the WNC Director Ezell Johnson and WNC volunteer Wendy Horn.

Kelly talked to the students about the types of disasters that commonly occur in the area and the importance of planning ahead before a disaster strikes. A short video about hurricanes was shown and Kelly talked to the students about Tropical Storm Floyd and how it impacted the area.

Kelly also discussed home fire safety. Each student was given a packet of materials including a disaster preparedness coloring book, a safe families kit, fire safety information, a hurricane adventure book and winter storm checklists.

Additional information about disaster preparedness or about arranging for a disaster preparedness presentation for an organization can be obtained by calling the chapter house at (908) 282-7090.

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The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Judaism classes are available

Springfield residents are invited to expand their understanding of Judaism. Participants will learn how Jews live and what Jews believe. Classes are available whether you are a Jew by birth, part of an interfaith couple or interested in converting to Judaism. "Introduction to Judaism" will provide a strong foundation in the fundamentals of Judaism.

The 16-session course will be held on Tuesday evenings at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, beginning Jan. 18. The course will be taught by Irene Bolton. Classes will meet once a week for 16 weeks from 7:45 to 9:45 p.m. through May 16, and is open to synagogue members and non-members. A single registration fee includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or couple.

Classes deal with topics such as the Jewish calendar, the Sabbath and Jewish holidays and Jewish customs and


rituals concerning birth, marriage and death. Instruction in Hebrew reading also is incorporated in the course. While instruction is from the Reform Movement's perspective, Conservative and Orthodox view points are included.

"Introduction to Judaism" is sponsored by the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

A fine farewell



The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross Chairman John Tabachnick, right, congratulates retiring board member William Lonsale. He is retiring after 17 years of service.



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10:30 p.m. Mass


Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th
9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon, 1:15 pm Spanish
No evening Mass on Saturday, 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)
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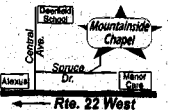
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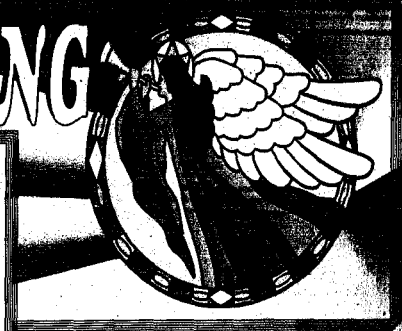
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December 24
4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service
7:00 p.m. Family Service of Holy Communion
10:30 p.m. Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

December 25
10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion



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CHRISTMAS EVE
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 with Holy Communion

"Wise Men Still Seek Him"

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 In A Meaningful and Relevant Way"*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:
 December 24th - 9:00 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 1212 KELLY ST. UNION, 908-688-1232

Mass Schedule
December 24th - Christmas Eve
 5:00 PM Mass - Family Liturgy
 7:30 PM Mass
 12:00 Midnight Mass (Choir 11:30 PM)

December 25th - Christmas Day
 7:30 AM Mass
 9:00 AM Mass - Family Liturgy
 10:30 AM Mass
 12:00 Noon Mass

St. James the Apostle Church
 Rev. Robert B. Stagg, Pastor
 45 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, NJ

Christmas Worship Schedule
 Friday December 24 5:30 p.m. - Children's Choirs and Contemporary Ensemble
 12:00 midnight - Adult Choir Carols beginning at 11:30 p.m.
 Saturday December 25 7:30a.m. • 9:00 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. • 12:00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions)
 Saturdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
 Friday, December 24 1:00-3:00 p.m.

For further information or directions please call the parish office at 973-376-3044

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 CHRISTMAS EVE
 Family Worship 8:00 p.m.

Carol Sing 10:40 p.m.
 Candlelight Communion 11:00 p.m.
 Christmas Day Communion 10:00 a.m.
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Gloria in Excelsis Deo

St. John's Lutheran Church
 587 Springfield Avenue, Summit

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24
 4:00 - Worship for children and families
 Special music and Holy Communion
 5:30 & 10:00 p.m. - Worship with special music and Holy Communion

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service of lessons, carols and Holy Communion.

Sunday Worship, December 26 at 10:00 a.m.
 Pastor Susan Miller + (908) 273-3846

Evangel Baptist Church
 242 Shunpike Road • Springfield
 973-379-4351

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS EVE
 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
 DECEMBER 24TH AT 7:00 P.M.
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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY CELEBRATION
 DECEMBER 26TH AT 10:30 AM

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th
Christmas Eve Worship Services

5:00 p.m.
 Service for Children
 11:00 p.m. Traditional Service
 of Carols and Candlelight

Worship
the King of Kings
& Lord of Lords, Hallelujah

Christmas Eve Service - 7:00pm
 Regular Sunday Worship 11:00am

All Are Welcome!
First Baptist Church
 Colonial Ave. & Thoreau Terrace
 Union
 908-810-6324

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As Christmas, it's not the presents that matter. It's the presence. The presence of God who loves you dearly. Come share the miracle of Christmas with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

*Christmas Eve 4:30 P.M. Sunday School Worship
 *Christmas Eve 7:30 P.M. Candlelight Communion
 *Christmas Eve 11:00 P.M. Candlelight Communion
 *Christmas Day 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship
 *New Year's Eve 7:30 P.M. Candlelight Communion

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 • Adult Forum - 9:30 a.m.
 • Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. (child care provided)
 • Bible Study - Monday Night
 • Support Group for Caregivers for the Elderly

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

Come Visit the Living Nativity!!

St. Theresa's Church
 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth

The Animals will be with us for
Christmas Eve
and Christmas Day.

Members of our Youth Groups will be in costumes after the 4pm, 8pm, and Midnight Christmas Eve Masses!
 Christmas Day Masses are at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon

Sponsored By: **St. Theresa's Youth Ministry Program**

"FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN... A SAVIOR. LUKE 2:11

Come Celebrate God's Love Gift!

Join Holy Cross Church for a Christmas Eve Celebration!

December 24th at Jonathan Dayton High School - 4 p.m. Family Worship geared to Children

7 p.m. Candlelight Service (childcare provided)

Call 973-379-4525 for more information or directions

He's checking it twice



Christy McCurdy, 12, shares a moment with Santa Claus before he checks his list to see if she's been naughty or nice. Santia made a surprise appearance at Springfield Town Hall earlier this month.

Traditions evolve with time, creativity

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

The traditions embraced at Christmas have a long and rich heritage behind them. While these annual symbolic signs of celebrating the holidays have been around a very long time, few know how they came about.

The idea to celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25 originated in the fourth century when the Catholic Church wanted to eclipse the festivities of a rival pagan religion that threatened Christianity. Although the actual season of Jesus' birth is thought by historians to be in the spring, the December date was selected because it directly conflicted with the pagan celebration.

Christmas was slow to catch on in America. The early colonists considered it a pagan ritual, with Massachusetts even banning it in colonial days.

If anyone wondered where the abbreviation "Xmas" came from, "X," which comes from the Greek word Xristos, for Christ, was used by Europeans as a shorthand word for the word. Later, early Christians would mistake "Xmas" as a sign of disrespect.

The Christmas tree originated in Germany during the 16th century when it was common for people to decorate fir trees, both inside and out, with roses, apples and colored paper. However, it was not until the 19th century in Britain when the tree became popular at Christmas. Later, it was brought to America by Germans who settled in Pennsylvania.

The candy cane came about here in the United States when an Indiana candy maker wanted to express the meaning of Christmas through a sweet symbol. He came up with the idea of bending one of his white candy sticks into the shape of a cane and incorporating several symbols of Jesus's love and sacrifice into the meaning. The color white denotes the purity and sinless nature of Jesus, adding three small stripes to symbolize the pain inflicted upon Jesus on the cross. Then there are three small stripes to symbolize the Holy Trinity and one bold stripe to represent the blood Jesus shed for mankind.

When looking at the candy cane from the top, it appears to be a shepherd's staff. Upside-down it symbolizes the first letter in Jesus's name.

The original Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, was born in Turkey in the fourth century. He became widely known for his generosity to the poor but the Romans held him in contempt and thrust him into prison. Later, when Constantine became a Christian, he set Nicholas free and he eventually became a patron saint of children.

It was the Dutch who kept the legend of St. Nicholas alive, but it was Clement C. Moore who is credited with creating the modern image of Santa Claus as a jolly fat man in a red suit in his poem, "The Night Before Christmas." Christmas cards are a Victorian creation, while Advent Wreaths are a Lutheran custom that originated in Eastern Germany.

Christmas carols were banned by Oliver Cromwell in England between 1649 and 1660 because he thought Christmas should be a solemn day with only a sermon and prayer service and, in fact, in 1643 the British Parliament officially abolished the Christmas celebration.

In America, the Puritans tried to make Thanksgiving Day the most important annual festival instead of Christmas, but that did not stick. Meanwhile, even in Europe a few centuries later, an Austrian priest wrote "Silent Night" because the organ was not working and he was saddened by the thought of Christmas without music.

In 1836, Alabama was the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday, while in 1896, President Franklin Pierce decorated the first White House Christmas Tree. In 1907, Oklahoma was the last state to declare Christmas a holiday.

Christmas can have a profound effect on people everywhere, especially during wartime. At midnight on Christmas Eve 1914, the firing from German trenches suddenly stopped. A German brass band began to play carols and, early on Christmas morning, the German soldiers came out of their trenches and approached the allied lines calling out "Merry Christmas." At first, the allied soldiers thought it was a trick, but they soon climbed out of their trenches and shook hands with the German soldiers. The truce lasted a few days and the men shook hands, exchanged presents of cigarettes and plum pudding, sang carols and songs and even played a game of soccer.

Women's organization has competition

The Young Careerist Program is the Summit Business and Professional Women's Club Inc.'s way of recognizing the accomplishments of successful young careerists while introducing them to the ideals and standards of business and professional women in the United States.

Started in 1964 by President Virginia Allan, the Young Careerist Program involves the selection of a Young Careerist to represent the state federation at the national convention. This will begin with a public speaking competition at the local level. The winner of the local contest is expected to attend the BPW State Convention where a special program of events, workshops, networking and business meetings is scheduled for all local winners.

The winner of the State Competition goes on to represent New Jersey at the National Competition. The purpose of the competition is to:

- Keep abreast of issues facing women in the early stages of their careers.
- Show the candidates the resources and programs BPW offers to help support them in their personal and professional interests.
- Increase membership in BPW.

Candidates must be between 21 and 35, be employed in their profession for at least one year, be living or working in the area served by BPW and support the goals and objectives of BPW.

The BPW in turn promises the young professional the support of its

organization, to assist the candidate in perfecting presentation skills and to provide opportunities to network with other skilled professional women.

More information and applications can be obtained by contacting Lori Margolis at (908) 277-2880. The deadline for submitting applications is Dec. 31.

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs is reportedly the oldest organization in the United States dedicated to the interests of working women. Established in 1919, the organization provides its women's full participation in the workforce including pay equity and economic self-sufficiency. Major programs address social, educational, political and economic opportunities for women.

AT THE LIBRARY

Library has new releases

The following is a selected list of new titles available at the Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St.

Fiction

Toni Bambara, "Those Bones are not my Child"; Roddy Doyle, "A Star Called Henry"; William Gibson, "All Tomorrow's Parties"; Dave Klein, "Fourth Down"; Marge Piercy, "Three Women."

Nonfiction

Mickey Basket, "Glass Painting in an Afternoon"; George Bush, "All the Best, George Bush"; Arthur C. Clarke, "Greetings, Carbon-based Biped"; Stuart Crainer, "Gravy Training: Inside the Business of Business Schools"; James Dunnigan, "Dirty Little Secrets of the 20th Century"; Eddie Fisher, "Been There, Done That"; Judy Ford, "Between Mother & Daughter"; Michael Gurian, "The Good Son"; Robert Kiyosaki, "Rich Dad, Poor Dad"; Judith Martin, "Miss Manners Guide to Domestic Tranquility"; Cheryl Mendelson, "Home Comforts: The Art & Science of Keeping House"; P.W.

Nathanielz, "Life in the Womb"; Morris Rosenthal, "Build your own PC"; Ruth Starn, "Global Jumpstart"; Bob Wall, "Working Relationships."

Videocassettes

"Alien"; "Breakfast at Tiffany's"; "Morning on the River Kwana"; "A Bug's Life"; "Woodstock."

To find out about the availability of these and other titles, stop by the library at 75 Maple St. and visit the reference desk, or call (908) 273-0350.

Library features exhibits

Featured in the display cases of the Summit Free Public Library are two very different exhibits for the month of December.

One display spotlights the handwriting of the Summit Area Community School's woodcarving class. The exhibit demonstrates the versatility of this ancient craft. It includes a wide variety of items and techniques: carved decoys, intarsia — the use of different colored woods to "paint" a picture — holiday decorations and caricatures.

The instructors, Bob Buchanan and Bill Scholl, are both residents of Berkeley Heights. They are members of the National Woodcarvers Association and have been teaching woodcarving classes since 1989. Anyone interested in learning the art of woodcarving can contact the Summit Area Community School.

The second display features the Clan Currie Society. Clan Currie is one of the earliest constituted clans of the Scottish Highlands, and its tartan dates back to 1822. The display coincides with the Clan Currie Society's "Pipes of Christmas" concert on Saturday at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit.

Items in the display include the "Pipes of Christmas" compact disc; a bust of the great Scottish poet, Robert Burns; books by Burns and Sir Walter Scott; tartan fabric and various other symbols of Scottish culture. Of special interest is a handwritten and illustrated volume titled "The Scotiad," the life of Sir William Wallace.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH — "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" — 242 Sunnyside Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackay, Pastor. Sundays: 8:30 AM Bible School for all ages. Nursery through Senior: 10:30 AM. Worship Service and Nursery care: 5:30-7:00 PM. A Mid Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Junior-Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry. Wide-Ranger Music Program. Super Seniors 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Choir Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office: (978) 379-4351.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH ARAM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0539. Mark Malachuk, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Paul M. Peizer, President. Beth Aram is an egalitarian, Conservative synagogue. Our Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox members are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office: (978) 379-4351.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE BETH ARAM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0539. Mark Malachuk, Rabbi. Cantor/Associate: Nina Grossman, Pre-School Director; Bruce Pines, President. Temple Beth Aram is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with weekly Family Services at 7:30 PM.

Sunday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Sunday mornings for grades 1-5; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Preschool classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include: Adult Education, Social Action, Intergaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, contact the Church Office. Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 PM.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Main Street, Springfield, 97010. 201-379-4325. Joel R. Voss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service begins at 10 AM at JONATHAN DAVIS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL. Mountain View, Springfield. For information about our individual children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office. Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 PM.

METHODIST

THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 49 Church Hill in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join at in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:00 AM, with children's activities available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education opportunities for children begin during the Sunday Service with a special time for children led by the Pastor before they depart for classes. Service of Prayer and Praise held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Please call and ask about our Adult Christian Education, Young Adult Ministry, Bible Studies, Small Group, Discipleship, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other

opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, interest in opportunities to serve others, or have prayer requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Markey at the Church Office: 973-376-1695.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of the Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study are held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good word" because Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good to those who love God" are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you inspired. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after-school refreshments and fellowship after church, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you can have a "good word". Call the church office or Pastor Lou Weaver for more information at 908-277-1700.

PENTECOSTAL-NON-DENOMINATIONAL

VISIONS OF GOD FAMILY WORSHIP RAISING PEOPLE OF POWER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY, 242 Sunnyside Road, Springfield (located at Evangel Baptist Church). Office located at 1152 Spruce Drive, Mountaids, Phone: 908-926-0212. Pastors, Paul & Sharon Dean. Worship Service: Sunday at 9:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study: Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Intergaith Outreach: Singles, Married Couples, Widows, Men. We welcome everyone who is someone to come and worship with us.

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Hill, Springfield, 973-376-1700. Pastor: Rev. James M. Peizer, 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship Service, 10:15 a.m. (July and August 9:30 a.m.), with nursery facilities and active pre-school. Special services for personal growth through worship, Christian education, Choir, church activities

and fellowship. Communion First Sunday of each month. Ladies' Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.; Ladies' Bowling Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. (Refreshments); 2nd & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The Rev. Daniel I. Russell, Jr., Pastor.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, 703-576-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 10:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-277-3700. Sunday Mass: Sunday, 5:30 PM; Holy Eucharist, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass: 9:30 AM (Mentional Hall) will resume September 14th; Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM; Saturday weekday Mass, 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM antiphonal Mass and 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacraments of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

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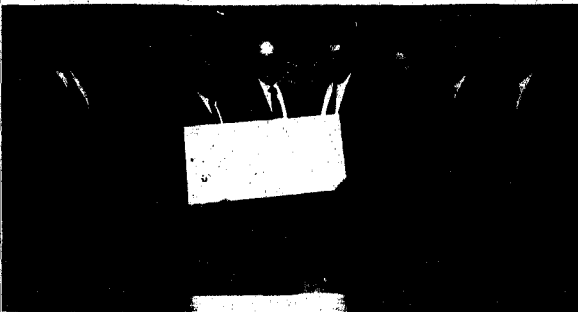
Visit Your House of Worship This Weekend



Summit resident and Santa's helper Alex Kramer, 10, hands out lollypops while he waits for Santa to arrive in downtown Summit Dec. 2.

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Take pride in Springfield



Members of the Take Pride in Springfield July 4 Committee present a check for \$2,600 to the Springfield School District. From left are, Charles Seron, principal of Jonathan Dayton High School; Ron Kravitz and Pat Paolella, co-chairmen of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce; John Cottage, July 4 co-chairman; Gary Friedland, superintendent of schools; Ruth Schwartz, Springfield Kiwanis; Sy Mullman, deputy mayor and Scott Seidel, July 4 co-chairman. The funds will be used to purchase a new safety communications system for the district.

Baby bottles burned by boiling water

Some baby items resulted in a smoke condition at a Hawthorne Avenue residence Dec. 16.

Engine One from the Springfield Fire Department arrived and discovered that baby bottles and nipples that had been left to sterilize in a pot of boiling water had melted and burned.

The homeowner's mother explained to firefighters that the family had gone out, not realizing the burner had not been turned once more before being completely shut down. The water boiled over, burning the items and filling the house with smoke.

The resident doused the pot with water out in the yard. Firefighters used a smoke ejector to ventilate the residence.

Firefighters responded to a Troy Drive apartment complex for an extinguished fire Saturday.

The department responded a pumper to Union Fire Headquarters on a request from Union County Mutual Aid Friday. One water problem, one report of an odor, two medical service calls and two activated alarms also were handled.

A halogen lamp caused a light

FIRE BLOTTER

leaze of smoke at a Twin Oaks Oval residence Dec. 16. One medical service call and one call for a water condition also were answered.

A small anti-freeze spill from a motor vehicle accident was cleaned by members of the department Dec. 15. Two medical service calls, one lock-out and a request for a pumper

from Union County Mutual Aid rounded out the day.

- Three medical service calls, one call for a water condition and one activated alarm were the business of the day Dec. 14.
- A call reporting a smoking vehicle revealed nothing Dec. 13. A stove problem at a Stonehill Road residence, a police assist and calls for two activated alarms also were handled.

Traffic stop reveals warrants

Mahmoud Wells of East Orange was arrested by members of the Mountainside Police Department on Route 22 Sunday as the result of a traffic stop. Investigation revealed him to have traffic warrants out of East Orange for \$55 and \$250 out of Mountainside.

Chanwei Chen of Dunellen was stopped on westbound Route 22 Sunday for a broken back light. Investigation led to a charge of a suspended license. Bail was set at \$500, with a court date of Jan. 13 given.

Christie Williams, 25, of East Orange, was arrested Sunday and

charged on westbound Route 22 for having warrants out of Mountainside for \$250 and East Orange for \$154. A court date of Jan. 13 was set.

Leonor Santiago of Newark was arrested on westbound Route 22 Saturday and charged with having a suspended registration. Santiago was held on \$100 bail. Her vehicle, which was uninsured, was towed.

Arlene Jackson of Plainfield was arrested Saturday on westbound Route 22 and charged for being unregistered, uninsured and for having a suspended license.

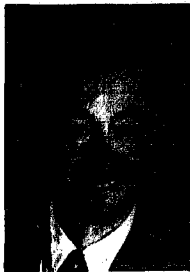
Fellow becomes vice president

Dr. Leonard Strulowitz of Springfield, a fellow in the American Academy of Optometry, has been elected vice president of the New Jersey Academy of Optometry.

Fellows of the academy have completed a rigorous candidacy process. Candidates submit written work and take an oral exam. A panel of leading optometrists and vision scientists must approve both the written work and oral examination.

"Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry constantly strive for the highest professional standards. Academy annual meetings are recognized as presenting the latest in research and information on patient care," said Anthony Adams, president of the academy.

Strulowitz, whose practice in Millburn is limited to the fitting of contact lenses, is a frequent lecturer whose commentaries have appeared in professional journals, magazines and on television and radio. He serves as vice



Dr. Leonard Strulowitz

president of the state Board of Optometry, past president of the Union County Optometric Society, past chairman of the Contact Lens Committee of the New Jersey Optometric Association and a charter

member of the Contact Lens Section of the American Optometric Association. He has received numerous awards and citations for his work and research in contact lenses.

Founded in 1922, the academy's mission is to promote the art and science of vision care. Academy fellows are held to the highest ethical and professional standards of practice. The academy hosts annual meetings in North America and biannual meetings around the world.

The academy's journal, "Optometry and Vision Science," is recognized worldwide as a chronicle of the scientific and professional development of optometry.

The American Optometric Foundation, an affiliation of the academy, presented nearly \$130,000 in awards and grants this year to support research in eye and vision care. As a fellow of the academy, Strulowitz supports and participates in these activities.

Sha'arey Shalom hosts heritage tours

The Renaissance Club of Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield, announced the Jewish Heritage tours scheduled for the year 2000.

After tours in 1998 to Israel and 1999 to Eastern Europe, the 2000 tours are scheduled to Boston, April 29 to May 1 and Scandinavia, Aug. 6 to 19.

The "Jewish Sights of Boston" tour includes two nights hotel accommodations at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in suburban Boston. Included is round-trip deluxe motor coach transportation departing from Temple Sha'arey Shalom and dinner each night with full buffet breakfasts.

Sightseeing in Boston features the John F. Kennedy Library and a full day of Jewish sights and history. In Rhode Island there will be visits to the Touro Synagogue and the mansions of Newport. All taxes and tips to hotel staff, bus driver and restaurants are included in the \$312 per person double-occupancy cost.

The "Jewish Heritage in Scandinavia Tour" includes two nights in Copenhagen, one night in Stavleim, two nights in Oslo, two nights in Balestrand, two nights in Bergen and three nights in Stockholm. Round-trip air from Newark International Airport, with stays in deluxe hotels with full breakfast daily and many other meals.

There will be extensive sightseeing in all cities. All taxes and service charges are included in the \$3,695 cost per person, double occupancy. An optional extension to Helsinki with a three-day cruise to St. Petersburg is available starting at \$895 per person, double occupancy.

There is an information meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 75 South Springfield Ave., about both tours. Space is limited.

For more information or to make reservations, call Marge Grossbarr or Arlene Newman at (973) 379-5387.

Hospital needs volunteers

Children's Specialized Hospital is seeking volunteers, ages 18 and older, to transport patients between therapy appointments within the hospital's Mountaintide site.

"Internal Transporters" are needed between 8:15 and 11:30 a.m. or 12:15 and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The duties and responsibilities of Internal Transporters include transporting children, ages one month through 21 years, to their assigned therapists within the hospital in a safe and timely manner.

Transporters also must be able to communicate in a gentle manner with children, respect the privacy of the patients and abide by the confidentiality policy of the hospital.

The physical demands of the position include walking, bending, stretching and pushing wheelchairs and stretchers.

All volunteer transporters are required to attend an in-service training session and an evening volunteer orientation.

For more information, or to apply, call (908) 233-3720, ext. 5379.

Children's Specialized Hospital, New Jersey's first comprehensive rehabilitation hospital dedicated exclusively to children, is an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER C# 74428
DUNELLEN, N.J. 07015
COUNTY: UNION
DEBTOR: JAMES E. GARDNER
PLAINTIFF: BANK UNITED
DEFENDANT: LEO CARL DIFABIO, ET AL.
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 1999
WEDNESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1999.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution the Sheriff is directed to sell for public auction on the 15th day of December, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Superior Court in the County of Union, New Jersey, the following real estate:
Lot 10, Block 2, of the subdivision known as "The Meadows at Twin Oaks", located in the County of Union, New Jersey.
Common lot area: 2.15 Twp. 045.000
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximate) 60 feet wide by 158 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Route on the southerly side of Twin Oaks Road 150 feet from the southerly side of Hesse Avenue.
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BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountainside for:

A DUMP TRUCK CHASSIS WITH BODY AND BLOW FLOW

Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 1999 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey, on January 11, 2000, 10:00 am (approximately).

Bids shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the Borough Attorney, Robert E. Hynes, Esq., located at the office of the Borough Clerk at the Municipal Building, 1999 Route 22, 1st floor, Mountainside, New Jersey.

Bids must be made to the Borough's office of bid and must be accompanied by a sealed check for the amount of the bid, payable to the Borough of Mountainside, 1999 Route 22, 1st floor, Mountainside, New Jersey and have delivered at that place on the outside of the envelope with the name and address of the Bidder:

"DUMP TRUCK CHASSIS WITH BODY AND BLOW FLOW"

PUBLIC NOTICE

Borough of Mountainside, 1999 Route 22

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check of \$100,000.00, and made payable to the Borough of Mountainside as a Proposal.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 G. 187 (NJAC 17:27).

The Borough of Mountainside hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal, in the Borough's judgment, best serves its interest.

John E. Daly
Borough Clerk
UB878 ECL Dec. 22, 1999 (987.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNTAINIDE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Adjustment for the Township of Mountainside, New Jersey, will be held on the first Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 200 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, at 7:30 P.M. on the following dates for the year 2000:

Executive meetings will proceed in the evening and will start at 7:30 P.M. on the following dates for the year 2000 at the meeting nights for the year 2000:

Tuesday, January 18, 2000
Tuesday, March 7, 2000
Tuesday, April 18, 2000
Tuesday, June 6, 2000
Tuesday, July 18, 2000
Tuesday, August 22, 2000
Tuesday, September 1, 2000
Tuesday, October 3, 2000
Tuesday, November 2, 2000
Tuesday, December 1, 2000

All Special Meetings of the Board of Adjustment will be advertised separately.

Robert C. Kippenhan
Board of Adjustment Secretary
UB790 ECL Dec. 22, 1999 (814.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Tuesday, August 18, 2000
Tuesday, September 19, 2000
Tuesday, October 3, 2000
Tuesday, November 3, 2000

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Robert C. Kippenhan
Board of Adjustment Secretary
UB790 ECL Dec. 22, 1999 (814.00)

PLANNING BOARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Planning for the Township of Springfield for the year 2000 will be held on the following dates for the year 2000 unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 150 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, at 8:00 P.M. on the following dates for the year 2000:

Executive meetings will proceed in the evening and will start at 7:30 P.M. on the following dates for the year 2000 at the meeting nights for the year 2000:

Wednesday, January 5, 2000
Wednesday, February 2, 2000
Wednesday, March 1, 2000
Wednesday, April 5, 2000
Wednesday, May 3, 2000
Wednesday, August 2, 2000
Wednesday, July 5, 2000
Wednesday, September 6, 2000
Wednesday, October 4, 2000
Wednesday, November 1, 2000
Wednesday, December 1, 2000

All Special Meetings of the Planning Board will be advertised separately.

Robert C. Kippenhan
Planning Board Secretary
UB791 ECL Dec. 22, 1999 (815.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Development Review Committee of the Township of Springfield for the year 2000 will be held on the following dates for the year 2000 unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 150 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, at 7:00 P.M. on the following dates for the year 2000:

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All Special Meetings of the Development Review Committee will be advertised separately.

Lynne Gagliano
Committee Secretary
UB728 ECL Dec. 22, 1999 (814.00)

PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 10, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 150 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates for the year 2000 unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 150 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, at 7:30 P.M. on the following dates for the year 2000:

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Robert C. Kippenhan
Planning Board Secretary
UB791 ECL Dec. 22, 1999 (815.00)

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OBITUARIES

Gerald Conzolo

Gerald Conzolo, 88, of Lavallete, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 11 in Brick Hospital.
Born in Newark, Mr. Conzolo lived in Springfield before moving to Lavallete in 1979. He was employed by Menza Fuel Co., Hillside, before retiring 25 years ago. Mr. Conzolo was a member of the American-Italian Cultural Organization, Springfield, and the Loyal Order of the Moose, Newark.
Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Lucille; a son, Joseph G.; two brothers, George and Frank Conzolo, and two grandchildren.

Arnold R. LaForce

Arnold Robertson LaForce, 86, of Basking Ridge, formerly of Cranford, who won championship tennis titles from the Summit Tennis Association, died Dec. 13 in Morrisown Memorial Hospital. LaForce was instrumental in building paved tennis courts in Hillside.
Born in Newark, Mr. LaForce lived in Cranford and Mendham Township before moving to Basking Ridge three years ago. He was a financial adviser for Brady Securities in Gladstone and Dillon Reed in New York. Mr. LaForce also was a director of Mack Truck in Allentown, Pa., America South Africa ASA Ltd., Guardian Life in New York and Purulair in Piscataway, where he served for more than 20 years. Until January, he was director emeritus of the Guardian Life Insurance Co. Previously, Mr. LaForce had been president of Central Securities, director of El Paso Natural Gas, vice president of investments with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and a faculty member at New York University, where he taught business and finance.

Mr. LaForce graduated from Hillside High School in 1931. He was captain of the tennis team. In 1935, Mr. LaForce graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont. He received a master's degree from New York University in 1938 and graduated first in his class. Mr. LaForce contributed chapters on economics and finances in the "Financial Handbook" edited by Jules I. Bogan, and "Investment of Life Insurance Funds" edited by David McCallahan. While serving with El Paso Natural Gas, he received national recognition as an authority on building and financing natural gas pipelines. In 1962, Mr. LaForce received the Alumni Achievement Award from New York University Graduate School for his accomplishments in economics and corporate finance. He also received the alumni Award for Meritorious Service from Middlebury College in 1966. In 1981, he was named a trustee-emeritus of Middlebury College.
In 1991, Mr. LaForce converted an abandoned section of North Broad street in Hillside into paved tennis courts. He won tennis titles including the doubles championship at the Elizabeth Tennis Club from 1937 through 1939, the New Jersey Tennis Association doubles in 1950, 1951 and 1956, the Summit Tennis Association doubles from 1957 through 1959, the Morrisown Field Club doubles and New York River Club doubles championships in 1959. He was a

member of Balmoral Golf Club in Springfield.
Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Isobel; a daughter, Susanne LaForce Thompson; a sister, Elaine Muir Huber, and two grandchildren.

Gabriel Bahto

Gabriel Bahto, 101, of Summit died Dec. 11 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.
Born in Turkey, Mr. Bahto lived in Summit for 61 years. He had turned 101 on Aug. 13. Mr. Bahto was a presser and tailor for many years with J and R Manufacturing Co., Newark, and retired in 1963.
Surviving are two daughters, Rose Marjarian and Lucy Dehmer; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Helen Golden

Helen Golden, 78, of Springfield, a retired teacher, died Dec. 17 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.
Born in Newark, Mrs. Golden lived in Springfield for 45 years. She was a first-grade teacher in the Springfield school system from 1936 through 1980, when she retired. Mrs. Golden received a bachelor of arts degree in education from Newark State Teachers College, now Kean University, Union. She also was a member of the New Jersey Education Association and various reunion committees at Weequahic High School, Newark. Mrs. Golden was a past vice president, corresponding secretary, trustee, chairman of the Ed Koch Lecture and a founding member of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

The club was past president of the Organization for the Rehabilitation Through Training, Springfield, and a member of the Jewish Women International, formerly B'nai B'rith Women and the Hadassah, both of Springfield; the Essex County chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Interfaith Council of Springfield and the Springfield Township July 4th Celebration Committee. Mrs. Golden also was a den mother with the Cub Scouts in Springfield.
Surviving are a daughter, Laynie Oershin; a sister, Joyce Manly, and three grandchildren.

Frances Modell

Frances Modell, 83, of Springfield died Dec. 17 in the Genesis ElderCare Center, Westfield.
Born in Newark, Mrs. Modell lived in Irvington and Union before moving to Springfield 16 years ago. She worked for Max Blau Furniture, Newark, and retired in 1979. Mrs. Modell was a member of the Sarah Bailey Senior Citizens Group, Springfield, and the Jewish War Veterans Union Unger Ladies Auxiliary Post in Union County.
Surviving are two daughters, Linda Hoffman and Carol Fenichel; a brother, Jack Weinstein; two sisters, Sylvia Samuels and Hilda Stefan; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Joseph B. Hyman

Joseph B. Hyman, 82, of Springfield, chemist, author and lecturer, died Dec. 17 at home.
Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Hyman lived in Plainfield before moving to

Springfield 30 years ago. He was a freelance consultant for 24 years on chemicals, resins, antioxidants and technology licensing for companies in the United States, Mexico and Europe. Mr. Hyman was on the board of directors of six companies, including Merck Pharmaceutical Co. and the American Institute of Chemists Foundation. He helped develop United States and foreign patents, wrote technical papers in scientific and trade journals and lectured in universities and trade organizations in the United States, Israel, Mexico, China and Russia.
Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; four stepdaughters, Deborah Bull, Suzanne Zubalsky, Barbara Friedman and Nancy Spitalnick; a stepson, Richard Spitalnick; two brothers, Martin and Norman Hyman, and six stepgrandchildren.

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Helen Schiesl

Helen Schiesl, 83, of Whitehouse Station, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 17 at home.
Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Schiesl lived in Springfield and Mansfield before moving to Whitehouse Station eight years ago.
Surviving are her husband, John; three daughters, Carol Amato, Nancy Miller and Mary Deffinis; four sisters, Dot Benkovich, Eleanor Hackett, Rosalee Jaeger and Ann Frenzy; four brothers, Henry, Ray, Ted and John Winkle, and eight grandchildren.

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Harvey E. Mole

Harvey E. Mole, 91, of Summit, a financial advisor, Princeton University trustee and former school board member in Summit, died Dec. 17 in the King James Nursing Home, Chatham.
Born in Paris, France, Mr. Mole lived in Summit for many years. He served as president of the United States Steel and Carnegie Pension Fund in New York City from 1950 until his retirement in 1973 and advised the fund until 1994. Mr. Mole graduated from Princeton University in 1929 and received a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School in 1931.

He also was a member of the Beacon Hill Club in Summit and Connecticut Club in Long Island, N.Y., and the Princeton Club and Duvon Town Association, both of New York City.
Surviving are a daughter, Elaine M. Taggart; two sons, Harvey E. III and Matthew; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Gussie Friedman

Gussie Friedman, 93, of Springfield died Dec. 19 in St. Francis Medical Center, Trenton.
Born in Newark, Mrs. Friedman lived in Hillside before moving to Springfield 20 years ago. She received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Panzer College, Newark, in the 1920s. Mrs. Friedman was a member of the Workman's Circle, Elizabeth, and Temple Beth Ahm Senior League, Springfield.
Surviving are two daughters, Lois Gitzer and Sybil Cooper; a son, Marvin Toland; a sister, Sandra Kramer; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

To infinity and beyond



Commander Ferrari, left, advises the flight crew, Summit Middle School students Andrew Slawson, Sam Buczek and Adaria Faccini, on the Buehler Challenger Space Center field trip. Located in Paramus on the campus of the Bergen County Community College, the center gives eighth-graders the opportunity to experience what it is like to be on a shuttle mission to outer space.

First Night badges are on sale now

Badges for the seventh annual First Night Summit, a noncommercial community celebration of the arts, are now being sold. The badges, which sell for \$10, are available at Kings supermarkets, downtown stores and at the Suburban Chamber of Commerce offices at 360 Springfield Ave., Summit.
As an added incentive to buy badges early, the first 1,000 purchasers will receive free glow-in-the-dark "2000 Funglasses." Children under age 5 are admitted free with an adult.
Volunteers are still needed to sell badges, monitor admission to venues and serve as ushers on New Year's Eve. "First Night is so successful only because of the efforts of nearly 200 volunteers from Summit and the surrounding area," said Jenni Steiler, who, along with Carol Reed of Summit, is coordinating volunteers.
Anyone interested in helping can call 273-7675. Each volunteer works half the evening and receives a free badge to enjoy all performances and events.

The full program of events is available wherever badges are sold. For more information, call First Night headquarters at 522-1722.

First Night plans site for teen new year celebration

Plans for the First Night Summit 2000 Teen Site at the newly renovated YMCA are underway.
Teen Planning Committee advisors Mike Fusco and Jan Yager said the second floor of the YMCA boasts four rooms where teens can celebrate. There will be a room for dancing, with a world-class disc jockey complete with lights, fog and all the music teens want to hear. A separate area for a Coffee Club, offering food and beverages and the opportunity to meet and chat, should be a popular new venue.
Now that the Y's main gym is accessible again, the First Night Teen site will host some special attractions, such as a Velcro wall, half-court basketball or large inflatable games. The committee also is arranging for a big screen television in one of the rooms to run movies and other videos. A survey of local high school students will determine the evening's video line-up.
No matter what the weather, area teens will have a variety of activities to welcome in the big Y2K with front-row seats for the fireworks right inside the site.
The Teen Planning Committee is in need of adult volunteers to chaperone the late shift, 10 p.m. to midnight, at this site.
For more information or to volunteer call Diane Gallo at First Night Headquarters at 522-1722.

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Badges available in city stores

Badges for First Night Summit 2000 are being sold for \$10 each at the following locations in the city.
They went on sale Dec. 1 and are available at the Summit Chamber Offices at 360 Springfield Ave., and at Kings supermarkets, Nataré's Bakery, Burgdorf Realtors, Cards Galore, Christopher's Books, The Connection for Women & Families, Liss Pharmacy, Prudential Brown Fowler, The Sampler, Seafaros and Siegels.
Keepsake millennium torches went on sale Dec. 2. The acrylic, flickering, self-illuminating torches are a big hit with children and are available in limited supply at a cost of \$10.
For more information or to volunteer at First Night call Diane Gallo at the chamber offices at 522-1722 or e-mail the committee at subrbanchman@yrc.org.

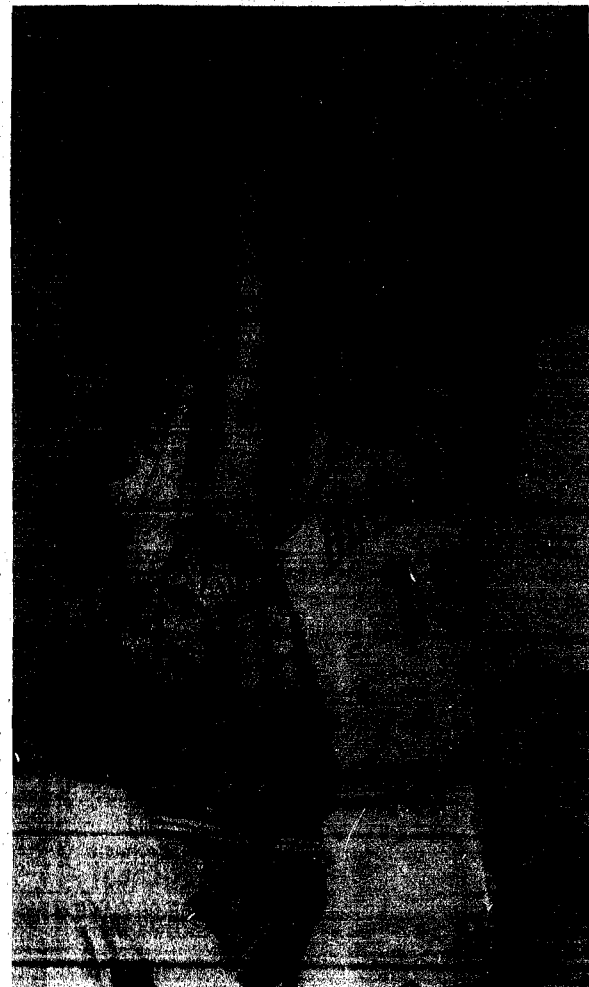
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The Dayton High School boys' basketball team will be battling teams such as Brearley for the top spot in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference this year. Other prominent Valley squads include St. Mary's, North Plainfield and New Providence. Dayton, which was swept by Brearley last year, will first face the Bears on Tuesday night, Jan. 11 at 7 in Kenilworth and will then host Brearley on Friday night, Feb. 4 at 7 in Springfield.

Dayton boys' basketball out to get back to section final

One of many goals for experienced Bulldogs

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

Nobody expected the Dayton High School boys' basketball team to eventually reach the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship game last year, especially after the team was hit extremely hard by graduation.

However, despite losing its entire starting five, the Bulldogs managed to shock the section by not only qualifying at 10-6, but by winning one game at home and then two on the road as the eighth seed to get to the final.

Although the Bulldogs were handled in the championship game by third-seeded and eventual Group 1 state champion New Providence 56-39, Dayton's appearance made it hunger for a return to the scene of the defeat.

"Looking back, we realized that we were lost in the hype, but we did lose to a good team, one that was dominated by seniors," Dayton head coach Bill Berger said.

Dayton stopped ninth-seeded Kinnelon 46-35 at home before ousting top-seeded Roselle Park 41-36 in the quarterfinals in Roselle Park. The Panthers had reached the sectional final in 1997 and 1998.

Then in the semifinals in Newark, the Bulldogs managed to get past fifth-seeded University 59-37. In what could have been termed a rebuilding season, especially after winning the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division with a senior-dominated starting lineup the year before, Dayton was able to post a positive 14-10 campaign.

Prior to its success in the states, Dayton had lost three in a row and four of five.

"I think getting to the sectional final sets the stage for this year," Berger said. "We got a taste and now want to get back."

Dayton, which opened with a 77-37 pasting of host Manville last Friday, remains out of focus.

The starting five consists of junior Carmine Santarella (5-10) at the point, senior Mickey Weatherston (6-0) at the three-guard, senior David Woodruff (6-2) at the three-forward, junior Jeffrey Stapher (6-4) at the four-forward and senior center Ryan Freundlich (6-5) at the five position.

All but Weatherston, who played junior varsity ball last season, are returning starters.

Woodruff had 20 points and 10 rebounds against Manville, Freundlich had 15 points and Santarella 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Santarella, All-Conference in soccer, and Freundlich are this year's co-captains.

The remainder of the squad includes junior guard Dario Rujero (5-10), also All-Conference in soccer; sophomore forward Matt Paz (6-2), junior guard-forward James Carullo (5-11), senior forward Richard Shanley (6-2) and senior guard Lorenzo Williams (5-10), All-Conference in football, along with Woodruff.

"We have experience at every position," Berger said. "We have an excellent point guard returning, a 6-5 kid in Ryan who has muscle and who has played AAU ball and we have players who can hit the three-point shot. Stapher and Paz are also excellent rebounders. Paz is one of the top sophomores in the area."

Dayton participated once again in the Cranford League during the summer and, once again, did very well. Dayton was 12-0 before falling to Cranford in the semifinals of the league playoffs. Dayton won the Cranford league in 1997 and then went on to win the MVC-Valley Division title in 1997-1998.

"Our kids see a little bigger and a little more mature," Berger said. "They're excited about having a great season."

"Our goals are high. We want to win the Christmas (Railway) Tournament, try to win our conference and get back to the sectional final and this time play a lot more points."

Dayton was scheduled to host New Providence last night before its participation in next week's Railway Holiday Tournament. New Providence swept Dayton in MVC-Valley Division play last year prior to beating the Bulldogs in the sectional final.

New Providence first beat Dayton 50-49 in Springfield and then again 47-37 in New Providence.

On Tuesday Dayton will face Union Catholic at 6 p.m. in the Railway Holiday Tournament. The second game will be Rahway vs. J.P. Stevens of Edison. The consolation and championship games will be played on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Upcoming: Dec. 28 and 30 Railway Tournament; Dec. 28 Union Catholic, 6:00; Jan. 4 Bound Brook, 7:00; Jan. 7 Oratory, 7:00; Jan. 11 at Brearley, 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 Brearley, 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 ice hockey squad skates to initial triumph

Cohen nets 3 goals, 2 assists

The Dayton High School ice hockey team won its first game of the year Sunday night when it defeated Newark East Side 10-4 at the Bridgewater Sports Arena in Bridgewater.

Sophomore Adam Cohen had a game to remember as he fashioned a hat-trick, scoring the first of his three goals just 20 seconds into the contest.

Cohen, who also assisted on two other goals, skated in from center ice and wristed a shot past the East Side goaltender to give Dayton a 1-0 lead.

Senior captain Gerardo Roman and fellow senior Jonathan Kovacs scored twice for Dayton, while freshman Brett Berger, senior Todd Walters and Clay Boeninghaus had one goal each.

Dayton goaltender "Pudge" Hollander was masterful in net, yielding only one goal over the first two periods.

Freshman goalie A.J. Garciaño played well in the third period.

Dayton, which handed East Side (2-1) its first loss of the season, was scheduled to compete against Mahwah last night.

Dayton's next game after that is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Bernards.

Dayton will skate at Nutley on Jan. 8 and at Mahwah on Jan. 13.

Upcoming: Dec. 22 Mahwah, 8:45; Jan. 5 at Bernards, 8:30; Jan. 8 at Nutley, 8:30; Jan. 13 at Mahwah, 5:15; Jan. 15 at Gov. Livingston, 8:15; Jan. 16 at Rumson-Fair Haven, 7:00; Jan. 22 Bernards, 8:15; Jan. 23 Passaic Valley, 5:45; Jan. 27, at East Side, 4:00; Jan. 29 Northern 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.



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Dayton High School senior Jonathan Kovacs scored two goals to help the Bulldogs win their first game of the year as they defeated Newark East Side 10-4 last Sunday at the Bridgewater Sports Arena in Bridgewater. Dayton took a 1-2 record into last night's scheduled game against Mahwah.

MVC All-Conference Girls' Tennis

The following are the Mountain Valley Conference girls' tennis All-Conference teams:

MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Team champion: Gov. Livingston
 First-Team:

First Singles: Gina Turturiello, G.L. Second Singles: Jen Calabrese, G.L. Third Singles: Jamie Yang, Ridge.
 First Doubles: Katie Heath and Rica Weigand of Ridge and Kaie VanDoren and Jessica Cozy of Immaculata.

Second-Team:

First Singles: Angela Wiggs, Union Catholic. Second Singles: Margaret Slater, Ridge. Third Singles: Kristen Turturiello, G.L.

First Doubles: Jessica Bong and Yvonne Chen, G.L. Second Doubles: Caroline Hunter and Elaine Brady, Ridge.

Honorable Mention

Singles: Michelle Grunder of Union Catholic. Rashida Crawford of Union Catholic. Maureen Monagle of Johnson.

Doubles: Christy Souder and Lindsay Crowl, G.L.

VALLEY DIVISION

Team champion: Oak Knoll

First-Team:

First Singles: Tory Zawacki, Oak Knoll. Second Singles: Leigh Stonaker, Oak Knoll. Third Singles: Gaby Lega, Oak Knoll.

First Doubles: Erin Moran and Laura Demoreille, Oak Knoll. Second Doubles: Ana Cesan and Kate Hendericks, Oak Knoll.

Second-Team:

First Singles: Any Borromeo, Mt. St. Mary. Second Singles: Tierney Kraft, New Providence and Huma Sufdar, Roselle Park. Third Singles: Lisa Casso, Roselle Park.

First Doubles: Gaby Aruta and Jeanne Simon, Mt. St. Mary. Second Doubles: Elizabeth Stacey and Katie Anderson, Mt. St. Mary.

Honorable Mention

Singles: Jaya Varma, New Providence. Christy Delloiacono, Dayton. Rena Steigback, Dayton. Laurie Thau, Mt. St. Mary. Cynthia Kern, New Providence. Megan McGowan, Mt. St. Mary. Rachel Mandel, Dayton.

Doubles: Meera Krishnan and Kathy Horoboe, New Providence. Laurie Price and Sara Johnson, Bound Brook. Lillian Fasnman and Nicole Oski, Dayton. Ranjani Krishnan and Sara Nurra, New Providence.

Summit, GL squads win season-opening contests

The Summit and Governor Livingston high school girls' basketball teams opened the 1999-2000 season last Friday with convincing conference victories. Both Union County squads are among the top teams in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2.

High School Girls' Basketball

Summit, last year's Union County Tournament champion for the first time and section finalist at Mendham, downed Parsippany Hills 47-35 in Parsippany. Danielle Proper paced the Hilltoppers with 15 points, while Stephanie Bruce poured in 12. Both are senior co-captains.

Summit had a 25-9 lead at the half and never looked back. Summit will once again, along with Mendham, be at the top of the Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division standings.

Governor Livingston defeated Hillside 53-22 in Berkeley Heights as junior forward Jen Calabrese struck for a game-high 22 points and also grabbed 12 rebounds. Calabrese averaged 13 points for the Highlanders last year.

Governor Livingston led 15-3 after the first quarter and 26-4 at the half. The Highlanders split with Hillside last year, winning the first game in Hillside and then losing in Berkeley Heights.

The Highlanders, along with the likes of Immaculata, conference newcomer Rahway and Union Catholic, will be among the top teams in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference.

Youth hoop teams compete

Springfield Minutemen basketball teams competed against teams from Maplewood and South Orange last week.

On Dec. 15 the 8th grade and 7th grade teams were defeated by Maplewood, the 8th grade team falling by a 54-39 score.

Leo Ferrine scored 13 points and grabbed nine rebounds for Springfield, which led 25-21 at the half. Jordan Gerber scored 13 points and Helmi Abdellaziz pulled down 11 rebounds.

Kevin Johnson scored five points and grabbed two rebounds to help give the 7th grade team an early 11-4 lead. Johnson finished with 16 points and four rebounds.

Kenneth Suarez scored six points, had one assist and grabbed six rebounds. Mike Tisa, Jesse Weatherston, Matt Farley and Adam Hirst each contributed a bucket. Also playing well for the Minutemen were Kevin Klyman, Stephen Suarez, Gregg Stefanelli, Alan Steinberg, Jake Floyd and Kyle Sealey.

Springfield's 8th grade team was defeated by South Orange 54-46 Saturday.

Ferrine had 15 points and nine rebounds, Gerber nine points and eight rebounds, Mike Luciano nine points and Billy Fischer eight points.

Springfield Minutemen football players honored

Springfield Minutemen football awards were handed out at the annual dinner held at the Westwood in Garwood.

Here's a look at the A/B Team award-winners:

Offensive: Leo Ferrine

Defensive: Timothy Cabukou

Best Blitz: Malcolm Gordon

Most Improved: Kevin Johnson

Sportsmanship: Daniel Kaboonal

Hustler: Timothy Cabukou

Most Valuable Player: Jordan Gerber

Here's a look at the C Team award-winners:

Offensive: Jimmy Guasino

Defensive: Jeff Fede

Most Improved: Stephen Suarez

Sportsmanship: Paul Belliveau

Hustler: Zach Silverman

Most Valuable Player: Jake Floyd

