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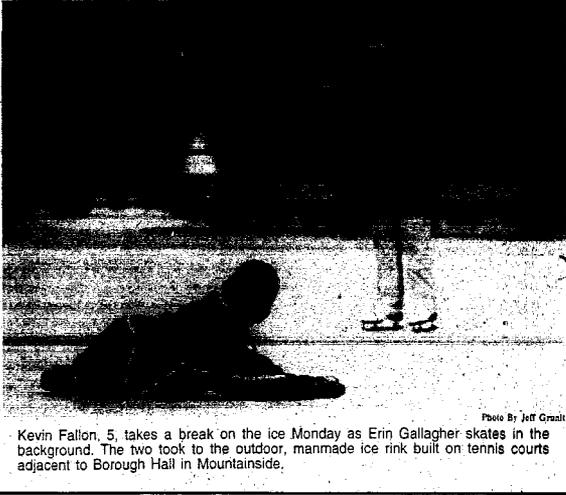


Photo By Jeff Grault

Kevin Fallon, 5, takes a break on the ice Monday as Erin Gallagher skates in the background. The two took to the outdoor, manmade ice rink built on tennis courts adjacent to Borough Hall in Mountainside.

District moves forward in s

By Darcy Doyle
Staff Writer

Talks about the district's superintendent search resumed in Springfield at the Board of Education meeting Monday.

"Names of candidates will not become public. They will remain confidential," said Carole Larsen, senior field representative from the New Jersey School Boards Association, who is consulting the board on the search. "Only the finalists' names will become public when they do a district visit."

Larsen cautioned board members, "you will be questioned by staff members and members of the public."

She presented board members with the procedures for the search. "There are legal constraints as to the way you handle the interviews," she said.

"During the interview you must ask

the same questions, you must use the same format for each candidate and each interview should be the same period of time in order for you to make a fair judgment of each candidate."

Board members were urged to consider what criteria they think are important and what they are looking for in a candidate. "I will be responsible to explain or lay out the choices you could make. We will decide on what the pros and cons are and then we can make decisions based on that," said Larsen.

"I have found that boards actually came through this process more united. It is an intense process, but it builds necessary and effective team skills."

Larsen said one drawback to having tight criteria is that they can make the search very restrictive. If board

members decide to hire someone, they must have a doctorate in education, a minimum number of years of educational experience, and they can only consider those candidates and cannot look at others who do not meet those criteria.

"If you say 'doctorate required' you cannot look at anyone who does not possess a doctorate, legally," Larsen said. "We can do that as long as you all understand the implications."

On March 15, there will be a public forum to discuss this issue. There will be a survey available to the public which will ask residents to give their opinions on what they want in a new superintendent.

Larsen said residents will have a chance to be most involved at the beginning and at the end of the process. See SERVICES, Page 8

Condo case continues before board

Experts testify before Summit to Park Drive terminology

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Roadway, driveway, or right-of-way?

Springfield and Summit brought their battle over the proposed Bryant Park Commons apartment complex down to a matter of semantics Monday night at the Summit Planning Board's first meeting of the year.

The location chosen for the 138-unit complex, the former site of the Carter-Bell Manufacturing Company in Springfield, has only a single access point, Summit's Park Drive. Issues involving the land-locked nature of the proposed location dominated the Planning Board's final two meetings of 1999.

Summit officials have expressed their displeasure at having to cope with the extra traffic that could potentially result from the construction of the affordable-housing units.

Bruce Pitman, attorney for the Short Hills-based K&K Developers Inc., began the meeting by resuming his direct examination of traffic

expert Harold Maltz. Maltz was retained by the developers in June 1998 to produce a traffic study of the area involving Park Drive, Springfield Avenue and Middle Avenue.

In his findings, which were presented at the Planning Board's last meeting, Maltz determined that the area's "Level of Service" is excellent. "Level of Service" is an A to F designation, with "A" indicating the shortest possible delays and "F" the longest. All three streets were found by Maltz to be operating at top levels.

"There's nothing to comment on," Maltz told board members Monday night. "The 'Levels of Service' won't change. They're at the 'A' and 'B' level." He described the sight lines for drivers coming out of Park Drive as "sound."

Park Drive, which offers a narrow ingress and egress, would require widening. Maltz reminded the board that a width of 32 feet, with a 4-foot median, has been proposed. No parking on either side would be allowed. When asked by Pitman if the dimension met the state's Residential Site Improvement Standards, Maltz said it did.

The expansion of Park Drive does not, however, provide for a sidewalk. According to RSI standards, a "high intensity resident access" requires two sidewalks. Planning Board member John McCann told Maltz the site currently has "an asphalt walkway but no sidewalk."

Maltz agreed the proposed plan does not include a sidewalk.

In another challenge, as to whether parking on Springfield Avenue should be prohibited in the region of Park Drive, McCann told Maltz Springfield Avenue is not a county road, which Maltz believed it to be. Maltz said the difference would not affect his testimony.

Park Drive quickly became the subject of a war of definitions, as Planning Board members insisted on calling it a driveway, with Pitman and Maltz — and, later, Title Examiner Daniel O'Shaughnessy — all calling it a roadway, or a right-of-way.

Planning Board member and Summit Common Councilman John Maher defined "right-of-way" as: "I own a piece of land, you need to cross it and See PARK, Page 3

Friedland addresses burning issues

By Darcy Doyle
Staff Writer

After the Jan. 19 dormitory fire at Seton Hall University in South Orange, members of the Springfield Board of Education addressed fire concerns, as residents questioned the safety of the township's schools at the regular board meeting Monday.

Superintendent Gary Friedland assured them. "There are a series of protocols for fire. We have smoke detectors and sensors in every building."

"The Caldwell and Walton schools are both equipped with a sprinkler system. The buildings are also equipped with strobe lights which serve as another way to alert people in an emergency situation."

Friedland said the district must undergo checks from the fire inspector to make sure the buildings are compliance. In addition, fire drills are used to make sure staff and students are familiar with the correct procedures.

Board of Education President Richard Falkin urged the public to keep in mind there are differences between a university dormitory and the schools in the district. "We do

not sleep at the school and we do not live at the school. That makes a big difference."

Falkin also said the fire safety equipment in all the buildings has been updated in the last three or four years. He said he has respect for the Springfield Fire Department and he was impressed by the way they handled the recent bomb threat to the district.

Additionally, Falkin said he was impressed with the way the schools' staff managed themselves in that emergency situation.

Friedland said the district takes fire safety very seriously. "We don't have a lot of false alarms. I will not tolerate that as the administrator."

He said in the one or two times a student has pulled a false alarm, the student has been caught and charged.

According to the superintendent, the staff is trained and aware of what is necessary in a fire situation. He said the district has worked and will continue to work with the Springfield Fire Department to ensure the safety of the students.

Township services claim condos 'ours'

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Summit's rumblings about the proposed Bryant Park Commons apartment complex, which have been felt for months, are still going on.

The proposed Springfield location, on a site formerly occupied by the Carter-Bell Manufacturing Co., is accessible only through Summit's 50-foot-long Park Drive.

"One sore spot, of many, concerned the supply of emergency services by Summit to the proposed facility, not within their border. The sore spot, it turns out, was psychosomatic.

"It's the Township of Springfield's property, and we're responsible for it," said Springfield Police Chief Wil-

liam Chisholm. "The Knights of Columbus is also in Springfield, but the access is through Summit. There are two houses on Old Coach Road that require going through Summit. We also parolled Carter-Bell when they were there. It's our responsibility."

"That's our site," Springfield Fire Chief William Gras said. "It's always been Springfield's, and it'll always be ours."

Gras described the Carter-Bell site as "not hard to get to" at 1.7 miles from the township's fire headquarters. He compared it to the Park Place Condominiums, which are 2.1 miles away — and, with more than 315 units, larger than the proposed Bryant Park facility. Bryant Park is designed for

138 units, with 281 parking spaces. Gras said the department's response time in 1999 averaged three minutes. To Park Place, 2.1 miles away, he estimated an arrival time of three-and-a-half to four minutes, with traffic.

"This is nothing out of the ordinary to us," he said. "For a major fire, of course, we'd ask for the assistance of other towns, but we're the primary response agency as far as fire protection goes."

"We're talking minutes in terms of response," Chisholm said. "I have a patrol car assigned to that district — the ShopRite is in Springfield, so how much further would it be to the condos? Fifteen or 30 seconds? We're

responsible for parts of town further away than these condos."

"There are issues involving ingress and egress," Gras said, referring to the narrow Park Drive. "But, hopefully, the developer will address our needs."

The war over Park Drive continued Monday night at Summit City Hall when Bruce Pitman, the developer's attorney, continued the presentation of his case to the Planning Board. In three meetings, Pitman has called five expert witnesses, including an engineer, a traffic expert and a title examiner.

Engineer Kevin Page, the first expert to be called by Pitman to testify in November, performed a feasibility study of the area and assured board members the site was land-locked. Park Drive, he determined, was the only viable route in or out. An unused railroad bed, a brook and the Troy Village Apartments all prevent the construction of an alternate access.

Traffic expert Harold Maltz examined the flow of traffic along Springfield Avenue and the adjacent Middle Avenue, and the sight lines coming out of Park Drive, and proclaimed all to be more than satisfactory.

Monday, Pitman presented Planning Board members with separate letters from Chisholm and Gras, both of which stated that emergency services to the site would be supplied by Springfield.

At the December meeting, when Summit Planning Board member Phyllis Sank asked Page who would enforce the promised "no parking" along the improved Park Drive, Page shrugged and said, "The proper authorities." The answer met with frosty silence and one cynical laugh. Summit's Mayor Walter Long told the *Echo Leader* back in December, "We want to be good neighbors to Springfield, but we can't have the traffic and supply the emergency management services to their complex."

Long was not available for comment at press time.

Land that we love



Caldwell School first-graders Shannon Majewski and Daniel Schoenknack stand for the singing of Irving Berlin's 'God Bless America.' The Springfield students recently performed at a tribute featuring popular music from the 1900s.

A little help from her friends



Photo By Jeff Grault

Erin Gallagher, center, receives help from Kevin and Kathy Fallon after a tumble on the ice. The threesome donned their skates Monday to try out the rink next to Mountainside Borough Hall.

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35 years of service



Local 68 International Union of Operating Engineers recently recognized its members for 35 years service in the union. Vincent J. Giblin, Local 68 business manager, left, and Thomas P. Giblin, Local 68 president, right, honor Mountainside resident Martin P.J. Roughneen.

Date nears for school board filing

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the Board of Education is 4 p.m. Feb. 28. The election is scheduled for April 18. Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" in the business office of the Board of Education.

Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures, and the role of the school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.

"Large citizens who believe they can make a contribution to their communities' schools to consider board of education membership," said Charles Reilly, NJSEA president.

"You don't have to be an education expert to serve on your local school board. What counts most is a sincere interest in children and their education."

Children's hospital needs volunteers

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

These "Internal Transporters" are needed between 8:15 and 11:30 a.m. or 12:15 and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The duties and responsibilities of Internal Transporters include transporting children, ages one month through 21 years, to their assigned therapists within the hospital in a safe and 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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Today

• Michael J. Levine and Gary A. Prince Jr. will speak at an estate and retirement planning luncheon at the noon meeting of the Springfield Hadassah at Temple Beth Akim, Springfield. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Tomorrow

• Members of the Mountainside Senior Citizens Club will sponsor a guest visit from Recreation Director Sue Winans at noon at Community Presbyterian Church, Dorr Path and Moxing House Lane, who will tell the group about the most recent Recreation Department activities available in the borough.

Saturday

• The Union County Republican Women Leaders Council will host a breakfast at 8:45 a.m. at Ballston Golf Club in Springfield. The guest speaker will be Linda Bowker, director of the Division of Women for New Jersey. All prospective Republican Senate candidates and Congressional candidates have been invited to attend. To make reservations, call Mel Harris at (908) 789-0200.

Sunday

• St. James the Apostle School, 41 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will host a Knowledge Fair and Open House from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (973) 376-5194 or visit the website at www.springfield-nj.com.

• Visitors to the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can create colorful animals at 2 p.m. by learning the ancient tradition of melting wax on rocks and pressing your own in. The cost is \$2 per child.

Tuesday

• A discussion of the book "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver will take place at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. For more information call (973) 376-4930, ext. 28.

Wednesday

• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will host a blood drive from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. For more information call (908) 232-7090.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will hold a Ladies Night Out at Alexia restaurant in Mountainside at 7:30 p.m. All are invited for dinner, coffee and drinks. For more information call Lori Goldberg at (908) 232-6362.

• Dr. Brad Ross will discuss "Neuropsychology and ADHA" at the next Western Union County Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder meeting at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. For more information call (908) 301-0709.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 3

• The Foothill Club of Mountainside will meet for lunch at B.G. Fields. The program will feature Ruth Goense with flower arranging. For a reservation call Genevieve at (908) 232-3636.

• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 8 p.m. in the Columbia School cafeteria, 345 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. Board members will discuss the facilities improvement recommendations of the facilities committee.

• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will hold a conference meeting in the Clausen Administration Complex at 8 p.m.

Feb. 6

• The Mountainside Board of Education will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield Media Center.

• The Borough Council will hold a work session at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Feb. 10

• The Planning Board of Mountainside will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Feb. 14

• The Mountainside Public Library Board of Trustees will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

Feb. 15

• The Mountainside Board of Borough will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will host a Mommy and Me Valentine's Party. Residents are invited to bring their children to the Community Room in Borough Hall from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$4 per child. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call Susan McCarthy at (908) 654-4694 by Feb. 10.

Feb. 21

• The Springfield Environmental Commission will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. in the Annex at 20 North Trivett Ave.

Ongoing

• The Springfield Recreation Department holds blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Ballou Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield from 1 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information call (973) 912-2227.

Deerfield aligns with core standards

dergarten through eight; science, grades kindergarten through eight and language arts/literacy, grades six through eight.

The revised written curriculum and the procurement of resources will be implemented in September 2000. During the 2000-01 school year, staff and administration will undertake the process of reviewing and revising Language Arts/Literacy, grades kindergarten through five; life skills, grades six through eight and the district's TEP curriculum for grades kindergarten through eight.

Curriculum timelines serve as a guide and have kept each curriculum committee focused. Specific activities have been identified. Since September 1999 each committee has addressed each area according to the specific curriculum.

The Mountainside school district has moved forward in addressing the New Jersey Core Content Standards.

Curriculum in each subject area is being compared against the standard and appropriate revisions that have or are currently being drafted.

The mathematics program for kindergarten through eighth grades was completed during the 1998-99 school year and was implemented in September 1999. Parents, students and teachers

have found the curriculum and resources to be challenging. As school administrators and teachers continue to review and revise the teaching strategies, appropriate curriculum initiatives have and will continue to provide Deerfield School students with the needed skills and instruction.

Currently, and according to the five-year curriculum cycle, the teaching staff has been involved with the review and revisions for the following curricula: social studies, grades kin-

Residents share remaining Y2K goods

Now that the Y2K scare is over, residents have the opportunity to share the food that has been stockpiled with those who are hungry.

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Harelik communicates year's goals

By Joe Lugar
Staff Writer

Residents of Springfield will be glad to know that Clara Harelik is a stickler for communication.

Elected to the Township Committee in November 1998, Harelik was appointed mayor by the committee last December, replacing Gregory Clarke.

"Communication is a very important aspect of government," the new mayor said. "People assume that the Township Committee knows absolutely everything that's going on in the town. We don't. Sometimes we need to be told."

Harelik stressed the importance of communication on both ends. "If I get a call from a resident informing me of a particular issue, then I either call them back or have the right authority call them back. And, as mayor, I have my own obligation to communicate to the county and state."

Prior to officially assuming the duties of her office, Harelik spent time with the township's emergency services, going out on two calls with the fire department and consulting with the police department and Chief William Chisholm, "encouraging them to tell me what's working and what's not."

Harelik came to the township with her family as a nine year old. She went through the Springfield school system and received her undergraduate degree from Douglass College at Rutgers University, graduating with high honors in political science. She attended the Seton Hall University School of Law. While there, she held an internship with Chief Justice Clarkson Fischer, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Upon law school graduation, Harelik received the Bureau of National Affairs Scholastic Award.

After clerking for a year at the Morris County Superior Court, Law Division, Harelik spent time with two



Clara Harelik

fields' representative on two committees: The Union County Revenue Sharing Committee — "the block grant people," as she called it — and the Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board. Her work on the Take Pride in Springfield Committee helped result in the organization of last year's large July 4 celebration, and she plans to contribute her ideas to the committee again this year.

During her term, Harelik said she hopes to oversee a number of activities, including some modernization of the municipal pool.

"Last summer, Rich Sheola, our township administrator, Mike Tennaro our recreation director and I visited other municipal pools to see what they have and what they do. We're aiming for certain improvements for the start of the 2000 season. We're doing what we can to improve it, but we can't change the whole thing overnight. It's an old facility."

Among the "long and short term goals," identified in her first address as mayor in early January, Harelik said she wanted to see the Hershey property on Mountain Avenue used as additional space by the Department of Public Works.

Plans to construct a new fire house, and to renovate the old structure for use by the police department, also were identified as key goals. New programs for the Chisholm Community Center on South Springfield Avenue also were mentioned.

In the area of communication, Harelik said she would like to see "more information generated to the public on Springfield."

"We need to use our 'Speaking of Springfield' program on TV 36 as an informational guide for people," she said, "so they can see things like the senior citizen bus and the jitney service. We have a lot of senior citizens in town — let's let them know that Sarah Bailey has senior groups."

"The commission also sponsored the Merit Program," Harelik said. "We recognized people and businesses who promoted environmental consciousness — from Shop Rite, for their recycling practices, to one of the teachers at Gaudinier to the Beautification Committee."

Harelik also has acted as Spring-

Brotherly advice



Photo by Jeff Graham

Ryan Fallon, 7, left, gives some skating pointers to his brother, Kevin, 5. The pair taught each other on the manmade ice skating rink adjacent to Borough Hall in Mountainside.

Township library presents 'Best Friend's Wedding'

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its Lunchtime Video series "Hollywood Classics: Old And New" with "My Best Friend's Wedding." 1998, 114 minutes. This program will be held Feb. 15 at noon.

Julia Roberts, Dermot Mulroney, Cameron Diaz and Rupert Everett star in "My Best Friend's Wedding," a high-spirited romantic comedy that serves up something wild, something new, something touching and something truly hilarious.

Roberts dazzles as commitment-shy Jules Potter, who reluctantly realizes she is in love with her best friend, Michael, played by Mulroney. There is just one catch: he's

about to marry someone else. Comically crazed and full of devious plans, Potter will do anything to steal him back — except tell him the simple truth.

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

- 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.

Park Drive semantics discussed

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I give you the right-of-way to cross it."

As Maher sees it, the question is not whether K&K Developers has a right to use Park Drive as a right-of-way, but "what they want to do in terms of making changes." Identifying Park Drive as a driveway narrows even further the issue of physical changes.

"In the deeds, it's called a right-of-way," Piman said. "This has always been designated as Park Drive. When our title person testifies, you'll see that it's a right-of-way."

Maher said Maltz himself called Park Drive a driveway, which Maltz denied, dismissing the issue as "a matter of semantics." He added that in his traffic report, he referred to it as a roadway.

McCann then focused on the deeds themselves, saying the word "driveway" is used in them, a fact that Pitman quickly refuted, saying, "Only five deeds pertain to this property, and they all call it a right-of-way."

Planning Board attorney Michael Pane finally jumped in, urging all parties to allow the title expert to handle the issue.

In his testimony, O'Shaughnessy read from one of the deeds, dated Feb. 14, 1919, which identified a "50 foot right-of-way."

"Carter-Bell had the right-of-way out to Springfield Avenue in 1919," O'Shaughnessy told board members. "The right to use the right-of-way is maintained through all deeds."

The issue of making physical changes to the right-of-way was not mentioned as being included in the deed.

Board member William Callahan expressed concern with the traffic dangers the widening of Park Drive could potentially cause. Maltz admitted he had seen buses stop "as an accommodation" at both Middle Avenue and Briant Park, when in fact a Stop-and-Ride exists just a little further down on Springfield Avenue.

Maltz, however, assured the board that the new apartments would not serve as "a significant traffic generator."

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EDITORIALS

The search is on

Selecting a superintendent of schools is probably the most difficult process and one of the most difficult decisions members of the Springfield Board of Education will face this year. The position is one that requires the attention of the entire community.

Board members have been forced to search for a new school leader since current Superintendent Gary Friedland announced his resignation at a Board of Education meeting Dec. 6. Friedland has been the district's superintendent for 14 years.

The search already has begun. As difficult as it may be for board members to say good-bye to Friedland, they are showing initiative by recruiting help from the New Jersey School Boards Association to find a new superintendent.

What members of the Board of Education first must decide is the qualities they are looking for in their new hire. They need someone who not only will become more than familiar with issues in Springfield, but also with the concerns about education throughout the state and nation. The community needs someone in tune with educational trends and differences in learning and in teaching.

They need someone who will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the board and to the district. Friedland's spirit, although strong, dwindled after his 14-year stay. It is understandable when considering the demands of the job.

But those issues — the qualities sought to lead the district — require the attention of teachers, parents and students. By listening to a report Monday from New Jersey School Boards representative Carole Larsen, members of the Board of Education are taking the proper steps to select a new superintendent. What they need is public involvement. They need parents and teachers to attend board meetings to discuss something other than the school calendar. They need to seek community input; parents and teachers need to offer it willingly.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-8898, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Inforsource hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



Safety in a winter wonderland

"It's a beautiful sight, we're happy tonight, walking in a winter wonderland."

The first true snowfall of the season Jan. 20 brought neighbors outside — throwing snowballs, walking in the chilly air, heaving packs of wet snow from their sidewalks. But not everyone awakens excited when the snow is falling. While enjoying the blasts of wintry weather, do not forget elderly neighbors who may require extra assistance.

For neighborhood veterans or for those who recently moved in, get to know your neighbors. Be aware of who is nearby and who may need help. If you cannot shovel a sidewalk or a driveway, there are area organizations that specialize in finding this type of assistance. Local churches and welfare departments generally offer these services.

The following are tips from local police to help all residents have a safe winter.

- Do not drive unless it is absolutely necessary. Make sure the car has plenty of gas and unworn snow tires.
- Always dress as if the car will break down. If there are car problems, it may take two to three hours in the winter for help to arrive. This can be especially dangerous for the elderly and young children. Keep an extra blanket and warm clothing in the car.

- If there is no cellular phone, keep spare change in the car for use at a pay phone. Make sure the vehicle is equipped with emergency flares.

- In the home, keep extra batteries, flashlights and a day or two supply of food and water.

When walking to school or to a neighbor's house, children should stay on the sidewalks and wear brightly colored clothing. It is much more difficult for cars to stop when roads are icy and children are less visible.

Although it is tempting for children to make snowballs and practice their aim by throwing at passing cars, this could lead to damage to the vehicle and injuries to the driver and passengers. The throwers also could find themselves in trouble with local police.

Have a safe winter and look forward to the springtime thaw.

"The government's obsession with secrecy creates a citizen's obsession with conspiracy."

—Paul K. McMasters
The Freedom Forum
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SING OUT LOUD — Tanya Boehme, vocal music teacher at Springfield's Florence M. Gaudineer School, and her sixth-grade chorus take their bows at the recent winter concert.

One, even two, glances are usually enough

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugaresi
Staff Writer

Since I left Seton Hall in the early 1980s, I've only been back, I think, once. It was years later, and I could hardly recognize the place; the front entrance had been moved and several new buildings had been constructed.

I found this all very disturbing. As a student, I could walk around with my eyes closed and arrive in the exact spot where I needed to be. But when I saw the campus for the first time in years, the permanent sense I had of it was completely destroyed. It felt to me like a model railroad village, with buildings taken down and erected on a whim.

Last Wednesday, when images of the fatal fire at Boland Hall were plastered on the television, from the local news to CNN, I had, for the first time since my one and only visit, a reminder of what the place really looked and felt like.

When Boland Hall was shown on television Wednesday, isolated from its surrounding changes, I recognized it for what I remembered it to be. I recognized myself for what I remembered myself to be too.

Between 18 and 21, the college ages, the world gets conquered. Conquered between our ears, anyway. There was a whole lifetime back then, plenty of time to collect credits and lay out schemes for big success. As a young writer, there was no compromise — I expected to produce a certain kind of work, and I knew it would take a little time, at least, after the commencement exercises to really get rolling, but there was no doubt in my

mind that my angular likeness would someday be cast in bronze.

How wrong the young fellow was. But so what? If we're not allowed to achieve every success we imagine, at least we're entitled to the right to conceive and plan for them. The three students killed at Boland Hall had that opportunity ripped out of their hands, right at the age when belief in the power of their futures is at its strongest point.

I'm not in the habit of looking back over my shoulder very often. One or two glances, as you're walking away, is enough for the purposes of nostalgia. But I think it's key to retain some memory of what you thought you could be, because if you can remember that, you can remember everything important about that person you left back there.

Does Communist Cuba play in Elian's case?

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

It is not unusual to use people as pawns. And, many times it is not widely known.

But in the case of Elian Gonzalez, not only is it a child being used as a pawn, but it is being used openly.

All this time the case has been discussed far and wide, some thought has been given to the child. But, in most instances, the discussion has revolved around whether or not Elian should be returned to Cuba and his father because Cuba is a Communist-dominated country.

His relatives in this country have done everything possible to make sure Elian is living the "wonderful" life. He has been to see the World of Looney. He has a new bicycle. He even has a new puppy, a Labrador, no less. And, he is shown being carried around by apparently loving relatives. He even wears a backpack like every American kid.

The difference here, however, is that Elian is not like any other American kid. He's not American. He is Cuban. And that's the rub.

Elian is definitely a Cuban kid. He was born in Cuba, and his parents lived in Cuba, albeit not together. After the tragic death of his mother on

the high seas, his closest relative was his father.

But his relatives in this country decided Elian should not be exposed to the evils of Communism any longer, so they have tried every method to keep him here.

For some reason, his father has not made the trip here to regain his son. There has been some conjecture that if the father came to this country, he would find life so wonderful here, he would not want to return to Cuba. Whether or not that is the case cannot be determined by Americans living here.

On the other hand, it seems Elian's grandmothers are willing to journey here to bring their grandson back to Cuba. Of course, we have heard that from the Cuban authorities, and we cannot believe what we have heard. And that seems to be strange, too. If the father is not permitted to journey here, why would the Cuban authori-

ties consider the grandmothers a safe risk?

Since Elian is being cared for by a great-uncle, isn't it possible the great-uncle is the brother of one of these grandmothers, or one of the grandmothers' husbands? While this discussion and the attendant court procedures have been going on, the Immigration Service has made it plain Elian should go home to his father. And, naturally, President Clinton has agreed with the Immigration Service and Attorney General Janet Reno, who also thinks Elian belongs with his father.

As of now, the Florida relatives are still going to court. But, some think the American courts should have nothing to say about Elian's future.

Others are pointing to an apparent difference in interpretation of the immigration laws by local courts: When Haitian refugees arrive on the Florida shores, they are quickly sent back to Haiti. In fact, that happened recently to one small child. When the Elian business came to light, that child was sent back to this country to join his mother. Evidently, some faces were very red.

Some Jews and Chinese also must be wondering what is going on. When the Nazis were in power, the United States refused entry to Jewish refu-

gees, who literally had no place to go except to the death camps.

Similarly, not only in the recent past have Chinese stayaways been returned to China, but we must remember the famous Chinese Exclusion Act, which kept Chinese people out — period.

Without going into a long harangue, considering the most recent treatment of the Haitians and the history of the acts against the Chinese and the Jews, it does become a matter of conscience.

Would Elian be permitted to stay in this country if he were not from a Communist country? Do we grant asylum only to nationals of Commu-

nist countries? Or do we consider other forms of aggression not to our liking cause for asylum? Certainly, the Chinese came from a Communist country, but they were sent back.

Unfortunately, there is another factor to consider. What if Elian were black? Or a different color? Would his case be viewed in the same light? We would like to think it would make little difference. But, is that true? That's a puzzlement.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

King shared beliefs with Springfield

To the Editor:
Reading and talking about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. reminded me of a visit he made to Springfield many years ago. He was to give a talk in the high school, and the auditorium was packed.

The weather was terrible, with heavy rain and wind — an awful night. Everyone stayed in their seats, waiting.

Finally, Dr. King arrived. It must have been a very bad flight, and when he began to speak, he admitted that he had been somewhat nervous on the plane. He told us that we should not think that he had no faith in the Almighty while he was up in the air, but was so much better acquainted with the Almighty on the ground.

Sue Kalem
Springfield

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Emphysema should keep you awake

Editor's note: The following was submitted as a letter to the state legislature.

I wonder if you are sleeping tonight? I have been tossing and turning for most of the night. You see, I have lost three friends to emphysema in less than two weeks and it's wearing heavy on my mind. Yes, my friends were ex-smokers, but they didn't deserve the horrible suffering and death that took them away in their early 50's. Emphysema and related lung diseases are the number four killers in the United States today, but funding for research for a cure is so little, it is insignificant.

Emphysema is an invisible disease and carries with it a stigma worse than AIDS. "People smoked after all, and now they must pay the consequences" seems to be the position assumed by policy makers today. No one is very interested in funding a cure for emphysema because sick smokers save the government money. They pay into Social Security all their lives, but they die before they can collect it.

In addition, just look at all the money the state and federal governments rake in from the taxes they impose on cigarettes. As an added bonus, the states sued the tobacco companies for billions of dollars in settlement money for the funds they supposedly spent treating the sick smokers who provided them with all that great tax revenue. I guess the states would really be hurting if everyone stopped smoking and a cure was found for emphysema.

As an additional slap in the face to those dying from tobacco-related illnesses, many states are spending the settlement money, on everything but for what it was intended. Our governors and our congressmen are all intent on spending the money for projects that will make them look good. During a public hearing before a committee regarding the distribution of the tobacco settlement money, about one-fourth of the committee members were not even in attendance.

Of those representatives who were present, four dozed through the entire three hours of testimony. This indicated to me that public testimony actually means little or nothing to our elected representatives; decisions have already been made and the hearings are just for show.

So, I guess you must be sleeping tonight while I sit here crying for my three friends and all the others who lay dying tonight. Just in case you are interested, their names were Ed Mouter, Glenda Jones and Michael Wagner. Maybe one morning as you look in the mirror when you are brushing your teeth, you will see their faces looking back at you. They will be wondering why it is so hard for you to do the right thing when it comes to the tobacco settlement money and funding research for a cure.

Maybe when you look in the mirror at your own face you will be able to explain to yourself how you can put your own politics in front of human life. I sure hope it doesn't keep you awake nights.

Joan Esposito
Springfield

Community invited to Deerfield breakfast

On Feb. 5 the Mountaineer Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor its annual Community Pancake Breakfast in the Deerfield School cafeteria.

From 8:30 to 11 a.m., breakfast lovers can take a break from the winter doldrums and join family, friends and neighbors for this old-fashioned community event. The snow date will be Feb. 26.

The menu options include: Adult portion — four pancakes, two sausages, fruit and beverage for \$5. Smaller portion — two pancakes, one sausage, fruit and beverage for \$3.50, and the Bagel Breakfast — bagel, fruit and beverage for \$2.50.

Mountaineer's community groups such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will play a big part in helping to make this breakfast the huge success it has become each year. Local businesses also have helped with donations of food and prizes.

Ticket purchase forms are available at Deerfield School, the Mountaineer Free Public Library and Borough Hall. The deadline for ticket requests is Jan. 31.

For more information call Teri Schmedel at (908) 301-0147.

Township library hosts book discussions

Book discussions at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continue on a monthly basis Tuesday with "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver.

Discussions are held the first Tuesday of the month at the Library Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. Books to be discussed at future meetings include "Clay's Billy" by Alice McDermott, "Mammoth of a Ghost" by Arthur Golden, "Track of the Cat" by Nevada Barr, "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom and "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" by Jean-Dominique Bauby.

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Do you watch the Super Bowl?



Richard Brady

"Yeah, I watch it at home."



Alex Fleischer

"Always. I'm a football fan — a Giant fan, unfortunately."



Chris Mancinelli

"Sure, I watch it."



Gladys Schwartz

"I'm not interested. I don't care who plays or wins."

Girl Scouts begin taking cookie orders

It's cookie time again.

Now through Feb. 6, Girl Scouts from the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council will be taking orders for their annual cookie sale. Girls will be hosting displays, booth sales and taking orders in the communities of Union, Clark, Kenilworth, Clark, Linden, Roselle, Roselle Park, Cranford, Berkeley Heights, Elizabeth, Hillside, Springfield, Mountaineer, Garwood, Winfield, Dunellen, Green Brook, North Plainfield, Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, South Plainfield, Warren, Watchung and Westfield.

The cookie line up includes a new fudge-dipped shortbread cookie called "Annual Treasures." The other cookies offered for the 2000 sale include Carmel Delites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Upside-Down — frosted oatmeal — and Lemon Pasty Creams — reduced-fat. This year's theme for the sale is "Step Forward," which promotes leading girls into the new millennium with new aspirations and visions.

The Girl Scout Cookie Sales program provides girls with an opportunity to experience business transactions and gain real rewards. The girls learn about money management and financial planning, while contributing to the financial accountability of their troop.

If you would like a Girl Scout to contact you and/or would like to find out where girls will be selling in your town, call the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Service Center at (908) 232-3226.

Taking a lunch break



St. James The Apostle students Kayla and Kevin admire their new lunch bags as they participate in the "Choose to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" lunch bag program for third- and fourth-graders.

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OBITUARIES

Richard C. Squire

Richard Compton Squire, 90, of Summit, the former director of general services at Overlook Hospital in Summit, died Jan. 18 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in Washington, D.C., Mr. Squire lived in Summit for 60 years. He was named director of general services at Overlook Hospital in 1963. Mr. Squire worked in the position until he retired at age 65. After retiring, he was asked to stay on as the hospital's consultant for construction during its major growth and expansion phase.

Throughout his tenure at the hospital, Mr. Squire personally oversaw the planning and construction of the extended care wing, ambulatory care center, parking garage, apartment building, Garden Apartments and Community Health Center.

He was a member of the Overlook Foundation Heritage Society and was a staunch supporter of Overlook Hospital and its work in the community. Mr. Squire graduated magna cum laude in 1930 with a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After an additional year at Dartmouth's Taylor School of Engineering, Mr. Squire was awarded a degree of civil engineering in 1931. He then attended the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration for an additional year.

In 1943, Mr. Squire was sworn in to the Navy Reserves as a lieutenant junior grade and was assigned to the Portsmouth, N. H. Naval Yard as a personnel relations officer.

After World War II, he returned to Summit and to Hahné & Co., Newark, where he served in various executive positions until eventually becoming vice president and general superintendent in charge of store operations and construction. Mr. Squire supervised the planning and development of Hahné's branch stores in Montclair and Westfield.

In the 1930s, he had worked in various retail positions in Washington, D.C., and Cincinnati and as a foreman with the National Carbon Co., Fremont, Ohio, before joining Hahné's.

Surviving are his wife, Alvera, a son, Richard II, a brother, Charles F., and two grandchildren.

Louis L. Allen

Louis LaBoiteaux Allen, 74, of Summit died Jan. 13 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Allen lived in Summit for 32 years. He was the executive vice president of West Chemical Products, Princeton, and retired in 1990. Previously, Mr. Allen had been vice president and director of the First SRC of New Jersey, Newark, a publicly-held investment subsidiary of the First National State Bank of New Jersey.

He also had been president of the Chase Manhattan Capital Corp., New York City. Mr. Allen was a 1950 graduate of Harvard University and received a master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Business School in 1952.

He was a lecturer at the Harvard Business School for 15 years. As a lecturer and writer, Mr. Allen encouraged and motivated future business leaders to risk building their own

businesses rather than become organization men.

He published his knowledge and advice in his 1967 book, "Starting and Succeeding in Your Small Business." Mr. Allen worked to make capital available in minority communities, focusing attention on the needs of African Americans in articles like "Making Capitalism Work in the '80s." His many startup investments included successful minority-owned companies Essence Communications and Black Enterprise Magazine.

Mr. Allen was the president of the National Association of Small Business Investment Companies and successfully lobbied Congress and the Small Business Administration to enact policies to make capital more easily available for companies with fewer than 500 employees.

He was president of the board of Orange Valley Settlement House in Orange, a member of the board of trustees of Foundation House in New York City, chairman of the advisory board of the National Council of Churches, a trustee of the Kent Place School in Summit and a lay reader at the Calvary Episcopal Church, Summit, since 1956.

Surviving are his wife, Annette; two daughters, Hadley and Edith Margaret; a son, Marston, a brother, Samuel Marston, and a sister, Marie A. Newman.

Filomena Coviello

Filomena S. Coviello, 76, of Summit died Jan. 17 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New Providence, Mrs. Coviello lived in Summit for 55 years. She was a member of the Rotary Society of St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Laura Macerowski; a son, Paul J. Jr.; a sister, Connie Di Muccio; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Libero D'Occhio

Libero D'Occhio, 69, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Summit, died Jan. 17 in New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Born in Italy, Mr. D'Occhio came to the United States in 1962, settling in Summit for 26 years. He moved to Berkeley Heights in 1988. Mr. D'Occhio owned Libero D'Occhio Mason Contractor in the Summit area for 30 years and retired in 1992.

Surviving are his wife, Maddalena; five daughters, Susan Bontempo, Sandra Magalio, Lena Heini, Angela Calleso and Lisa Frick; two sisters, Josephine Rillo and Natina Puzella, and 11 grandchildren.

Seymour Marder

Seymour Marder, 82, of Springfield died Jan. 17 in the New Jersey Geriatrics Center of Workmen's Circle, Elizabeth.

Born in Newark, Mr. Marder lived in Belleville before moving to Springfield 45 years ago. He was co-owner of Orange Refrigeration Service, Orange, for many years and retired in the early 1980s. Mr. Marder was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans Post 273, Springfield.

Mr. Marder was a member of the American Legion Post 228, Millburn,

and the Massada Lodge F&AM, Irvington.

Surviving are his wife, Beatrice; a son, Barry; a daughter, Adrienne Cadik; a brother, Saul, and three grandchildren.

Sophie Holic

Sophie Holic, 97, of Summit died Jan. 19 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Mrs. Holic lived in Irvington and Union before moving to Summit 16 years ago. She was a member of the Berkeley Heights Senior Citizens.

Surviving are a daughter, Adele Larro; a sister, Gussie Hartmann; a grandchild, five great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Judith Lindeman

Judith Lindeman, 50, of Springfield died Jan. 19 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Summit, Miss Lindeman lived in Springfield for most of her life. She was the recreation coordinator at the Cranford Health and Extended Care in Cranford for eight years. Miss Lindeman graduated with an associate's degree in gerontology from Union County College in 1985. She attended classes with her mother, the late Rev. Lillian Lindeman, who also received an associate's degree in gerontology in 1985.

Fred Ginsburg

Fred Ginsburg of Haledale, Fla., and Scotch Plains, formerly of Springfield and Mountaintop, died Jan. 18 in Hollywood Memorial Hospital, Hollywood, Fla.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Ginsburg lived in Springfield and Mountaintop before moving to Scotch Plains. He also maintained a residence in Haledale.

Surviving are a son, Stephen, and a grandchild.

Helen Zahorchak

Helen Zahorchak, 82, of Summit died Jan. 19 at home.

Born in Exeter, Pa., Mrs. Zahorchak moved to Summit 44 years ago. She was a cafeteria worker for 20 years with Celanese Corp., Summit, and retired 12 years ago. Mrs. Zahorchak was a member of the Golden Age Club in Summit.

Surviving are two daughters, Lois Monsomo and Donna Esposito; a sister, Celestine Zekoski; a brother, Raymond Peper; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Clark

Dorothy Clark of Summit died Jan. 17 in Morristown Memorial Hospital. Born in New York City, Mrs. Clark lived in Summit since 1917. She taught at the Happy Hill Nursery School, New Providence, and the Elizabeth May Nursery School in Summit from the 1950s through the 1970s, when she retired. Mrs. Clark's work with a blind student was featured in the book, "Welcome Child," by Pearl Buck. After her retirement, she taught knitting for several years at the Knit With Shop in Summit.

Mrs. Clark attended Teacher's College in New York City and received a degree in early childhood education.

She was a volunteer with the Red Cross Meals-on-Wheels and the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary in Summit. She also read to young children in the Summit elementary school enrichment programs.

Mrs. Clark served on the Allar Guild, sang in the choir and was a member of the Friday Service Chapter, all of Calvary Episcopal Church, Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Emma Welch; two sons, Charles P. II and Frederick C., and seven grandchildren.

Mary Ellen Triolo

Mary Ellen Triolo of Sea Girt, formerly of Summit, died Jan. 20 at home.

Born in Summit, Miss Triolo moved to Sea Girt three years ago. She was a sales assistant for several years with Dean Witter in Eatontown. Miss Triolo was a sales assistant for several years with Dean Witter in Eatontown. She was a graduate of Chestnut Hill College, Chestnut Hill, Pa.

Surviving are two brothers, Peter C. Jr. and Joseph D.

Constance B. Tutela

Constance "Cookie" Barbara Tutela, 45, of West Orange, formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 21 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Tutela lived in Shore Hills and in Springfield before moving to West Orange 16 years ago. She was a partner in Came Topi Antiques, South Orange, for the past 20 years.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; a son, Robert Carey; her parents, Hope T. and Melvin S. Kaye, and a brother, Jeffrey C. Kaye.

Virginia Lauber

Virginia Lauber, 77, of Basking Ridge, formerly of Summit, died Jan. 21 in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Sedalla, Mo., Mrs. Lauber lived in Summit before moving to Basking Ridge.

Surviving are two sons, Steven and David, and five grandchildren.

Martin Solodar

Martin "Mickey" Solodar, 69, of Springfield, one of the leading high school athletes in Morris County history, died Jan. 21 in St. Clare's Hospital, Denville.

Born in Morristown, Mr. Solodar lived in Springfield for many years and also owned a home in Boynton Beach, Fla. He was a salesman and then the owner of an Oldsmobile dealership in Elizabeth for many years before retiring. Mr. Solodar was a 1949 graduate of the Morristown School, New Morristown-Bears.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Joanne; three daughters, Diana Mahoney, Linda and Tracey, and a grandchild.

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KOSINSKI, J.R. - On behalf of Chester R. Kosinski, Jr. A special thank you to each of the many caring friends, neighbors, and relatives who showed their love and respect for my mother, my husband, Chester. Your support was a great comfort. Thank you to all in your prayers. God bless each of you. From Warner Kosinski (Mrs. Chester R. Kosinski, Jr.)

Area groups team up for elderly and their pets

The household elderly and their pet companions are in for a treat this Valentine's Day.

SAGE Inc. of Summit and Brighton Gardens of Mountaintop, a senior living community owned and operated by Marriott Senior Living Services, are holding a Meals-on-Wheels for Pets food drive.

The strong connection between the elderly and their pets is undeniable. They provide love and companionship to each other. Unfortunately, many of the elderly cannot afford the cost of pet food nor can they get out to shop and buy the food. Some are unable to lift and carry the cans and bags of food into the house.

According to Elaine Cupolo, director of community relations for Brighton Gardens, "Our elderly residents wanted to do a project in the community that would benefit other seniors. The Meals-on-Wheels for Pets concept seemed like a wonderful way to accomplish that."

Donna Lee Snyder, director of Meals-on-Wheels added, "Many of our homebound seniors have pets that fill their lives with love and laughter. We are so pleased to offer our clients food for their animal companions through this special Valentine gift."

Donations of food for dogs and cats can be dropped off in the Brighton Gardens front lobby, 1500 Westbound Route 22 in Mountaintop, from now until Feb. 7, between the hours of noon and 7:30 p.m. Donations will be distributed to Meals-on-Wheels clients in need for Valentine's Day.

SAGE is a private, non-profit organization that serves as a community resource for elderscare, with services that promote independence and a dignified quality of life for older citizens and their families. SAGE offers 10 programs, including Spend-A-Day adult health center.



A touch of Spanish

Summit Middle School Spanish teacher Suanne Benowitz works with students Emilio Torres, left, and Alex Munoz on a kinesthetic Spanish lesson. Using the educational theory that students can learn through the sense of touch, Benowitz developed a lesson on the conjugation of Spanish verbs that involves hand manipulating the verb endings.

Summit Red Cross hosts blood drives

The following dates and times have been designated for blood drives hosted by the Summit Area Red Cross.

- Feb. 4: United Methodist, Springfield Ave., New Providence, 2:30 to 8 p.m.
- Feb. 7: ARC, 695 Springfield Ave., Summit, 2:30 to 8 p.m.
- Feb. 25: Fountain Baptist, Glenside Ave., Summit, 2 to 7:30 p.m.
- March 15: Calvary Episcopal, Woodland Avenue, Summit, 2:30 to 8 p.m.

All drives are conducted by New Jersey Blood Services. Donors will need to present ID with picture or signature and know their social security number.

Call the Red Cross to confirm dates and times of drives.

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ORDINANCE 1008-96
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 114 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINEERS...

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Services commended for bomb threat response

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cess, but not in the middle during interviews.
Video of audio taping interviews for board review also was considered...

dates, the board will hire and publicly approve the new superintendent Nov. 6. The superintendent is then scheduled to officially begin Jan. 2, 2001.

noticing something suspicious. Our staff is cooperative. I would prefer that the bomb squad did the search, but that's not in the protocol."

Friedland advised people who would like to change that protocol to send letters to the Prosecutor's Office and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Donut eater reports items missing from vehicle

On Monday, at 7:30 a.m., a Springfield resident reported his 1978 Chevy van and various items which had been inside the vehicle stolen from the Dunkin Donuts parking lot on Route 22 in Springfield. While at the Dunkin Donuts the man reportedly left his keys in the vehicle with the car engine running.

The items inside the vehicle that were reported stolen include power windows and about 10 hypodermic syringes and insulin. According to police reports, the estimated value of the stolen items is \$3,500.

unknown person rolled up the rug which were valued between \$700 and \$800 each and left the store.

was driving her Volkswagen Passat south on South Springfield Avenue when she turned left onto County Club Lane and reportedly hit a pedestrian who was crossing the street.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1008, 1009 AND 1010 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINEERS...

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THE ENRICHMENT CENTER EXPANDS ITS WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMMING

The Enrichment Center of Westfield, a full service tutoring and enrichment company, located at 424 Central Avenue, announces its winter/spring program...

The winter/spring session which runs from late January into June offers students 17 week courses of study. Other classes are offered in reading, math, science, creative writing, study skills, test taking skills, history, writing skills and more.

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Students begin early Spanish study

It's the school version of the "arm-chair traveler."

World language studies at Summit High School — both in the classroom and through clubs and other activities — provide students the opportunity to savor the culture, history and cuisine, as well as learn the language, of three countries and one ancient civilization.

Four-year offerings in French, German, Spanish and Latin are available at Summit High School and are the culmination of an expanding world language program throughout the district. The state's new core curriculum standards mandate that world language studies now begin in elementary school.

"Language teachers heartily agree with the premise that students should begin the study of a world language as early as possible in their academic experience," said Don Cucurello, supervisor of the Summit public schools' World Language Department.

This school year, the Summit district began Spanish language lessons for students in grades one through three and plans are in the works to expand the program next year to grades four and five in the elementary schools and eventually to grade six in Summit Middle School.

Prior to this school year, world language instruction began in Summit Middle School, in grade seven and continued into the high school. Seventh-grade students may choose to study Spanish, French, German or Latin, and instruction in these languages advances to the Advanced Placement level in high school. A student who performs successfully on an AP test may be eligible for college credit for the subject area.

Spanish was chosen as the language offered in the elementary schools by a committee of parents and school district staff. "We have a strong feeling that many students will continue to study Spanish after elementary school," said Cucurello. "But there also is a strong interest in the other languages offered."

Cucurello said starting world language studies in the early grades provides a student with the discipline for study and familiarity with the sounds of other languages and, of course, the culture of other countries. "Research shows that students who learn a language prior to adolescence learn it better and speak it with less of an American accent," he said.

The new expanded state mandates for world language also include assessment of world language proficiency through standardized tests in grades four, eight and 11. Cucurello said a student needs at least three years of world language study to pass the assessments.

World Language study at Summit High School is enhanced by a number of enrichment activities both in and out of the classroom:

- Spanish language students, along with their teachers, dine at Jose's Mexican Cantina in New Providence.

- The Spanish students also celebrated the Mexican holiday of Dia de los Muertos, The Day of the Dead, in November.

- The French Club holds their own version of the Tour de France as a fund-raiser. Participating students race around the first floor of the high school on tricycles while observers cheer them on and enjoy the goodies from a bake sale.

- The French Club also meets monthly at breakfast for "Conversation and Croissants."

- Students of French recently traveled to Morristown to see a play in French, "Les Trois Mousquetaires," "The Three Musketeers."

- Spanish III students recently videoed presentations they made in Spanish about famous Hispanics.

- The new World Club, started by two students, provides members the opportunity to "visit" other countries through lectures, slides, discussions and field trips.

- World language students conducted a contest last fall through an Explorer Post hosts country dance

The Summit Police Explorer Post will once again sponsor the 11th Annual Country Music Dance to be held at The Grand Summit Hotel on Feb. 11 at 8 p.m.

Back by popular demand will be the Tim Gillis Band, performing all of the new country songs plus many of the old classics. A line dance instructor will be offering dance lessons and a DJ will provide music between sets.

This dance kicks off the year 2000 fund drive which will give the Explorer Post the resources to provide each Explorer with a new uniform and equipment. It also will enable them to continue their training programs and other activities.

The Summit Police Explorer Post is comprised of young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 and is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. The Explorers assist the Police Department in providing many services to the public, such as assistance with traffic control and parking at community events. They also receive training in first aid, CPR and law enforcement related subjects. The program teaches them to be good citizens and helps to prepare them for law enforcement careers.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available by calling Lt. David Formichella at 277-9397. They also will be available at the door on the evening of the dance. Food and beverage will be available at a reasonable cost.

interactive exhibit in the school's display window.

- Although Japanese language is not offered at the school, Summit High School has been conducting an exchange program with Toyama Technical High School in Toyama, Japan, for more than a decade. Last summer, two Summit students visited Japan along with Summit Spanish teacher Maria Sibilla.

- Students also successfully participate in academic competitions such as the Rider College Competition, the William Paterson College Language Competition and the National French and Latin exams.

The annual induction into the World Language Honor Society celebrates students' excellence in their studies.

"World language study has far-reaching benefits," said Cucurello. "Teachers believe that students enhance their knowledge and skill of English by studying another language because they become more aware of language structure and improve their writing skills. Also, more and more colleges are requiring one or two years of world language study beyond high school."

Cucurello stressed that a major benefit of world language study is it broadens a student's perspective of the world and understanding of other cultures.

Along with Cucurello, the Summit public schools' World Language Department staff members include: Gilda Spotta, Claire Biagini, Linda Solondz, Gordon Sauer, Joelle Hohen, Sibilla, Arturo Lopez, Carmen Argibay and Jim Kalser.



Artist Rita Baragona is displaying her nature-inspired paintings through Feb. 4 at the Kent Place School Gallery in Summit.

Natural artist displays her collection

A collection of nature-inspired paintings by New Jersey artist Rita Baragona is on display now through Feb. 4 at the Kent Place School Gallery in Summit.

Baragona said her work results from an attempt to visually understand the philosophical paradigm shifts brought about by 20th century discoveries in physics, particularly Einstein's theories pertaining to energy and matter.

"When I paint and draw I am looking at moments of connection. I open up to the experience of light, energy, movement and mass in space," said Baragona.

The exhibition's subject matter encompasses flowers in still life, gardenscapes, landscapes, the ocean and mountains. Baragona uses acrylic, pastels and ink to create her images which range in size from 2 by 3 inches to 21 by 29 inches.

She draws inspiration from a variety of locations including Long Beach Island, the Delaware Water Gap and her own backyard, a 10-acre property in rural Warren County. Last summer Baragona added the desert to her visual repertoire after receiving a grant from Blair Academy to attend the Dorland Artist Colony in Temecula, Calif. Baragona teaches painting, drawing and Advanced Placement Portfolio at Blair Academy.

Baragona will lend her teaching

skills to the students at Kent Place School during a lecture that will cover everything from technique to time management — a subject near and dear to the artist. Despite spending between nine and 12 hours a day at her day job, Baragona said she always snatches out at least an hour each day to create.

"I concentrate on what is most life-affirming. For me, that's art and teaching," said Baragona.

The Kent Place School Gallery offers students an opportunity to view regional artists' work up close and to discuss technique and other art-related issues, including the viability of art as a profession.

"Students can look at art books and read about artists, but nothing can compare to the experience of meeting an artist and asking him or her about their work," said Judy Lapidus, Pratt Institute graduate and Kent Place School art teacher and gallery director.

The Kent Place Gallery is located in the Hyde and Watson Theater, 42 Norwood Ave. in Summit and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment with the director.

For more information, call the gallery at 273-0900.

Announcement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the editor. Announcements should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. Black and white or color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing together are preferred. Pictures of one person standing and the other seated present design problems, so if possible, side by side is better.

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Firefighters respond for extrication

The Springfield Fire Department's Engine One responded to eastbound Route 24 under the Baltusrol Way bridge for a motor vehicle accident involving an extrication Jan. 18.

The driver was out of the vehicle by the time members of the Springfield Fire Department arrived, and was transported to the hospital by the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad.

The car, which had struck a guard rail, left the passenger pinned under a caved-in door. Firefighters removed the victim, with a medic unit from Overlook Hospital providing treatment. The Millburn First Aid Squad transported the passenger.

FIRE BLOTTER

No more information on the condition of the victims was available.

- Three medical service calls were answered Saturday.
- One motor vehicle accident, four medical service calls and one lock-out were handled Friday.
- Three motor-vehicle accidents, one activated carbon monoxide detector and four medical service calls were the business of the day Jan. 20.
- The department responded to Union Fire Headquarters on a call from Mutual Aid Jan. 19. The call was

related to the fire at Seton Hall University.

- Two medical service calls also were handled.
- A motor vehicle accident, a smoke condition and three medical service calls were answered by the department Jan. 18.
- A brush fire on eastbound Route 78, a carbon monoxide detector activation, two motor vehicle accidents and three medical service calls kept members of the department busy Jan. 17.
- One medical service call and one motor vehicle accident were handled Jan. 16.



Above, Springfield Sandmeier School students learn the meaning of the different moves behind the ribbon dance from five dancers from the Chinese Folk Dance Company of New York City Jan. 20. Below, students learn to make a sword with their fingers, a basic gesture in some Chinese folk dances.

Healing Heart donation grants Nets tickets

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

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

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

To honor David Nehmer's memory and to help other children with catastrophic illness, the Healing Heart Foundation benefits studies by Dr. Gary Walter, associate professor of pediatrics at Hackensack University

Medical Center. This will be part of a consortium of cancer centers across the United States to develop pediatric pain protocols.

To purchase half-price New Jersey Nets tickets, or to be a Healing Heart benefactor and buy a 25-seat package for \$375, call the Healing Heart Foundation at (973) 364-8827.

Republican Women Leaders Council hosts speaker

The Union County Republican Women Leaders Council will be hosting breakfast Saturday at 8:45 a.m. at Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. The suggested donation is \$20.

A complete breakfast will be served. The guest speaker will be Linda Fowler, secretary of the Division of Women for the state of New Jersey.

All prospective Republican Senate and Congressional candidates for the 2nd District have been invited to

attend. All candidates will be given an opportunity to speak and, time permitting, there will be a question and answer period.

For more information and to make reservations, call Mel Harris at (908) 788-0200.

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

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Summit's Wilson honored



Photo by Milton Mills

Jim Powers of Elizabethtown, Marissa DeFreese of Rahway and Willie Wilson of Summit were honored at last week's 64th annual Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove Dinner at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside. Powers and Wilson were inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame, while DeFreese, a 1995 Rahway High School graduate, was presented with the Joseph R. Lombardi Memorial Award designating her as this year's Outstanding Female Athlete in Union County. From left, are Powers, DeFreese, dinner chairman and president of the UCBA Jim Iozzi and Wilson.

Dayton girls' basketball is still eyeing playoff berth

Bulldogs sought sixth win Tuesday

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — One month ago Dave Rennie was unsure how his girls' basketball team at Dayton High School would fare this season. Though still uncertain, the Bulldogs' head coach said his players have reached a point where another goal has been set: reaching the sectional tournament.

Dayton began the week with a 5-7 record as it was set to host Bound Brook Tuesday. The Bulldogs defeated the Crusaders 45-27 in Bound Brook back on Jan. 4 as Linda Agosinelli scored 19 points, Esther Aizenberg had 12, Dana Rukowski eight and Tara Listowski five.

Dayton defeated St. Mary's of Elizabeth 48-42 Jan. 18 in Springfield as Agosinelli scored 13, Aizenberg 10, Listowski eight, Rachel Tiss eight, Rukowski five, Christina Tomasi two and Jessica Gordon two.

The Bulldogs were not as fortunate against New Providence last Friday, falling 35-24 at home. Agosinelli paced Dayton with a 14-point performance, while Rukowski had four points and Tomasi three.

Dayton, which finished 5-15 last year, had previously defeated New Providence 39-35 in New Providence back on Dec. 21. The Bulldogs won the game without having a single player score in double digits.

So, the Bulldogs must find a way to make up two games by next Saturday's (Feb. 5) cutoff date in order to qualify for the state tournament in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1.

"We've been hammering that home to set a goal to shoot for," Rennie said. "We weren't even close the past two seasons. Now we have something tangible to shoot for." Only one senior occupies Dayton's roster. With a young squad, Rennie looked to several players for help in turning the program around.

Rennie said he has been pleased with the play of his lone senior, 5-foot-7 center Rachel Tiss.

"Rachel usually guards someone taller and bigger than her," Rennie said. "Whatever points she gives us, and she gets them against some of the toughest players in the Mountain Valley Conference, is a plus. We count on her solid defense game in and game out."

Rennie said he has seen plenty of improvement from 5-5 junior guard Linda Agosinelli.

"Linda has been a lot more consistent this season than in the past two years," Rennie said. "She would go from a

20-point game to five points. Now she has improved her ability to run the offense as a point guard."

One surprise for the Bulldogs, said Rennie, has been the play of 5-5 sophomore guard Esther Aizenberg. Before the season, Rennie said Aizenberg was strong on defense and could run the floor well in the transition game.

"We came into the season with high expectations for her," Rennie said. "She has met or surpassed them with her aggressiveness and consistency. Her aggressiveness has sparked and inspired the team to play at a higher level."

The Bulldogs' coach added he looks to three more juniors to push Dayton toward postseason play: guard Dana Rukowski and forwards Tara Listowski and Christina Tomasi.

"Tara's capable of getting us 15 points and 10 rebounds a game and she has done each of those," Rennie said. "She has the skills to be much more consistent."

"Christina is very solid defensively and her fundamentals have improved a great deal this year," Rennie continued. "Dana's a good outside shooter and she's showing more aggressiveness in driving to the basket as well as defensively."

Rennie said a key component to Dayton's improvement has been his coaching staff, assistants Steve Griffiths and Dave Campbell.

"They have helped out a great deal in practice; they've run a lot of competitive drills and have worked the girls harder than in past seasons," Rennie said. "In games, they help with key strategy in particular situations. They have been a part of our success."

With the sectional qualifying deadline nine days away, Rennie said his players have seen what they are capable of doing. Now it is a matter of reaching or exceeding those levels.

"It has been a learning experience for them," Rennie said. "Four of our losses were games which could have gone either way, while in a couple of our wins, the experience of playing in several close games has helped."

"For the stretch run, they need to focus and we need 100 percent effort from everyone. If we don't get it, the season could turn for the worse. If we do, things could go very well."

Upcoming: Jan. 28 at Mt. St. Mary's, 7:00; Feb. 1 Oak Knoll, 7:00; Feb. 4 at Brearley, 7:00; Feb. 8 at Roselle Park, 7:00; Feb. 11 North Plainfield, 7:00; Feb. 15 at St. Mary's, 4:00.

Dayton boys' basketball fighting off a little rust

Bulldogs began week 9-1 and ready to go

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

You'll have to excuse the Dayton High School boys' basketball team for being a little rusty.

The Bulldogs entered Tuesday's scheduled Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division contest at Bound Brook with only one game under their belts in 11 days.

And that contest was a less-than-inspiring 32-25 win at New Providence, a game in which just three players — Ryan Freulich, Carmine Santarella and Matt Paz — scored for Dayton.

The Bulldogs had previously defeated last year's Group 1 champions by a 40-22 score in Springfield back on Dec. 21.

Still, Dayton entered the week as one of the top teams not only in the Valley Division, but also among the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 field.

"We've been playing good basketball, but we want to be playing our best basketball as the state tournament approaches," Dayton head coach Bill Berger said.

Dayton, which began the week at 9-1 overall and 7-1 in the Valley Division, is scheduled to face St. Mary's of Elizabeth in a Valley Division contest tonight at 7 in Elizabethtown. St. Mary's began the week with an 11-1 overall record and 8-0 Valley Division mark. The defending Valley Division champions had won eight straight since a 52-48 setback to St. Mary's of Jersey City on Dec. 29 in Fort Lee.

"St. Mary's is very good," Berger said. "St. Mary's, led by the high-scoring performances of Jamaal Thomas, Salik Bowman, Tauran Ogumnaike and Mario Rivero, has scored more than 80 points on four different occasions."

Berger said his goal was to shoot for 13-2 by the Saturday, Feb. 5 state playoff cutoff date. Barring snowouts, he thinks his team has an excellent chance of going 4-1 through the cutoff date, with wins attainable against Bound Brook (two days ago) and Oratory, Manville and Brearley next week. Dayton defeated all four teams, rather convincingly, the first time around in conference play.

Dayton routed Manville 77-33 on the road, Bound Brook 62-31 at home, Oratory 66-33 at home and Brearley 47-31 on the road.

Other top teams in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 as of Monday included Newark Science (one loss), Cedar Grove (one loss) and Newark University (three losses).

"We're looking forward to the states and hopefully getting two home games," said Berger, who has his team on a 13-2 record at the cutoff date, or even 12-2, could see his Bulldogs getting at least the No. 2 seed.

"Right now we're ranked in the county and among the

best Group 1 schools in the state and we're very proud of that," Berger said.

The best thing about all of Dayton's success so far this year is that among the starting five there is only one senior in the group.

But it is that one senior — Ryan Freulich — that makes the Bulldogs go.

"Ryan's our leader, our go-to guy," Berger said. "We'll go as far as he takes us."

Freulich is the team's leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 16 points and 10 boards.

"He's really worked hard at his game," Berger said.

"Other teams key on him and he still gets his points."

"After the New Providence loss last year (in the sectional final), he began working on his game immediately. He worked every day in AAU and received individual help from pro like Anthony Avent."

"We're very proud of him. He's our captain and he leads by example."

Junior guards Carmine Santarella and Dario Ruggiero are responsible for getting the ball inside to Freulich and fellow front-court players Paz and Jeffrey Stapher, who is now coming back from an ankle injury he suffered in a victory against Rahway.

Paz is a sophomore and Stapher a junior. "Carmine is a two-year starter who handles the ball real well against any kind of pressure," Berger said. "Dario, Matt, Jeffrey — each kid is a piece to the puzzle."

"Paz is very athletic, a slasher, Mickey Weatherston and James Cariello do a good job for us off the bench."

"Dayton's only loss in the Valley Division came to North Plainfield 64-54 on Jan. 14 in Springfield. The Bulldogs get a chance to avenge that setback on Friday, Feb. 11 in North Plainfield."

The Canucks are the only Group 2 school situated in the MVC's Valley Division.

"North Plainfield is an excellent team," Berger said.

"We're looking forward to the second game and are not conceding anything."

North Plainfield began the week with just one loss in the Valley Division, that a 74-57 setback to St. Mary's back on Jan. 11 in Elizabethtown.

Last Thursday's game at home against Manville that was snowed out was re-scheduled for next Thursday at the same time.

Snow was in the forecast for Tuesday, yesterday and today.

Upcoming: Jan. 27 at St. Mary's, 7:00; Feb. 1 at Oratory, 7:00; Feb. 3 Manville, 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.

Carey 20 to pace Summit, which made 22 of 24 free throws.

Upcoming: Jan. 28 Hanover Park, 7:00; Feb. 1 at Dover, 7:00; Feb. 3 Mendham, 7:00; Feb. 8 Mount Olive, 7:00; Feb. 10 at West Essex, 7:00; Feb. 15 Parsippany, 7:00; Feb. 17 Morris Hills, 7:00; Feb. 22 at Weequahic, 7:00.

Summit girls' basketball posts rout of Weequahic

The Summit High School girls' basketball team continued to impress as it routed Weequahic 60-16 in Iron Hills Conference-Hills division play in Newark last Friday.

The Hilltoppers took a 10-1 record into Tuesday night's scheduled home game against Parsippany Hills, a team it defeated 47-35 in Parsippany back on opening night on Dec. 17.

Stephanie Bruce scored 14 points, Danielle Proper 13 and Liz Sheridan and Karen Jana had 10 each in the win over Weequahic, a team Summit will host on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Upcoming: Jan. 28 at Hanover Park, 7:00; Feb. 1 Dover, 7:00; Feb. 3 at Mendham, 7:00.

GL boys' basketball posts impressive victory over RC

Highlanders began week with 7-5 record

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

ROSELLE — The Governor Livingston High School boys' basketball team had serious business to tend to last weekend.

There were two thoughts in mind: beat Roselle Catholic and continue advancing toward a sectional-tournament berth.

Both were accomplished Saturday night as the Highlanders controlled the game in surprising the host Lions 59-46 in a Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division clash.

Governor Livingston, which started last season 1-10, improved to 7-5 with the victory. The Highlanders received 14 points and six rebounds from Keith Goveia, 12 points and seven rebounds from Andrew Whitney and 11 points from Doug Caruso.

The Highlanders, who did not trail in the second half, controlled play on both sides of the ball. Inside openings and excellent outside shooting led Governor Livingston to 17-of-31 shooting from the floor. The visitors also forced Roselle Catholic to face a number of defensive sets which kept the Lions mired around the three-point arc. That resulted in 16-of-42 shooting from the floor for RC, which slipped to 9-3 with the defeat.

"We were at school at 3 o'clock," second-year head coach Steve Petruzzelli said. "We watched films, reviewed our last game and went through the scouting report."

The Highlanders were also frequent visitors to the foul line, as they made 24 of 36 free throws, including six by Goveia and Matt Cantagallo. Both are senior guards.

Goveia, wearing an arm support to stabilize a chronically dislocated right shoulder which Petruzzelli said would require surgery at the end of the season, showed little sign of the injury with his willingness to drive to the lane and play tight defense.

"It's popped over four times this season and it's been about a week since it last came out," said Petruzzelli about Goveia's shoulder. "But he stepped up like seniors have to."

A seven-point run between the third and fourth quarters signaled the Highlanders' charge to victory. Caruso, a 6-3 freshman center, finished with 11 points and four rebounds.

Minutemen hoopsters excel at free throw line

Springfield Minutemen basketball players excelled at a Shoo-A-Thon held at the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Francis X. Coyle Council, No. 5560 held Sunday. Four of the six winners are Springfield Minutemen players.

Winners from the 8th grade team are Frankie Miceli, 14, and Billy Fischer, 13. Winners from the 7th grade team are Matt Farley, 12, and Kyle Sealey, 10. Other winners were Lisa Listowski, 14, who made 15-of-15 free throws and Philip Ferreris, 11. Springfield's six winners will next compete at the Union County competition next month.

Springfield's 7th grade team dropped a 47-31 decision to Union last week. Leading the team offensively was Kevin Johnson with 19 points and 14 rebounds. Farley scored eight points and grabbed six rebounds. Robert Shabat had four points and nine rebounds. Jesse Weatherston made a three-point basket early in the game and fellow guard Kenneth Suarez had a bucket. Mike Tiss played well

and had two inside baskets during the run, which gave Governor Livingston a 41-30 lead with 5:34 remaining. The Lions could get no closer than six points.

"Doug has natural instinct around the basket," said Petruzzelli about Caruso, who posted his fifth consecutive game with double-figure scoring. "We weren't looking at him to build for the future, but he worked at it and earned the spot. We felt he was the best center to help us win now."

Petruzzelli said 6-4 sophomore Jason Gionta serves the Highlanders as their third man off the bench behind Caruso and senior Mark Porzio.

The Highlanders' changing defenses — from man-to-man to 2-3 to 1-3-1 — kept Roselle Catholic outside and limited the Lions' top players, Phil Bunknight and Brian Trelease, to 11 and nine points, respectively. Bunknight was also limited to seven rebounds as the Lions were out-rebounded by a 27-15 margin.

"You have to understand the magnitude of coming into their building and getting a win," Petruzzelli said. "Roselle Catholic threw everything at us, and our kids were absolutely fabulous."

A 7-5, Governor Livingston needs two wins before Feb. 5 to qualify for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 tournament. While some coaches might seem overly confident, Petruzzelli took a more cautious tone.

"At the beginning of the season, we thought making the states was not favorable," Petruzzelli said. "We play most of the strongest teams in the Mountain Division twice before the cutoff. We knew we would have to beat some body good — Roselle Catholic, Rahway, Hillside — to make it."

"Making the states would be a great stepping stone for us," Petruzzelli continued. "But if we don't make it, we'll go to goal No. 2 — having at least a 500 record — which now is a very realistic goal."

GL was scheduled to host Rahway Tuesday and tomorrow has a game scheduled at Johnson at 7 p.m., the school where Petruzzelli is the softball coach at.

Upcoming: Jan. 28 at Johnson, 7:00; Feb. 1 Roselle, 4:00; Feb. 3 at Immaculate, 7:00; Feb. 8 Union Catholic, 4:00; Feb. 11 at Newark Central, 4:00; Feb. 16 Ridge, 7:00; Feb. 17 at Millburn, 7:00.

Freeman basket lifts Summit boys' hoops

It was junior forward Lamar Freeman who made the winning basket to give the Summit High School boys' basketball team a 66-63 win over Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division for Parsippany Jan. 14.

The Redskins were last year's state Group 3 champion. Parsippany was only the second school from Morris County to win a state championship in boys' basketball, Mountain Lakes being the other as the Lakers claimed Group 1 titles in 1962 and 1969.

Summit improved to 6-4 in Jan. 18 by edging Morris Hills 50-48 in Rockaway in Hills Division play. Kurt Forsyth made two foul shots with 1.3 seconds left to snap a 48-48 tie. Ryan Carey scored 15 points, Freeman 14, Forsyth 11 and Jon Campana eight for the Hilltoppers.

Summit was scheduled to play at Parsippany Hills Tuesday night. The Hilltoppers lost 42-38 to the Vikings in the season opener for both back on Dec. 17. Parsippany Hills, last year's Morris County Tournament champion, began the week with a 10-1 record.

Summit improved to 7-4 last Friday when it defeated Weequahic 65-53 in Summit. It was the fifth consecutive victory for the Hilltoppers after a 2-4 start. It was also the team's second consecutive victory over Weequahic after seven consecutive losses. Forsyth scored 24 points and

Minutemen hoopsters excel at free throw line

defensively, grabbing three rebounds and causing three turnovers. Stephen Suarez, Kevin Kleyman, Jake Floyd, Greg Stefanelli, Kyle Sealey, Jesse Galinkin and Adam Hirst also played well.

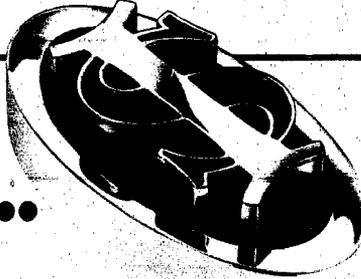
Both Minutemen squads were scheduled to face Millburn at home last night and both are scheduled to play at Chatham tonight, the 7th grade team at 6:30 and the 8th grade team at 7:30 at Chatham Middle School, 480 Main.

8th graders: Heini Abdelaziz, Anthony DeNicolio, Leo Ferris, Billy Fischer, Jordan Garber, Malcolm Gordon, Mike Hillside, Stephen King, Robert Kleyman, Mike Luciano, Frank Miceli, Dan Scott, Bryan Still.

7th graders: Kyle Sealey, Jake Floyd, Jesse Galinkin, Adam Hirst, Greg Stefanelli, Alan Steinberg, Stephen Suarez, Matt Farley, Kevin Johnson, Kevin Kleyman, Robert Shabat, Ken Suarez, Michael Tiss, Jesse Weatherston.

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	DECEMBER 31		DECEMBER 31	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
ASSETS				
CASH	\$ 44,693,690	\$ 48,034,754		
U.S. GOVT. AGENCY OBLIGATIONS	322,760,099	126,046,762		
U.S. GOVT. AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES	2,672,387,380	2,612,315,599		
OTHER INVESTMENTS	575,812,551	464,847,864		
MORTGAGE LOANS	933,816,821	602,009,673		
OTHER LOANS	52,723,631	42,560,952		
BANK PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT-NET	12,189,345	10,663,335		
ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	28,018,833	22,578,369		
OTHER ASSETS	19,783,330	28,544,741		
	\$4,662,195,680	\$3,957,802,049	\$4,662,195,680	\$3,957,802,049
LIABILITIES-RESERVES AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS				
SAVINGS	\$2,197,831,752	\$2,102,634,029		
REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS	2,146,000,000	1,556,049,000		
ADVANCE PAYMENTS BY MORTGAGORS FOR TAXES AND INSURANCE	4,710,458	2,862,361		
OTHER LIABILITIES	28,245,831	35,773,059		
RESERVES AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS	265,407,639	260,483,600		



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