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## GL scores in math

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Results of the October High School Proficiency Test are in at Governor Livingston High School, and mathematics has the upper hand.

The test, given to 11th-graders, determines who graduates. Students are tested in three categories: math, writing and reading. To qualify for graduation, students must pass all three portions of the test.

The results of the fall testing show 98.1 percent of Governor Livingston students passing the mathematics portion, with 93 percent passing writing and 91.2 percent passing reading. Of the 800 students at Governor Livingston, 210 hail from Mountside. No specific figures relating to Mountside's students were available.

All three sections of the high school's scores are generally better than the county and state averages over the past several years, although GL students scored a 98.1 percent passing rate in writing and 95.1 in reading as recently as the 1997-98 school year.

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## Look out, here we come



Dennis Gozlen and daughter Molly join many others who have taken to sledding at Echo Lake Park in Mountside since the winter snowfall has come.

## Borough cops have new coi

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Following a year of negotiations, the union representing members of the Mountside Police Department has a new contract with the borough.

The previous contract between the Mountside PBA Local 126 and the borough expired Dec. 31, 1998. According to Police Chief James Debbie, negotiations for the new contract, which began in September 1998. The new contract was signed Dec. 9 and will last through 2002.

The union represents all 23 members of the borough's police department. Ranks of sergeant and above cannot vote, although some, like Debbie, attend meetings.

The new agreement provides for gradual salary increases each year. Across-the-board increases for 1999 were 3.8 percent; borough officers can expect increases of 3.9 percent in 2000, 3.95 percent in 2001 and 4 percent in 2002.

The starting salary of \$28,000 for new patrolmen will remain constant throughout all three years of the contract. A new officer's probationary period lasts one full year; second-year officers in 2000 will receive \$38,759 with increases to \$40,290 and

\$41,901 to follow in the years 2001 and 2002.

Top paid patrolmen in 2000 — identified as those with six years experience — will earn \$63,798. Top paid sergeants in 2000 will earn \$69,201, with lieutenants bringing in \$72,869.

All police officers with Emergency Medical Technician training will receive an annual prorated stipend of \$500. Officers assigned to the Detective Bureau will receive a 2 percent stipend above their salary.

Patrol division shifts are scheduled for 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and 3 to 11 p.m. Detective division shifts run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 1 to 9 p.m. Lieutenant shifts are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 3 to 11 p.m.

In emergency situations, the borough has the right to vary the hours without giving notice to the PBA. In non-emergency situations, the borough is required to provide the PBA with "advance and reasonable" opportunity for discussion. Officers will work an average of 2,080 hours a year.

In regard to overtime, the hourly rate for eligible employees will be one and one-half times the employee's

rate of pay. Overtime is described in the contract as a prerogative of the borough and will be provided only if the borough, along with the chief of police, has supplied approval and authorization.

Longevity payment — additional compensation based on the length of service — increases from 2 to 10 percent for those officers hired prior to June 18, 1996 who have served five to 24 years. For officers with 10 to 24 years of service hired after June 18, 1996, increases range from 2 to 8 percent.

Credit is given for all time served consecutively as a full-time employee. Overtime and holiday pay are not considered in computing longevity payments.

Each officer is entitled to 112 hours of sick leave with pay, each year. Such days may be used for short- or long-term illness; if not used, the days will be accumulated for possible use for future illness, or for retirement.

Lost time due to occupational injury or disability will not be charged to an officer's sick leave. For occupational injuries, a loss of seven days or less will result in full payment by the borough.

## Consultants present plan to rehabilitate Meisel Field, track

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Springfield's Board of Education listened carefully Monday evening as architects and engineers presented a few cosmetic surgery ideas for Meisel Field. When, and at exactly what cost, the changes will be made have yet to be determined.

Chief Architect Ralph Lerner, engineer Robert Hough of Van Noy-Harvey Associates and Dennis O'Donnell of Southwest Recreational Industries all spoke before the board. According to the group, 80 percent of the total cost of the work, which is expected to be around \$750,000, will involve the track. The adjacent baseball and softball fields also will be remade, although the track and its enclosed football field are being given the lion's share of the attention.

Engineers described the track as "sealed and impermeable," with a minimum five-year warranty. A life expectancy of 20 to 30 years was promised, provided proper maintenance is supplied.

The board was told that resurfacing will have to be done in nine or 10 years. By today's standards, a 4,200-square-yard track, such as Meisel's, would cost \$12 per square yard to resurface.

The field within the track, which is used not only for football but soccer and other athletic activities, will receive, along with the track, drainage work. No drainage is planned for the baseball and softball fields.

At issue is the fact that Meisel Field is county land. "This board can only create a plan and present it to the county," said board member Ken Faigenbaum. "We're the tail and they're the dog — they're going to wag us. We're either going to present something acceptable to them, or they'll do what they want to do on their own timetable."

As for getting money from the county, Superintendent Gary Friedland said that \$300,000 was mentioned as a preliminary amount. However, \$300,000 could represent all the work that gets done.

"It's my belief that they can put a track in here for \$300,000 — a functional track. They could choose to do the track without touching the football field."

Friedland pointed out that the Board of Education's responsibility is to maintain "whatever fields are there. Since 1936, when the school was built, there's been a cooperative relationship. The county administrator will look at our plans, and if they think we can do it for less."

Faigenbaum said the county recommended that the board take a look at the field and track in Rahway, which was completed inexpensively. Recent snowfall, however, rendered a visit for Faigenbaum useless.

### School budget

The current figure for the school budget, which is still being worked on and whittled away, stands at \$22.1 million. That number was arrived at last week, as members of the Finance Committee began shaving the num-

ber down from its original \$22.5 million. Wednesday night's meeting of the board's Finance Committee was expected to cut the number down yet again.

"I can't justify presenting this budget to the public," Friedland said of the current \$22.1-million figure, which does not include the track. Friedland attributed the high number to three elements: salaries, insurance benefits and new staff.

"We have a projection of nine new staff members for next year," he said. He also indicated an increased grade eight enrollment, which would require the hiring of additional math, science, reading and language arts teachers.

A \$1.5-million tab for health insurance represents another unavoidable issue, as do increased salaries.

"A teacher is a recurring cost and you wouldn't want to use your surplus for that," Friedland said. He pointed toward the state aid difference between the 1999-2000 and

2000-01 school years of \$65,918 and said, "There's very little new money here."

An amount of \$21.518, awarded to the district as part of the Academic Achievement Award Program, "is something they'd have to give us anyway because of the way our students scored." No money was received for the Academic Achievement Awards during 1999-2000.

"All the suburban school districts are in the same boat because we don't get any state aid," Friedland said.

Friedland said he expects to put the 2000-01 school calendar to a vote at the board's next meeting. The only change — a minor one, in Friedland's estimation — involves Election Day, Nov. 7. The current delayed opening may be changed to an early dismissal.

"We're trying to cut down on the amount of traffic here while the students are present," Friedland said, citing the fact that voters will be electing a new president.

## Friedland: Springfield loses in state aid

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Springfield's schools can expect a total of \$1,054,499 in state aid for the 2000-01 school year. The figure represents a \$65,918 increase over last year, but the numbers are not quite as impressive as they might seem.

"There's very little new money here," said Superintendent Gary Friedland. He cited an award of \$21,518, given as part of the Academic Achievement Award Program, as money "we would have had anyway because of the way our students scored." Taking that amount into consideration, the township is really only getting a \$44,400 increase.

Friedland cited three factors — new staff, increased salaries and health insurance rates — as reasons why the state aid increase is "a drop in the bucket."

At a 4-percent increase, contract settlements alone would result in "a \$640,000 increase right there," Fried-

land pointed out. Certain amounts, such as the \$76,075 given for technology, is considered "like a grant. It can only be spent for technology — nothing else." Funds for special education, the biggest chunk of the state aid pie, also are not discretionary.

Specific state aid figures for the 2000-01 school year are as follows:

- \$195,567 for transportation, representing a difference of \$3,017 from 1999-2000.
- \$776,325 for special education, a difference of \$106,198.
- \$19,778 for bilingual education, a decrease of \$15,544.

"State aid is determined by per capita income and ratables in a town," Friedland said. Towns are rated by letter, with A the lowest and J the highest. Springfield is classified as a GH district, meaning that its qualifications are fairly high.

"We're on the upper end," Friedland said. "That's the way the state has chosen to finance its schools, and

it's an argument we've been having for 25 years. City schools, where the per capita income and the ratables are lower, get more of the money. Not that they shouldn't, but here in Springfield, a high percentage of our community is on fixed incomes — retired, and on Social Security."

"We lose in state aid; we get four-and-a-half or five percent or less."

In the area of transportation, for example, Friedland called the \$3,017 difference in aid "less than a drop in the bucket."

"We have a replacement schedule for buses, and the state has rules regarding the handling of buses. There are increased costs based on the rules."

Enrollment, which Friedland said he expects to be up by about 90 students next year, represents "a large swing, and the aid doesn't cover those costs. It's all being shifted back on to the local taxpayer."

In looking at the \$21,518 awarded for academic achievement, Friedland expressed frustration. "You'd like to spend it on special programs, instead of off-setting a tax levy."

The current, preliminary school budget of \$22.1 million is also disheartening to Friedland. At the Monday night meeting of the Board of Education, the superintendent said that he would not feel comfortable presenting such a figure to the public.

Referring to the \$22.1 million, Friedland said Monday night, "From a tax standpoint, you have an issue because there's no increased state aid."

Friedland encouraged the few members of the public in attendance at Monday night's meeting to look at the tax increase when looking at the budget.

"The easy way to read the budget is to look at the tax increase," he said. "The tax line is what should concern the public."



Auxiliary Police Officer Joe Teixeira, third from left, is honored with the Harold H. Liebeskind Auxiliary Police Officer of the year award by, from left, Mayor Clara Harelik, Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidel.

## District may need to hire three more teachers

By Darcy Doyle  
Staff Writer

The Mountside Board of Education discussed this year's budget Tuesday night. The district received an additional \$11,774 in state aid this year, getting \$518,337 altogether this year. The district was recognized by the state for an academic achievement award because of an A rating or the absolute success of students in the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment testing.

"We are feeling fortunate but this is all we get and everything else is taxes," said board president Patricia Teschler. "We are mindful of the taxpayer but we need to provide the best education for the children. We are working on program development."

Board members will need to decide where budget cuts will have to be made because they expect to hire as many as three new teachers, two in the middle school and one in the elementary levels.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller also advised, "We need to keep a close eye on kindergarten enrollment."

Presently, there are 59 students in the kindergarten class and 72 have already

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## Auxiliary Police recognize their own

By Darcy Doyle  
Staff Writer

Springfield's Auxiliary Police recognized outstanding members on Jan. 23. Joe Teixeira was presented with the Harold H. Liebeskind Officer of the Year Award. Wally Schultz and Nick D'Acchille were honored with Distinguished Volunteer Service Awards.

The Springfield Auxiliary Police is a volunteer organization which was founded in 1967. Unit members are on call to assist in town emergencies. Members can be called on any time of the day or night and may be working for hours at a time. They must be over 18 and residents of both Springfield and the United States. All training and equipment for members is provided free of charge.

"The primary mission of the unit is being available to respond to both emergencies and special events in the township and to augment the manpower of the regular

police department," said Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage.

He said the amount of service these people have provided demonstrates what a tremendous value the organization is to the community. This year they were especially busy in helping with damage caused by Tropical Storm Floyd.

The Harold H. Liebeskind Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year Award has been presented annually since 1987 and is named in honor of one of the organization's former chiefs. The award is presented to a member who demonstrated volunteer service above and beyond what is expected from unit members.

"This award is given to a member who really stood out from the crowd," said Emergency Management Coordinator, John Cottage. "Joe joined about a year-and-a-half ago. He put in a tremendous amount of hours. He had already

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The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to managing editor, Echo Leader, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

### Today

- The Planning Board of Mountainside will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.
- The Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will feature three area women business owners at its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside. The cost for the auction and dinner is \$28 for members, \$30 for nonmembers and guests. For reservations or more information call (908) 688-0707.

### Friday

- Members of the Mountainside Senior Club meet at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane. In celebration of Valentine's Day, a musical program featuring music by the Merry Men will be held. The program will start between 1 and 1:30 p.m. and will last one hour after the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

### Sunday

- The Sunday planetarium show at 2 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside asks, "What does Y2K really mean? Does it actually have special significance? Throughout history people have been keeping track of days and years. Different cultures recorded these observations into calendars. Kick off the new year by taking a look at what the fuss is all about. For ages 6 and up. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors.

### Monday

- The Mountainside Public Library Board of Trustees will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.
- Registration for the Springfield YMCA Afterschool Child

Care program for the 200-01 school year begins at 7 p.m. at the YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave. For more information call Maggie Bauman at (973) 467-0838.

### Tuesday

- The Mountainside Borough Council 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 per Feb. 10.

### Wednesday

- The Mountainside PTA will sponsor a parent/student education program — "Rainforest, the Web of Life" — at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Deerfield School, Central Avenue and School Drive.
- The Springfield Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host a free workshop, "How to get thousands of dollars more for your child's education," at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (800) 949-0250. The first 20 callers receive a free scholarship search.
- The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will conduct its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Hill. After a short business meeting led by Trudy Lindenfels, chairman, at which time final plans will be made for the annual pasta dinner planned for March.

### Upcoming events

### Feb. 17

- The North Jersey Association of Female Executives will have its monthly dinner meeting at 6 p.m. at the Spanish Tavern, Route 22 East. Admission is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members and \$5 extra for walk-ins. The topic for the evening will be "Women on Wheels," car care. For more information

call LaDonna Carr at (800) 275-1767.

### Feb. 20

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### Feb. 21

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

### Feb. 25

- Members of the Mountainside Senior Citizen Club will meet at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane. A rescheduled program featuring Sue Winans, who will offer up-to-date information on the Recreation Department activities. The meeting will begin at noon with light refreshments.

### Feb. 27

- The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present Roberta Keller in Concert: "How Can I Keep From Singing." Keller will be singing songs accompanied by the piano and a chorus of nine women. Admission for this concert is free by ticket only which may be picked up at the Circulation Desk. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

### Feb. 29

- The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video series "Hollywood Classics: Old and New" with "A River Runs Through It," a 1992 film, at noon.

## RECREATION

### Afterschool child care registration on Monday

Registration for the Springfield YMCA Afterschool Child Care program for the 2000-2001 school year begins Monday.

The YMCA provides quality child care at its state-licensed childcare center for children in grades K-6 who attend Springfield and Millburn public schools. New this year is a Pre-K Wrap Around program for children attending the half-day pre-kindergarten program at Walton School.

YMCA child care provides opportunities and experiences that simulate children's physical, social, intellectual and emotional development. The program is designed to allow children to explore and learn at their own pace. Activities include art projects, games, swimming, science, homework and more.

Registration for new participants

begins on Monday at 7 a.m. at the YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield. Morning and afternoon care is available. Financial assistance is available for all YMCA programs. Space is limited, be sure to register early.

For more information call Maggie Bauman at the YMCA at (973) 467-0838.

### YMCA offers full-day camp for students

The Springfield YMCA is offering

a full-day Summer Camp for children entering Kindergarten through third grade.

Under the direction of Steve Korba, youth program director, YMCA camp encourages children to make friends, enjoy sports and games, learn to swim, create project and more. The core YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility are emphasized through activities that help children build confidence and self-esteem.

For more information, call Korba at the YMCA at (973) 467-0838.

## Female business owners meet tonight

The Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will feature three area women business owners at its monthly meeting 6 p.m. today at L'Affaire Restaurant, in Mountainside. NJAWBO is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide tools for women business owners to compete in any marketplace, enabling them to operate a financially successful business.

The cost for the auction and dinner is \$28 for NJAWBO members. Non-members and guests are also welcome to attend at a cost of \$30.

Hartel Diamond of Diamond Associates, a Westfield management and communications training facility; Sue Farmer of Newark Industrial Spraying; a Springfield sheet metal and machining company; and Emily Wanzel of Paul C. Steck Inc., a Springfield sheet metal fabrication firm, will be the featured panelists. They will discuss their own personal experiences in owning a business, and answer questions from the audience.

To make reservations for the dinner meeting, or for more information about NJAWBO, call the Union County Hotline at (908) 688-0707.

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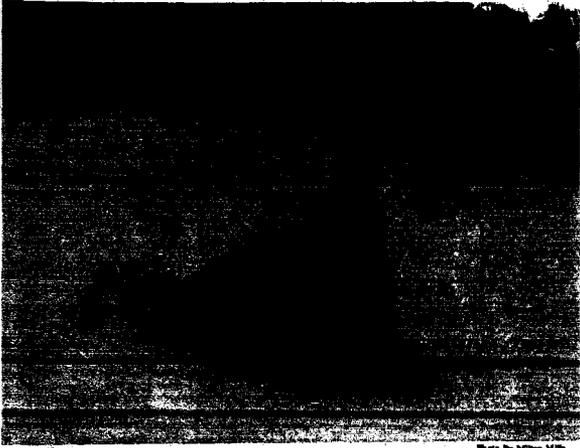
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# Never too old



Photos by Milton Mills

Harold Stiles feels like a kid again as he takes to the slopes on his sled at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

## Parking lottery will not be necessary

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

There will be no need to conduct a lottery to determine who gets access to the 42 spaces at Mountainside's new commuter parking lot. The Feb. 1 deadline came and went but only 36 commuters — all Mountainside residents — applied for permits.

Police Chief and Acting Administrator James Debbie said the borough will accept six more permit applications; applications coming in after that will be placed on a waiting list.

### Identify Theft Awareness Day at Borough Hall

In conjunction with National Consumer Protection Week, Feb. 14 to 20, postal inspectors and Mountainside detective will sponsor "Identify Theft Awareness Day" Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

The latest criminal trends will be discussed and the public will be invited to participate in a question-and-answer dialogue. A video will be shown and brochures distributed on how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft.

Borough officials originally expected a lottery might be needed to allocate the 42 spaces fairly. Mayor Robert Vigilanti said the borough's estimates on the lot and commuters worked out very well.

The borough is aiming to begin enforcing permits March 1, depending on the weather, Debbie said. Parking lines must be painted and the commuter spaces must be numbered.

A more likely start date, however, is April 1, the beginning of the new quarter. Commuters have been receiving notices that parking will soon be by permit only.

Permits are \$40 per month or \$90 per quarter. The funds will go toward maintenance of the new lot, such as lighting, insurance and snow plowing.

An informal poll by one resident commuter, Vigilanti said, indicates that most commuters concede a paid permit is "more than fair" since borough parking has been free for so long.

The mayor said he received two let-

ters from residents regarding the new permit parking; they expressed concern about a lack of information.

Once the permit system begins in earnest, there will be no more commuter parking at Borough Hall or the Mountainside Firehouse on New Providence Road.

Parking at Borough Hall will be allowed for borough business — such as paying taxes or Municipal Court — residents using the Community Room, and borough employees.

There will be several spaces available for residents taking day trips to New York City via NJ Transit's bus which stops in front of Borough Hall. Those residents will need to obtain a hang-tag at Police Headquarters to park at Borough Hall for the day.

The new parking lot adjacent to the Mountainside Public Library was built for approximately \$190,000. The vast majority of the cost, however, was picked up by a grant the borough received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

The cost to Mountainside was approximately \$15,000.

## Committee considers Farmer's Market

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

This summer, Springfield residents may get the chance to shop for their fresh fruits and vegetables in rural style.

Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld introduced an ordinance at Tuesday night's meeting of the Township Committee to establish a Farmer's Market at Jonathan Dayton High School.

"I'm really excited about this," Hirschfeld said. "We'd hold the market on Sundays, starting after the July 4 celebrations, in the high school parking lot. It's a chance to get some 'Jersey fresh' fruits and vegetables — and also some organic produce."

Given the fact that Summit holds its own Farmer's Market on Sundays, with Millburn having one on Fridays, Hirschfeld said he wants to start small, with three or four merchants.

"I've sent out mailings to a number of organic farmers," he said. "I've also contacted Foodtown and Sam's Market. Ori Farms in Long Valley has expressed their interest too." Hirschfeld said Township Administrator Richard Shoals has been helpful by writing a grant to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture on behalf of the project.

"The department makes grants available not only to farmers, but to municipalities, in order to make 'Jersey fresh' produce available," Hirschfeld said. He added that both the local and county chambers of

commerce have lent their sponsorship to the market.

Exceptional Service Award  
Prior to the official business of the meeting, Fire Chief William Gras and Mayor Clara Harelik presented Springfield Firefighter Frank Fiorelli with an Exceptional Service Award for coming to the aid of an infant on Nov. 10.

Fiorelli, who was off-duty that day, responded to a call reporting a 9-month-old child who stopped breathing. The firefighter established an open airway for the infant prior to the arrival of emergency services, saving the child's life.

"It gives us great pleasure to recognize service such as this," Harelik said. Fiorelli, who received three rounds of applause, shook hands with the entire Township Committee.

Parking  
In the public portion of the meeting, three Short Hills Avenue residents approached the microphone to express their displeasure regarding local employees parking on their street.

The residents — Kathy Jones, Sean Slattery and Anthony Losio — pointed their fingers squarely in the direction of the offices of a nearby dentist. The dentist's building sits on the corner of Morris Avenue opposite JoJan Photographers, and, according to the residents, the guilty party in the affair, allowing employees to park along Short Hills Avenue.

"We have six or seven cars in front of our home every day of the week for

at least eight hours," Jones, who spoke first, said. "They left tonight at seven, and they arrive in the morning at eight. Short Hills Avenue is being reduced to a very narrow one-lane road. It's hard for emergency vehicles to get through. Even our visitors are afraid to park on the other side of the street — they say that all that parking there makes the road too narrow."

Rather than deal with the parking, Jones said the neighbors would prefer the street be a no-parking zone from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. "That, or limited parking," Jones said. "But limited parking would have to be enforced by the police, and we don't think that's likely to happen."

Losio said one of the employees, parked on his newspaper recycling, scattering pages all over the street. Slattery said, "It's almost impossible getting my car out. How can a fire truck get through?"

The three residents had previously presented the issue to the township's Planning Board, where Harelik and Committeeman Greg Clark first learned of the situation.

Harelik, for one, wants to take a consensus from the neighbors and do more fact-gathering before taking specific action in the form of a resolution; she felt that simply limiting parking would only create a parking "rotation" on the block.

"There have already been steps taken to gather the facts and to put a resolution together that's well thought through," the mayor said.

## Police completes basic marine training

Marine Corps Private Alexander J. Poise, son of Gen. D. Poie and Richard M. Poise of Mountainside, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Poise successfully completed 13 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Poise and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing callisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Poise spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons

training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Poise and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Police and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

## Ladies Evening Group to meet

The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Hill. All ladies of the church are welcome to join this group.

After a short business meeting led by Trudy Lindenfelser, chairman, at which time final plans will be made for the annual pasta dinner planned for March, the members will work on a service project.

Refreshments will be served by Dora Speicher and her Hospitality Committee.

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EDITORIALS

## Not only scores

The debate about how well standardized test scores measure the quality of a school district could last forever. There are those who believe scores should be used as a measuring stick to compare similar districts and determine which is better. Others, meanwhile, contend that scores are nothing more than a snapshot in time; a small reference point in the long journey of a child's education.

Whatever the case may be, and whatever position people might have on standardized tests, surely all sides would prefer to have good test scores rather than poor.

High school students in New Jersey must pass the High School Proficiency Test as part of their requirements for graduation.

In 1998-99, Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, where Mountainside students go to school, more than 96 percent of the students taking the exam passed all three sections: reading, writing and math.

Meanwhile, in 1998-99, less than 87 percent of students at Jonathan Dayton High School taking the HSPT passed all three sections. This past fall, just a shade under 90 percent passed all three parts of the exam, for a slight improvement.

Does this mean the Springfield school system was nearly 3 percent better this fall as compared to the previous year, or that Governor Livingston was almost 10 percent better? Of course not. In small schools such as Dayton and Governor Livingston, percentages can be thrown off significantly by only a student or two.

It's always nice to see the scores rise; whether we like it or not, that is how people will primarily judge the school system.

At the same time, there are many other factors involved in determining the quality of a district, such as what students do after they have graduated and how well the district prepares them for those future years. There are many good qualities of a district that simply cannot be measured by a standardized test.

Schools should be pleased to see scores improve, but at the same time, they also must be careful to avoid strictly teaching to the test but rather developing a student's critical thinking skills and ensuring that they make progress in their own educational process.

## Get involved

Public schools are considered the lifeblood of a community, the driving force behind property values and a primary reason for families choosing to live in a particular municipality.

Yet at the same time, only a handful of "regulars" usually follow closely what the local board of education is doing, be it forming the school budget or at any other time of the year.

Boards of education were created so local residents — of all types, not just educators — could help navigate the direction of their local school district. Board of education elections are conducted in April, separate from the General Election in November, to ensure that politics does not enter the school race. Of course, in some elections, that is practiced in theory alone.

For all those residents who care about the public schools but think, "Oh, I'm not somebody who could be on the Board of Education," we say to them: Go ahead and give it a shot.

The more candidates in the school board election, the more choice for voters. Too often, we see Board of Education elections with only as many candidates as there are openings, which leads to voter apathy. And with voter apathy comes a long turnout for the school election, which not only asks residents to vote for school board members, but also to approve or reject the annual school budget.

Of course, it is not the easiest job to serve on the Board of Education. It is an unpaid, voluntary position that consumes hours of one's "leisure" time. From board meetings to committee meetings to other school functions, it can become time-consuming. But as some board members might say, it can be rewarding and worthwhile. After all, you have a part in guiding your local schools.

The deadline to file for this year's Board of Education election is Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. A school board candidate kit is available at board offices. The kit includes nominating petitions for the annual school election and important dates for the 2000 school election. The kit explains how to become a school board member and offers information from what the legal requirements to serve on a board are to the rights and wrongs of campaign materials.

Nominating petitions are fairly simple. Only 10 signatures are required to complete the nomination petition.

One need not be a parent of a school-age child, a leader of a Parent-Teacher Association, a teacher or an educational expert. In its purest form, the Board of Education is comprised of nine people from various backgrounds coming together to serve the best interests of the school district and its students.



**ACADEMIC EXTRAVAGANZA** — Students at Springfield's St. James The Apostle School hosted their third annual 'Academic Extravaganza' to kick off Catholic Schools Week and registration for September. Demonstrating their math skills are, from left, Courtney O'Reilly, Jennifer Quagliato and Megan Rose Arizona.

## To make something stick, make it creative

If there's anyone out there who reads this column, and if I can allow myself the chance to further lower the percentages of recognition, I'd like to remind everyone that early last year I did a piece called "Creative arts are necessities, not luxuries."

In mentioning this headline, I'm sure I'm not sending my small and faithful readership out to examine their recycling, but there was something I saw this past week that resonated loudly with those words from so many editions ago.

Recently, a group of New Providence High School students, after having learned about the Holocaust, produced a group of paintings and drawings on the subject under the eye of their instructor, Lynn Celler. Celler, who also works as an art instructor at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, helped select a num-

### Joe's Place

By Joe Lugario  
Staff Writer

ber of these works for exhibition in the institution's Members' Gallery. The resulting show, "Teenage Reflections on the Holocaust," is a head banger and a half, and proof positive of the significance of the creative act.

As I said in that previous column, creative activities, especially for the young, help establish contact with new and different subjects. Creative activities force their makers to look, and look closely, to consider, and consider carefully.

You can't make a painting, a film, choreograph a ballet or build a ship in a bottle if you don't look and consider with care. It just doesn't work otherwise.

The kids who made this work — including those whose pieces weren't selected for the show — now know about something they didn't know about before. In fact, having painted and drawn about it, they know more than the students whose lessons ended with a test.

The intellectual and physical activity of creativity engages a person completely; as an active participant, it's impossible to not have a visceral response to what you're making, especially when it comes to something as stunningly gruesome and cruel as the Holocaust.

Suffice it to say that many of the historical facts leading to and away from the Holocaust will probably be lost to many of these teen-agers after the tests are all taken. But the awfulness of the Holocaust will almost certainly stay with them, chiefly because of the poking and prodding that the acts of painting and drawing necessitate.

A test is always an unpleasant end for a student, something to get through, like an illness. It's a mathematical measurement of knowledge — at least of temporary knowledge — but it's not the way, I think, to make something really stick.

To make something stick it has to be physically and intellectually worked with, and there's no better way to do that than to make it the subject of a creative task.

## Transportation priorities must be refocused

Since 1964, the Transportation Trust Fund has served the state well, fueling the state's economic growth through the '90s by ensuring a sound and efficient transportation infrastructure, while accommodating the needs of a growing motorist population.

As we enter a new century, it has become abundantly clear that the focus and fiscal structure of the trust fund need to be reformed if it is to continue its mission of providing New Jersey motorists with a safe, state-of-the-art network of roads and highways.

First, we need to chart a financial blueprint that will restore the fiscal integrity of the TTF by reducing its amount of bonded indebtedness and increasing the amount of funding for pay-as-you-go projects without raising taxes. Throughout the years, the TTF lost sight of its primary mission as a pay-as-you-go fund for fixing the state's transportation problems and became a debt fund used to balance budgets and pay for routine operational costs that are more appropriately paid for out of the state budget.

These are good times in New Jersey. Our economy is strong, and our bond rating was recently raised by two major bond rating agencies, Moody's and Standard & Poor's. We don't need to raise taxes to renew the Trust Fund for 2000 and beyond, and I'm pleased Governor Whitman agrees that transportation funding must be a budget priority. Her endorsement of this concept is encouraging news for New Jerseyans because it improves the fiscal direction of the TTF, and charts a responsible course for a renewable future.

We also need to change the prime objective of the Trust Fund from one of economic development to traffic mitigation. Recently, the Texas Transportation Institute released a study revealing that the annual hours of traffic delay experienced per driver in New Jersey rose from 15 in 1982 to

### The Senate Report

By Donald DiFrancesco

38 in 1997. New Jersey drivers understand the negative impact traffic congestion can have on the quality of life in our densely populated state, but gridlock is also of vital economic concern.

Some fast growing regional economies, such as that of Atlanta, Ga., are beginning to stagnate because of an inability to accommodate the transportation needs of a growing business center and a booming population. We need to invest wisely today to assure a high quality of life and a strong economy five years from now.

We can do that by reallocating TTF resources to bolster state efforts at reducing sprawl development, foster increased use of mass transit and support innovative alternatives such as telecommuting.

I have put forward a proposal that would establish traffic relief task forces, encourage alternate commuting by ensuring adequate funding for bicycle and pedestrian pathways and ferries, and require the Transportation Commissioner to employ the best available technology to improve traffic signal operation to avoid traffic delays and to reduce air pollution. Collectively, these policy changes will help ensure that commuters have adequate mobility in the decades to come.

The future of our economy and our quality of life is inextricably tied to the investments we make today in our transportation infrastructure. New Jersey's transportation priorities must be refocused to reduce traffic conges-

tion while undertaking the necessary fiscal steps to restore the fund to its original purpose. In 1984, the Transportation Trust Fund was an idea that worked well in addressing our highway needs. We need to take steps to ensure that it continues working for

New Jersey in the future.

A resident of Scotch Plains, State Senate President Donald DiFrancesco represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountainside.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks for the community support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the parents, students and staff at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their continuing support of our music program.

Florence M. Gaudineer students recently entertained audiences with their performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Evelyn Leshko  
Springfield

### Our policy on letters and columns

The *Echo Leader* welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity is also open to all officials and employees of the borough and the County of Union.

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For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday at 1291 Spuyssant Ave. Union, NJ 07083.

The *Observer* also accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is WCN22@localaccess.com.

Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. on Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in response to content that appeared in the newspaper. For purposes of verification, all letters must include a name, address and daytime telephone number. Advertising and news releases will not be accepted by e-mail.

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### AT THE LIBRARY

#### Best Friend's Wedding will be shown Tuesday

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video series "Hollywood Classics: Old And New" with "My Best Friend's Wedding," 1998, 114 minutes. This program will be Tuesday 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-phobic 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.

For information, call (973) 376-4930.

#### Keller will be in concert

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present Roberta Keller in Concert: "How Can I Keep From Singing," on Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. Keller will be singing songs accompanied by the piano and a chorus of nine women.

A resident of Basking Ridge, Keller is a minister of music, organist and choir director at Somerset Hills Lutheran Church, Basking Ridge. She works with the adult choir, two bell choirs, teen quartet and children's groups: L'il Lambs and God's Troubadours. She also provides a musical education for eight classes at Gentle Shepherd Preschool.

Keller is a graduate of the Juillard School of Music in New York City, and also has pursued private studies with several people, including Basking Ridge resident Charlotte Garden and renowned Russian pianist Ania Dorfman. In 1978 she founded The Singers, whose work supported World Hunger, Visiting Nurse Association and Honesty House, among others.

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

Admission for this concert is free by ticket only. Tickets may be picked up at the Circulation Desk. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library. For information call (973) 376-4930.

#### Brad Pitt film continues Lunchtime Video series

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video series "Hollywood Classics: Old And New" with "A River Runs Through It," 1992, 124 minutes, on Feb. 29 at noon.

"A River Runs Through It" captures the majesty of the Montana wilderness and the strength of the American family in this powerful story of two brothers growing up and rebelling against their stern minister father.

Craig Sheffer stars as the young Norman, and Brad Pitt stars as his brother Paul, an irresistible daredevil driven to challenge the world. While Norman channels his rebellion into writing, Paul descends into the slippery path to self-destruction. This film co-stars Tom Skerritt as the Rev. Maclean and Emily Lloyd as the wild-hearted Jessie Burns.

The last film in this series, "Philadelphia," will be shown March 14 at noon.

Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

#### Book discussion group

Book discussions at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continue on a monthly basis.

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 "Chaining Billy" by Alice McDermott, "Memoirs of a Geisha" 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.

For more information call (973) 376-4930, ext. 28.

#### Exhibit begins Friday

Alice Bryan Hondru, of Maplewood and Christopher Pacio, of Murray Hill, will be showing their paintings at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from Friday to March 16.

Bryan Hondru's art is entitled "Color, Line & Form." Her painting evolved from many years of teaching the use of color, line and form in clothing construction. Her art mostly concentrates on paintings and drawing in oils, water media and pen and ink. The influence of growing up in China and Japan appears in her printmaking with her use of oriental symbols of all types.

Born and raised in Shanghai, China, Bryan Hondru is a graduate of Texas Women's University, and did graduate studies at Rutgers University at the Arts Student League in New York City. In her career she has taught Related Arts in New Jersey Schools. Bryan Hondru has exhibited in group and one-person shows in New Jersey, including the Arts Council of Livingston, Watchung Art Center, Essex Watercolor Club, and Millburn Library. She has won awards for her

work: "Award of Excellence" from the Essex Watercolor Club, and the Union County Juried Arts and Craft Show 1999, among others. She is a member of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit and an Associate Member of NJWCS, Paper-Gill where she received "Award of Excellence" in 1998.

Pacio will be showing his watercolor paintings, which will include wildlife in their habitat, paintings of New England lighthouses. He will also display tee shirt art and wood carvings.

Pacio has enjoyed the visual arts from the time he was a young child. At that time he attended various courses at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. After graduating from Governor Livingston Regional High School, he attended the duCret School of the Arts where he studied under the auspices of William Senior.

He studied and perfected many mediums, among them: wood carving, air brush, ceramics, oil painting, pastels, pen and ink drawing, silk screen, tee shirt art and his most favorite, watercolors. After receiving his certification in Fine Art, he became a free-lance artist.

Pacio has participated in many juried shows including Animal Imagery hosted by St. Hubert's Giraldia in Madison. He has displayed his work in several solo shows, his most recent show was at ADP Corporate Headquarters in Roteland. Pacio is a member of The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit New Jersey, and participates in the Members Show during the summer.

Last summer Pacio received honorable mention for his painting of the "Victory Train," which will be on display in this exhibit.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

## Borough piano teacher commissioned by society

Loretta Jankowski, an award-winning composer and piano teacher, has been commissioned by the New Jersey Chapter of The Piano Teachers Society of America to write a work for student performers.

A resident of North Plainfield, Jankowski has taught piano in her private studio in Mountainside since 1985. Many of her piano students have won competitions sponsored by the PTSA in Carnegie Hall, by the Music Educators Association of New Jersey, the New Jersey Chapter of the Music Educators National Conference, and the Andrew De Grado Piano Competition.

Jankowski received the Genia Robinor Award for Teaching Excellence, an honor shared by some 30 piano teachers in the United States.

Composed for wind instrument and piano, Jankowski's "Chaconne" was commissioned in honor of the PTSA's 20th anniversary and as a dedicative music to be performed by students competing in the PTSA's Millennium 2000 Competitions.

The Millennium 2000 Competitions and Non-Competitive Auditions will take place April, May, and June at Drew University in Madison. Winners will be presented by the PTSA in Carnegie Hall in May.

Jankowski has written prize-winning music for symphony orchestra, for voice, and for concert band, and has composed more than 30 principal works for a variety of musical media. These have been performed in Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Carnegie Hall, the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

Major performances of Jankowski's music have been given by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Buffalo Philharmonic Composers Concordance in New York, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, the Mount Vernon Chamber Orchestra in Virginia, the New Jersey Chamber Music Society, the United States Bicentennial Band, and the Eastman Wind Ensemble. Among important artists who have performed Jankowski's works are Maestro Julius Rudel, soprano Teresa Kubacki, tenor George Shirley, pianist Carol Fern, and clarinetist Bernard Yononta.

Jankowski was awarded a doctorate in composition by the Eastman School of Music in 1979. She studied at the Eastman School; the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; the Higher School of Music in Krakow, Poland; the Dartington Summer School of Music in Darlington, England; and the Juillard School's preparatory division.

Jankowski has been adjunct professor of composition at Kean University since 1986. She teaches piano and composition privately.

Her works have been published by Boosey & Hawkes and Continuo Music Press. She is a member of the American Composers Alliance and BMI.

## Generation map



With the birth of Kelli Anne Vogel Sept. 19 — daughter of Jake and Mary Pat and sister to Jacob Vogel of Springfield — there are now four generations in the family. Joining Mary Pat and Kelli are great-grandmother Catherine Thatcher of Roselle Park and Pat Koyta of Kenilworth.

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# GL's Project Graduation fund-raising underway

The beginning of February marked the fund-raising kick-off for Governor Livingston High School's 12th annual Project Graduation. Each year the communities of Berkeley Heights and Mountainside join efforts to raise \$15,000 to provide an all-night drag and alcohol-free party for the entire senior class on the night of graduation.

The purpose of the event is two-fold: to provide a safe environment for the class to celebrate and to demonstrate that it is possible to have a great time without the use of drugs and alcohol.

This year Project Graduation will be held at Rutgers Sports Complex at Rutgers University. Facilities will be available for swimming, basketball, racquet ball and volleyball. Additional activities will include a fortune teller, disc jockey, and karaoke singing with video-taping. Pizza, subs, snacks, ice cream, desserts, and sodas are served all night with a light breakfast provided before the graduates return at dawn.

Contributions from local businesses and senior class parents are the major source of funding for the event. Red and blue canisters will be available in local stores to collect spare change for the cause. Donations of money and gifts of goods and services are also sought. Prizes such as telephones and portable CD players are given out during the evening.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this year's Project Graduation can make a check payable to GLHS-Project Graduation and mail it to the school at 175 Watching Blvd., Berkeley Heights, 07922 or call Gayvill Fisher, publicity chairperson, at (908) 665-9319 for information.

## Township rec department offers co-ed volleyball

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

## Henry Swider

Henry Swider, 81, of Springfield died Feb. 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Newark, Mr. Swider moved to South Orange before moving to Springfield 25 years ago. He was a clerk with Federal Pacific Co., Newark, for many years and retired more than 20 years ago. Mr. Swider graduated from Seton Hall University, South Orange. He served in the Army during World War II.  
Surviving is a sister, Mae.

## Ralph Witzkin

Ralph Witzkin, 87, of Springfield died Feb. 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Witzkin lived in Newark and Hillsdale before moving to Springfield in 1969. He worked for Mann Kraft Corp., Newark, for 32 years and retired 12 years ago. He was a member of the American Legion and operated Roy Men's Shop, Orange, for eight years.  
In 1937, he graduated from New York University, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in accounting.  
Mr. Witzkin was an Army veteran

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of World War II. He served in North Africa and Sicily, Italy. Mr. Witzkin was among the troops that landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. His division liberated France and was active in the Battle of the Bulge.  
Mr. Witzkin was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver and Bronze stars, the Croix De Guerre from the French government and the Fourragere Medal from the Belgium government.  
Surviving is a daughter, Ellen.

## Nora P. Carlin

Nora P. Carlin, 86, of Springfield died Jan. 31 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in County Donegal, Ireland, Miss Carlin lived in Newark and Maplewood for 27 years before moving to Springfield three years ago. She was a registered nurse for 30 years with the City of Newark Department of Health, Division of Child Hygiene, and retired in 1979.  
Earlier, Miss Carlin had been employed for 13 years at St. Michael's Hospital in Newark. She graduated first in her class from St. Michael's Hospital School of Nursing in 1934.

## Ellen Inselberg

Ellen Inselberg, 61, of Springfield died Feb. 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Paterson, Mrs. Inselberg lived in Union before moving to Springfield in 1976. She was a bookkeeper with S&G Optical, Springfield, for 15 years.  
Mrs. Inselberg was a member of the Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training of Union. She also was a member of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield.  
Surviving are a son, Alan; two daughters, Marcy Legotte and Jill Pal-

madessa; a brother, Howard Scheinowitz, and eight grandchildren.

## Dorothea Finley

Dorothea Finley, 84, of Springfield died Feb. 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in East Orange, Mrs. Finley lived in Short Hills before moving to Springfield 25 years ago. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Ladies Auxiliary and the church's Bridge Flight group. Mrs. Finley was a former member of the Essex County Country Club, West Orange.  
Surviving are two sons, James and William; a daughter, Patricia Doherty; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Mary Klein

Mary Brandenburg Klein, 89, of Stratford, Conn., formerly of Cranford and Mountainside, died Feb. 4 in St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgewater, Conn.  
Born in Linden, Mrs. Klein lived in Cranford and Mountainside for many years before moving to Stratford 25 years ago.  
Surviving are two sons, David Klein and Ashton Currie; two sisters, Ruth Oermcke and Dorothy Rohrer; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

## Richard Henry Tims

Richard Henry Tims of Mountainside died Feb. 3 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Roselle Park, Mr. Tims lived in Elizabeth before moving to Mountainside 50 years ago. He worked as a proofreader and writer for Art Color Printing Co., Dunellen; The Courier News, Bridgewater; and J.C. O'Brien and the Wall Street Journal, both in New York City.  
Mr. Tims attended the New England Aircraft Technical School as a mechanical technician student in Boston. He was a veteran of World War II.

## Gloria Kestenbaum

Gloria Kestenbaum of Springfield died Feb. 4 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.  
Born in Newark, Mrs. Kestenbaum lived in Hillside for 20 years before moving to Springfield 30 years ago. She was a charter member of Ruth Eutin Goldberg Memorial of Essex County.  
Surviving are her husband, Philip; a son, Richard; a daughter, Sue Marsh-Shtjkar; a sister, Bernice Kamens, and a grandchild.

## Dorothy R. Boehm

Dorothy R. Boehm, 83, of Springfield died Feb. 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Newark, Mrs. Boehm moved to Springfield 58 years ago. During the early 1950s, she was active in the Girl Scouts and the Harvest Festival, both of St. James Church, Springfield. Mrs. Boehm also served in the Springfield Fourth of July Committee.  
Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy Ann Capone; a son, Eugene G. II; three sisters, Marie Fairchild, Gloria Hess and Dolores Masker; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## WORSHIP CALENDAR

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**JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE**  
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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kane Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. The emphasis of the music is to always have a "good week" because of the presence of our God and our calling according to his purpose. The services are uplifting, biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and service is a message of hope and hope is a message of life. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers many other programs, including: men's and women's groups, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastor Les Weaver for more information at 908 277-1770.

**LUTHERAN**  
ROYAL CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 459 Springfield Ave., Springfield, (973) 201-374-4523. Fax: 201-374-8877. Joel R. Yast, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at 1888TH DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountainside Ave. For information about all ages and ministries classes, teens, and adult programs, contact the church office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**, 229 Springfield Ave., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Krusch, Pastor. Adult Bible Study, Beginning Sunday, July 6. Summer Worship Series are as follows: Sunday Morning Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning and Tuesday evening. Wednesday Evening Worship Services, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

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## Local chapter announces name change

The Leukemia Society of America recently announced it is changing its name to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, along with the tag line, "Fighting Blood-Related Cancers." The society's Northern New Jersey Chapter is based in Springfield.

The change was prompted by a deep concern about the dramatic, inexplicable rise in lymphoma rates during the past 25 years, a desire to raise the level of awareness of blood-related cancers and a desire to more effectively portray the true breadth of the society's mission. These cancers affected an estimated 632,000 Americans last year.

"We hope that the new name will help raise awareness about the dramatic rise in lymphoma rates during the last half of the 20th century, and more effectively portray the true breadth of our mission," said Richard W. Zahn, chapter president, as well as president of Schering Laboratories.

Statistics from the national Cancer Institute show that from the mid-'70s into the '90s, lymphoma rates rose by more than 70 percent, which made it the third-fastest-rising cancer in the country during that period," Zahn said. "It currently has one of the highest incidence rates among all cancers in the United States.

"We remain the same organization with the same mission," he continued. "However, we want to explore with a connection to patients with blood-related cancers, physicians and our supporters to understand that we are committed to fighting all hematological malignancies, including leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

"We are proud of the success we have had over the past 50 years in gaining widespread recognition of leukemia as a public health and in leading the fight against it by funding life-saving research. Unfortunately, other blood-related cancers, including lymphoma, have been less visible within the most prominent feature of our identity."

Last year, an estimated 64,000 new cases of lymphoma were diagnosed in the United States, along with an estimated 30,200 cases of leukemia. Leukemia and lymphoma are the leading fatal cancers in people younger than 35 years old.

To coincide with the introduction of the new name, the society is instituting a multi-layered educational outreach plan to inform the public about blood-related cancers in general. Activities will include: participation in Internet webcasts; distribution of information to national health organizations, local cancer centers, and individual medical professionals and advocacy work with policy makers.

Zahn stated, "We want all Americans touched by blood-related cancers to be aware of the services we offer and for researchers to know that funding for their work is available. We are hopeful that our new name will clearly portray the breadth of our mission and better reflect our long-standing commitment to the fight against all blood-related cancers."

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest private organization concerned wholly with funding research toward cures for blood-related cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improving the quality of life of patients and their families. As a result of ongoing research, overall survival rates for leukemia have tripled in the last 39 years.

For more information, the society's Northern New Jersey Chapter at (973) 376-9559 x1511 [www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org).

### SENIOR NEWS

#### Musical program for Valentine's Day Friday

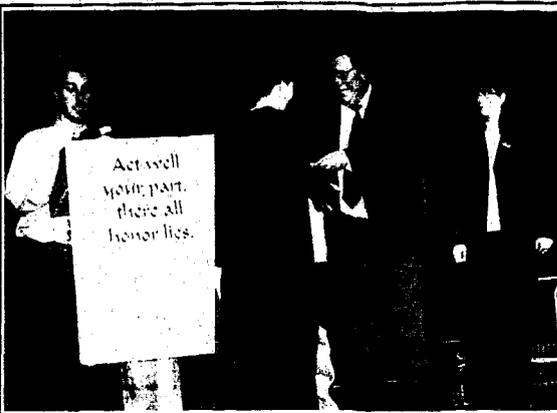
Members of the Mountainside Senior Citizen Club will meet Friday at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane.

In celebration of Valentine's Day, a musical program featuring music by the "Merry Men" will be held. The program will start between 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. and will last approximately one hour after the meetings.

Be prepared for the late start so you can stay and enjoy our Valentine Program. Refreshments will be served.

#### Update to be given on Rec Department activities

Members of the Mountainside Senior Citizen Club will meet Feb. 25 at noon at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane. A rescheduled program will feature Sue Winans who will keep members up to date on the Recreation Department activities.



International Thespian Society President Mark Papier calls Sara Axelrod to be welcomed into Governor Livingston High School's Troupe 5965 by Ken Steifel and teacher Judith Teitelbaum. Teitelbaum, in her more than two years at the high school, has expanded the Drama Department tenfold.

## GL Troupe inducts 32 new members

On Jan. 18, 32 new members were inducted into Governor Livingston High School's Troupe 5965 of the International Thespian Society. Through hard work, sacrifice and dedication, the candidates have earned the right to be called Thespians. It is a title of honor, signifying a commitment to an art as old as humanity.

Commitment to theatre is what the ITS is all about. The society was established in 1929 by a group of college and high school teachers in Fairmont, W.V. They named their organization for Thespis, the Greek who—according to legend—was the first actor; their guiding principle to excellence in theatre in secondary schools.

The society has grown into an international organization with more than a million members, but its goals

haven't changed. The Thespian Society still strives to make schools a place for good theatre and to honor those students who do theatre well.

Under the direction of teacher Judith Teitelbaum, the Drama Department has expanded tenfold in her two and a half years. Along with introducing the International Thespian Society to the school, Teitelbaum has created an atmosphere of Community Theatre. Her love and enthusiasm for theatre has drawn students and parents alike to the program.

The Troupe, along with the rest of the Governor Livingston Hitop Players, is presently rehearsing for the performance of "Pirates of Penzance" on March 9 through 11.

## EDUCATION

### Fishman and Rosenhaft make list at Bucknell

Eric M. Fishman of Springfield, the son of Sandy and Helene Fishman, and Denis R. Rosenhaft of Mountainside, the daughter of Ed and Eileen Rosenhaft, have been named to the dean's list for the fall 1999 semester at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

### Rainforests the topic at Deerfield program

The Mountainside PTA will sponsor a Parents/Students Education Program on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Deerfield School cafeteria, Deerfield Road and School Place.

The program, "Rainforests, the Web of Life" is a wonderful interactive overview of the rainforest and how it is important to everyone's lives. Jack Branagan of Earth Matters will present the "rainforests" in all its glory including a giant slide projection, sound, lights, humidity and heat—lots of special effects. The participants will leave with the feeling that they've actually been on a jungle journey!

Last year, Earth Matters presented

a program about New Jersey during a Mountainside PTA Parent/Student Education Program. It was so wonderfully received and so greatly informative that the PTA invited them back again to present this rainforest program.

Parents, students and residents are invited to this free presentation. Refreshments will be served.

### Deerfield registration scheduled next month

Mountainside's Deerfield School announced its registration for 2000-01 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be by appointment

March 21, March 23 and March 24. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 8:45 a.m. Parents are requested to call Susan Nugent to make an appointment for the screening that will be conducted by kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist. Barbara Komoroski, Deerfield School's guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

Parents should call Deerfield School at (908) 232-8828, ext. 213 to receive forms. Eligible students should be 5 years of age by Oct. 1. A birth certificate and proof of residency need to be presented to Nugent at the time of the appointment.

### Congregation Israel to host orthodox conference

Congregation Israel, 539 Mountain Ave., Springfield will host the First Edah New Jersey Regional Conference on Issues in Orthodoxy titled "Creating an Inclusive Community, a Modern Orthodox Perspective" on March 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$25, which includes lunch.

The conference will open with a presentation by Rabbi Saul J. Berman, "Dealing with Jewish Diversity, Integrity, Respect and Challenge."

Edah, an organization that seeks to strengthen modern Orthodox Judaism, is the sponsor of the conference.

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Muhlenberg Room  
Mon: Feb. 21 10:00am

**Rahway**  
Firehouse Eatery & Pub  
455 St. Georges Avenue  
Wed: Feb. 16 9:30am

**Roselle**  
Wendy's  
210 West First Avenue  
Mon: Feb. 14 2:00pm

**Scotch Plains**  
McDonald's  
1967 Route 22 West  
Fri: Feb. 11 10:00am

**Summit**  
Overlook Hospital  
99 Beauvoir Avenue  
Conference Room 1  
Mon: Feb. 14 2:00pm

**Union**  
Excel Eyecare  
2401 Morris Avenue  
Suite 3 West  
Tues: Feb. 15 10:00am

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973 A Shoyson Avenue  
Mon: Feb. 21 1:00pm

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Genesis Elder Care Network  
1515 Lamberts Hill Road  
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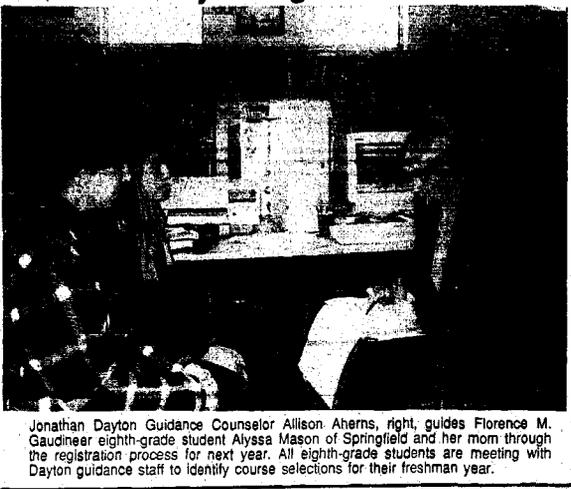
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Jonathan Dayton Guidance Counselor Allison Aherns, right, guides Florence M. Gaudinier eighth-grade student Alyssa Mason of Springfield and her mom through the registration process for next year. All eighth-grade students are meeting with Dayton guidance staff to identify course selections for their freshman year.

## Springfield Fire Department responds to calls

An activated alarm sent the Springfield Fire Department to a Kimberly Court residence Feb. 4.

- One medical service call was handled Feb. 5.
- Two activated alarms, one medical service call and an elevator rescue at a Route 22 East business were handled by the department Feb. 3.
- Four medical service calls and one activated alarm were the activities of Feb. 2.
- One medical service call from a Baltusrol Way residence was answered Feb. 1.
- The department responded to Route 24 West on a report of a motor

department to a Far Hills Road residence Jan. 27.

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# Police arrest motorist without papers

Mountainside  
Clifford Gordon, 32, of Plainfield, was arrested Feb. 3 by Mountainside Police. Gordon was charged with driving with a suspended driver's license and possession of a stolen car.

Gordon was stopped when a member of the Mountainside Police traveling west on Route 22 observed a 1998 Nissan driving in the left lane of traffic. According to the officer, his attention was drawn to the passenger-side door because he noticed the doorlock was completely missing. The officer said that through his training and experience this usually indicates a stolen car.

Upon stopping the vehicle, Gordon was asked for his credentials. According to police he only had a boat license in his possession and he told

police his license was suspended. After confirming the license status, the police placed Gordon under arrest.

Gordon then spoke to the vehicle's passenger who turned out to be the vehicle's registered owner. The passenger said she had locked the keys in the car and had punched the door lock to gain entry into the vehicle.

Antoine Chrisp, 22, of Plainfield was arrested by members of the Mountainside Police on Sunday. He was charged with driving while intoxicated.

Chrisp also was found to be driving in a car with plates entered as stolen. The Detective Bureau will investigate further.

Springfield  
• On Feb. 3, a Springfield resident was traveling north when, according to police reports, he hit a pedestrian. The pedestrian, a Summit resident, had asked her car in the southbound lane and was attempting to cross the street.

The Springfield resident stated that he did not see the pedestrian and he did not stop in time. Upon impact the pedestrian reportedly rolled onto the hood and then back off. She was transported to Overlook Hospital with minor injuries.

- American Sound and Video of Brown Avenue in Springfield reported damage to their power lines on Feb. 1. According to police reports, the damage occurred as a result of a truck owned by Waste Management of Elizabeth pulling the lines from the building.
- A Union resident reported that she was driving south on Troy Drive in Springfield on Jan. 31 when her vehicle reportedly accelerated and she lost control of the car. The woman said she slid on ice and her vehicle left the roadway ending up at a hedge-row belonging to Troy Village Apartments.
- A Wayne resident was traveling west on Morris Avenue in Springfield on Jan. 31 in the right lane when a pedestrian reportedly walked into the side of the vehicle.
- The pedestrian, a Millburn resident, was attempting to cross Morris Avenue at the intersection of Alvin Terrace. The pedestrian refused medical attention.

## The protist kingdom



Seventh-graders at St. James The Apostle School in Springfield have been learning about the protist kingdom. The students made models of amoeba, paramecium and other organisms that belong to this kingdom. Alyssa DeLuca, left, made her model out of Play Dough while Paul Gosciok, center, made his from nonflavored Jello. Danielle DePrimo's model is made out of cranberry saucers.

## Chapel to open Friday

Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside will open its Personal Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Friday.

Anyone interested in committing one hour a week to pray before Jesus in the blessed sacrament is asked to call Irene or Frank Ciccarino at (732) 574-0064 or Jack Schvartz at (908) 232-6886.

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**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER IV GENERAL LICENSING TO ESTABLISH SECTION 4-22 FARMERS MARKET, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS OF SAME**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**CHAPTER IV — GENERAL LICENSING, IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ESTABLISH SECTION 4-22 FARMERS MARKET.**

**4-22 — FARMER'S MARKET.**

**4-22.1 License Required.**

Except as may be provided herein, no person shall conduct, operate or allow operation of a Farmer's Market upon public property within the Township.

**4-22.2 Regulations.**

The Township of Springfield Farmer's Market will begin on the first Sunday following Independence Day and conclude on the last Sunday in October in each year, on a day designated by Resolution of the Township Committee.

The hours of operation shall be from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., or as designated by resolution of the Township Committee.

**4-22.3 Only fruits and vegetables shall be sold.**

**4-22.4** Only fruits and vegetables shall be sold.

The Township of Springfield Farmer's Market shall be located on a designated portion of the parking lot at the Jonathan Dayton High School, or at such other location as designated by resolution of the Township Committee.

All vendors in the Township of Springfield Farmer's Market must comply with all local county and state regulations including but not limited to: Health Code, Building Code and Zoning Ordinance.

All vendors at the Township of Springfield Farmer's Market shall be jointly and severally liable for appropriate collection, removal and disposal of all trash, garbage and other items brought onto or generated at the site.

The Police Chief or his designee determines that public safety requires the presence of a police officer for traffic or other duties, the vendors in the Township of Springfield Farmer's Market shall be jointly and severally liable and responsible for obtaining the services of a Township Police Officer. Payment by vendors for such services and for the payment of the cost thereof.

Vendors, by applying a license, agree to indemnify, defend, protect and

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not harm the Township, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, liabilities, fees, charges, penalties and judgments, and all costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of defense direct or proximately resulting from the actions of the participant.

Vendors shall obtain the necessary permits at all times during the term of the license commencing prior to the date of the license. The amount for such permit shall be \$1,000.00 per occurrence (combined single limit) including bodily injury and property damage, which insurance shall not be cancelled or voided in writing to the Township.

Each vendor shall be named as an additional insured.

**4-22.4 — Application.** Other Requirements.

All applicants shall submit an application pursuant to Section 4-1.2.

**4-22.5 — Fees.**

**a.** An application fee of \$25.00 shall be submitted with the application, and upon granting of a license, vendor shall pay a non-refundable yearly fee of \$150.00 (upon payment of which the license shall be issued).

**SECTION II — SEVERABILITY**

In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of any ordinance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and the validity of the provisions of each section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION III — RATIFICATION**

Except as expressly modified herein, all acts, resolutions and orders of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION IV — REPEAL**

Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

**SECTION — EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

I, Kathleen D. Wisniewski, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was properly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

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and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, February 8, 2000, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on February 22, 2000, at which time any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

**KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI**  
Township Clerk  
U7501 ECL Feb. 10, 2000 (85.75)

**PULASKI SAVINGS BANK**  
**BRIDLE NOTICE**

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Pulaski Bancorp, M.H.C., will be held on Friday, February 25, 2000, at 2:00 P.M., Eastern time, at 130 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, for the purpose of electing two (2) Directors for a three (3) year term, and transacting any and all other business that may come before the meeting of any shareholders thereof.

The polls will be open at 2:15 P.M. and will remain open to 3:00 P.M.

Valerie Kaminski  
200 Pulaski Savings Bank  
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Springfield, New Jersey 07081  
U7379 ECL (81.50)

**RESOLUTION AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, P.C., BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of consulting for services of a Planning Board Attorney for the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of contract for professional services without competitive bids, and that the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk, jointly and severally, are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and sign, in an agreement with Kathleen B. Estabrook, P.C., to serve as Planning Board Attorney, a copy of which

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Ordinance, plus one additional copy at a fee of \$100.00 per hour with a maximum fee of \$10,000.00. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Contract. It is accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(i)(1)(i) of the Local Contracts Law.

**TAKE NOTICE** that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, January 9, 2000.

**KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI**, Township Clerk  
U7501 ECL Feb. 10, 2000 (81.50)

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, and Wednesday, February 22, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following:

**KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI**, Township Clerk  
U7512 ECL Feb. 10, 2000 (85.00)

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER IV GENERAL LICENSING TO ESTABLISH SECTION 4-22 FARMERS MARKET, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS OF SAME**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION I — AMENDMENT**

**CHAPTER IV — GENERAL LICENSING, IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ESTABLISH SECTION 4-22 FARMERS MARKET.**

**4-22 — FARMER'S MARKET.**

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Vendors, by applying a license, agree to indemnify, defend, protect and

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division, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION III — RATIFICATION**

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**SECTION IV — EFFECTIVE DATE**

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**KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI**, Township Clerk  
U7501 ECL Feb. 10, 2000 (81.50)

**RESOLUTION AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO WILSON, KUBICK & KUBICK, P.C., BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of consulting for the services of a Board of Adjustment Attorney for the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of contract for professional services without competitive bids, and that the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk, jointly and severally, are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and sign, in an agreement with Wilson, Kubick & Kubick, P.C., to serve as Board of Adjustment Attorney, at salary set by Ordinance, plus for additional work at a fee of \$100.00 per hour, with a maximum fee of \$10,000.00. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Contract. It is accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(i)(1)(i) of the Local Contracts Law.

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**KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI**, Township Clerk  
U7597 ECL Feb. 10, 2000 (85.00)

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U7597 ECL Feb. 10, 2000 (85.00)

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# Volunteers are honored

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exceeded what we ask for in one year after six months."

This marks the first year the organization presented the Distinguished Service Awards. "These two individuals just performed so much volunteer service. Both performed over 500 hours. For years our record had been 300 hours," said Cottage. "We just felt they deserved something of special distinction."

"The unit overall performed over 4,000 hours of service in 1999 which is an all-time record," said Cottage. "The work performed by these two officers represents almost 25 percent of our total hours."

"I joined because I wanted to do something for the township. I like being part of an organization," said Schultz. "I don't really look for recognition. I just look to get the job done but winning the award was fantastic. It was nice for Nick and I."

"I'm retired so serving on the organization gives me something to do.



Presenting the Distinguished Volunteer Service Awards are, from left, Emergency Management Coordinator John Cotage, Mayor Clara Harelik and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Seidei to Sgts. Nick D'Achille and Lt. Wally Schultz.

"It's rewarding personally," said D'Achille. "We help the best we can for the community. We put in a lot of hours and receiving this award felt great."

Schultz and D'Achille have both been awarded the Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year Award in the past. The two agreed the best part of being in the organization is the satisfaction

they get personally and in helping the community.

The Auxiliary Police is always looking for volunteers. Anyone interested should call (973) 467-3388.

# Wayne Gretzky returns?



Photo by Jeff Grant  
Ryan Fallon, 7, speed skates Monday around the manmade ice rink created on the tennis courts outside Mountaineer's Borough Hall. This is the second year the rink has been built for free use for all residents and visitors.

# Students weaker in reading, writing, than math

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The average for Union County high schools during the past five years has been in the mid- to high 80s for writing while the state average is near the 90-percent mark. As for reading, the county average is around 80 percent while the state's is closer to 85 percent.

The county average for math, unlike CL, is slightly lower than the other two sections. The county average has generally been in the high 70s and the state at 85 percent.

"The fall testing is the students' first shot at the test," said Richard Bozza, Berkeley Heights' superintendent of schools. "If a student doesn't pass a section of the test, then we get a

chance to work with them on their skills and give them the test again in the spring."

For students who fail to pass a particular portion of the test during the spring, a third test is given during their senior year. Students who pass the test in its entirety the very first time are eligible for graduation, and need not take it again.

"There's nothing short of 100 percent that's really good enough," Bozza said. "In the fall of the junior year, if you have 90 percent passing, that's good, you're doing okay, but you need to do more." Bozza pointed out that students who fail a particular area of the test are placed in a Basic Skills Program for one semester.

Governor Livingston's principal, Benjamin Jones, described last year's numbers as "in the high 90s across the board." He said that approximately 96 percent of last year's crop passed all three sections of the test. This year's percentage is somewhat lower, although neither Jones nor Bozza would confirm the exact figure.

"We're still going through our analysis," Bozza said. "As far as passing percentages go, Jones said, 'To have one kid failing all three parts of the test is less injurious to the overall score than to have three kids each fail one part of the test. It's statistics. You can do whatever you want with statistics. It's how the state scores it.'"

"This is the last year for the HSPT," said Elizabeth Keshish, assistant principal at Deerfield School. "It's going to be replaced by the High School Proficiency Assessment, and that covers a ton of different areas."

The HSPA, according to Keshish, will include art, science and social studies, among other subjects. Keshish said that certain components of the HSPA have already been field-tested, including the spoken component, which was tried out last year.

"Tests are changing," Bozza said. "Assessments are asking more of students. If we teach them the right things, then all the right things will show up on the test. It's like a check-up."

# School district to focus on technology

(Continued from Page 1)  
pre-registered for next year. Those 72 will be used in the summer, but Schaller pointed out that the board has only budgeted for 59. If the enrollment were to increase that much the district would have to hire an additional teacher.

"That number will most likely fluctuate between now and September," said Schaller. He would still like to advertise for the kindergarten position so the board can have the choice of the best possible candidates. Board members pointed out that there is an increasing trend of young families moving into the town, instead of employees which will have an effect on future enrollment.

Grants approved  
The first round of grants were approved and awarded by the Mountaineer Education Association. The Mountaineer Library was awarded \$300 for books to order in conjunction with information they get from the Deerfield staff. Meanwhile, \$200 was used to create a library for learning disabled students and \$300 was awarded for a brass instrument workshop for graders.

The two news club was given money for equipment and \$200 was given to support a research project in the middle school where children could learn about the people on the plaques in their school.  
Board member John Perrin

informed board members of a technology program practiced in Summit's schools. The program involves pulling a teacher out of their duties for one year. The teacher is then trained to become an additional resource in the technology fields to all other instructors.

"This person is more easily accessible to staff to answer questions," said Perrin. "I know that one of our goals is to incorporate technology into our

curriculum. It's a big commitment to the technology program but when you check this program out you can understand why they'd do it. Summit says they have proof in their students increased ability to use software."

Schaller said he would have to take a closer look at how it exactly works. Lastly, Schaller announced that the school will be hanging a mission statement in the main halls. The text which has not been finalized would be positioned over a picture of an American Indian, the school mascot.

"We are very excited about it," said Schaller. "Anybody who walks in the building will be able to know what we are about."

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# STORK CLUB

## Amy Marie and Ashley Megan Ferrigno

Amy Marie and Ashley Megan were born to Vincent and Linda Ferrigno of Union on Nov. 4 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Amy Marie, born at 12:10 p.m., weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches. Ashley Megan arrived at 12:43 p.m. and weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces while also measuring 18 1/2 inches. The identical twins join a sister Amanda.

Mrs. Ferrigno, the former Linda Montalbano, is the daughter of Robert and Janet Montalbano of Union. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian and Marian Ferrigno of Springfield. Paternal great-grandparents are Stella Chase and Salvatore and Jean Ferrigno of Springfield.

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### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

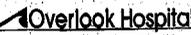
William A. Tansley, III, M.D. Michael Alexander, M.D.  
"Images of the Heart" "Woman and Heart Disease"  
9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

### PANEL DISCUSSION:

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
Michael Alexander, M.D., Summit Medical Group  
Erwin Blumberg, M.D., Central New Jersey Cardiology  
Mark Krell, M.D., Cardiology Diagnostic Associates  
Roberto Roberts, M.D., Mid Atlantic Cardiology  
William A. Tansley, III, M.D., Summit Medical Group

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## Viva Espana



Summit residents Kathy Clingan, left, and Barbara Gillespie, auction co-chairmen, enjoy Viva Espana, the Pinsky School's benefit for the 1999-2000 school year. Proceeds will be used for scholarships, faculty endowment and campus improvements not covered by the tuition.

## Center offers short-term support

While previous generations of women may have gathered on the front porch or at the back fence on a warm spring day to support, encourage or console each other, few can easily find the time to make these kinds of connections today. Yet women still need the support of other women throughout their lives, in good times and in bad.

The Resource Center for Women's short-term support groups offer participants the chance to meet other women who are facing similar changes and challenges and to work through related issues in an encouraging environment facilitated by an experienced therapist.

Groups focusing on the following issues will begin in the next several weeks and meet at the Resource Center for Women in downtown Summit. Each group is limited to 10 women, and advanced registration is required. The fee for each eight-week group is \$105 for Center members, \$135 for non-members. A limited number of partial scholarships are available for all groups.

**Mother Loss** will explore the grief, loss and effects on a woman's sense of identity of the death of her mother, both immediate and over time. Eight Thursdays beginning Feb. 3, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

**Difficult Relationships: Can You Grow or Should You Go?** will help women differentiate between relationship struggles that are natural and growth-enhancing and those that are unhealthy or unsafe. Eight Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Relationships in transition: For women in the early stages of separation and divorce.** Eight Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Parenting through divorce: Providing support and practical suggestions for mothers of preschoolers through teen-agers.** Eight Thursdays beginning Feb. 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m. This group will be at the Johnson Center in downtown Summit; childcare is available.

**Becoming unstuck: For women who want to learn the tools to take a next step in their lives.** Eight Mondays beginning Feb. 21, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

## Devils stop by Overlook for special visit

Three members of the New Jersey Devils hockey team took off their skates and put on their halos to spread some cheer among young patients at Overlook Hospital in Summit. The three were part of a larger group of Devils players who regularly visit local hospitals.

Brendan Morrison, Krzysztof Oliwa and Jay Pandolfo arrived to a crowd of children who were "literally jumping off the walls with excitement," said Chrissie Manning, a child life specialist at Overlook.

The players brought enough cards, bumper stickers and New Jersey Devils t-shirts for everyone and signed their autographs on everything, including extra caps and t-shirts the children's parents brought from home. The kids also had instant pictures of themselves taken with the players.

Mary Chaste of Parsippany was there with her 5-year-old son, Jordan. "He plays hockey with his two older brothers, and he's from a family of Devils fans, so of course this is very exciting," she said.

"The players were wonderful," said Manning. "It's nice to see people in the spotlight who are thinking of others, who may be going through a difficult time. The kids just idolize them, and it's nice for them to acknowledge that they're being thought of this way."

The players visited a teenage patient in the intensive care unit and "really pepped him up," Manning said. The players then greeted the other children in the Valerie Center. The Valerie Center is a hematology and oncology outpatient clinic for children, supported by the Valerie Fund.

The Child Life Program at Overlook, which is part of the Children's



Members of the New Jersey Devils, from left, Brendan Morrison; Chrissie Manning, child life specialist; Krzysztof Oliwa; Jay Pandolfo and Walter Scheuerman of Union, visit patients at the Children's Medicon Center Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Medical Center/Atlantic Health System, seeks to promote the health of young patients by including as many

kid-friendly elements as possible in the environment. In addition to special visitors like

the New Jersey Devils, the program includes a large, well-stocked playroom and a host of bedside activities.

## Retro swing dances every Friday night at YMCA

Retro Swing Dance will be at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St., every Friday night.

Beginning swing will go from 7 to 7:30 p.m. where anyone can learn six-count moves. No experience is necessary and no partner is required. A pre-intermediate workshop

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Dayton was scheduled to host Roselle Park Tuesday in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play. The Bulldogs won at Roselle Park 51-35 Jan. 13 and defeated the Panthers in the state tournament last year in Roselle Park. The teams could meet again in the states this year, if so, the game would be played at Dayton.

## Dayton boys' basketball on way to reaching No. 1 goal

By J.R. Parachini

When the basketballs officially started bouncing up and down on the hardwood floors the day after Thanksgiving, many teams around the state began working toward a goal. Dayton's No. 1 goal this year was to get back to the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship game.

This time the Bulldogs sought what they considered an easier road. Get at least the No. 2 seed so all that was needed was two home victories after a bye.

Mission accomplished. The Dayton High School boys' basketball team began the week with a 13-2 record and four-game winning streak as the regular season is coming to a close.

As a result, Dayton earned the No. 2 seed for the upcoming sectional playoffs and reached its goal of putting itself in pretty good shape to

### Dayton boys' basketball began week 13-2

The Dayton High School boys' basketball team began the week with a 13-2 overall record, 11-2 Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division mark and a four-game winning streak.

Dayton was scheduled to host Roselle Park Tuesday, a team it already beat 51-35 in Roselle Park back on Jan. 13.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to play at North Plainfield tomorrow night at 7, host St. Mary's of Elizabeth Tuesday night at 7 and conclude their regular-season schedule on Friday night, Feb. 18 at Johnson at 7.

The St. Mary's game will have to be rescheduled because of the Union County Tournament. The seeding meeting was to take place last night. St. Mary's clinched the Valley Division title last week for the second consecutive season. Dayton won it in 1998.

Dayton also earned the second seed for the upcoming North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs. Dayton reached the final last year and is two home wins away from getting back to Millburn for the final again this year.

Here's a look at Dayton's first 15 contests:

12-17 Dayton 77, Manville 37 (A)  
 12-21 Dayton 40, North Prov. 22 (H)  
 12-28 Dayton 53, Union Cath. 26 (A)  
 12-30 Dayton 49, Rahway 45 (A)  
 1-4 Dayton 62, Bound Brook 32 (A)  
 1-7 Dayton 66, Oratory 33 (H)  
 1-11 Dayton 47, Brearley 31 (A)  
 1-13 Dayton 51, Roselle Park 35 (A)  
 1-14 North Plain. 64, Dayton 54 (H)  
 1-21 Dayton 32, New Prov. 25 (A)  
 1-27 St. Mary's 49, Dayton 44 (A)  
 1-28 Dayton 71, Bound Brook 50 (H)  
 2-1 Dayton 71, Oratory 52 (A)  
 2-3 Dayton 57, Manville 50 (H)  
 2-4 Dayton 68, Brearley 46 (H)  
 2-8 Dayton hosted Roselle Park Remaining:  
 2-11 at North Plainfield, 7:00  
 2-15 St. Mary's, 7:00 — to be rescheduled because of UCT game  
 2-18 at Johnson, 7:00  
 Record: 13-2  
 Home: 5-1  
 Away: 8-1  
 MVC-Valley: 11-2

make it back to the final.

Last year Dayton qualified with an 8-5 record and earned the No. 8 seed. The Bulldogs first won at home over ninth-seeded Kinnelon, 46-35 on a Monday, then won at top-seeded Roselle Park 41-36 on Wednesday and then upset fifth-seeded Union, 59-57 in Newark on Friday. The magical run came to an end next Monday when the Bulldogs were dumped by eventual Group 1 state champion, New Providence 56-39 at Millburn, ending a 14-10 season.

"We reached our goal and that was to be the No. 1 or 2 seed," Dayton head coach Bill Berger said. "We want to get back to Millburn and now all we need to do is win two home games."

"We feel we're much more mature this year and better prepared for the challenge ahead."

The Bulldogs were scheduled to host Roselle Park Tuesday night and tomorrow have a game scheduled at North Plainfield at 7 p.m.

Dayton will then have just two more regular season games, one on Tuesday night at home against St. Mary's of Elizabeth and one on Friday night, Feb. 18 at Johnson at 7.

The one Tuesday night will have to be rescheduled because of a Union County Tournament contest. The seeding meeting was yesterday and Berger figured Dayton would be seeded between 6th and 8th.

"It would be nice to win a first-round game and get to the quarterfinals," Berger said. The top five seeds probably went four-time defending champion St. Patrick's 1, Linden 2, Union 3, St. Mary's 4, Plainfield 5. Teams 6-8 were probably Rahway, Roselle Catholic and Dayton, in whichever order.

The Bulldogs defeated Roselle Park the first time the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division teams met, winning a 51-35 contest at Roselle Park on Jan. 13.

Dayton was not as fortunate during its first times against North Plainfield and St. Mary's, the only teams to have defeated Dayton prior to Tuesday. The Bulldogs lost to North Plainfield 64-54 in Sprigfield on Jan. 14 and then lost a close 49-44 contest to St. Mary's in Elizabeth on Jan. 27. Outside of St. Mary's only loss, that was the closest anyone has ever come to beating the Elizabeth parochial school this year.

"We were up 19-17 at the half down there and then after a real tie the third quarter we came back to tie the game, at 41-41 with two minutes to go," Berger said. "We had the ball, but it went over and they scored and then capitalized the rest of the way." "I told my kids that it was a real gutsy effort. It showed that it was the kind of game we needed to play to get back to Millburn. Now we have to learn how to win a game like that."

Dayton's scoring was spread out against St. Mary's as Ryan Freundlich scored 12, Carmine Santarella nine, Jeffrey Slapner nine, Matt Paz seven and Dario Ruggiero six. Dayton defeated Group 3 Rahway, 14-3 as of Monday, 49-45 in Rahway in the championship game of the Rahway Tournament Dec. 30, a contest that the Bulldogs can look back on as

a pretty good win on the road against a bigger opponent.

St. Mary's dusted off North Plainfield 72-54 last Friday in North Plainfield to begin the week 15-1 overall and 12-0 in the Valley Division, clinching a second consecutive conference title. It was St. Mary's 12th consecutive win since its only loss of the season, a 52-48 Dec. 29 setback to St. Mary's of Jersey City in the Jack Reilly Tournament in Fort Lee.

St. Mary's previously defeated North Plainfield 74-57 in Elizabeth on Jan. 11. North Plainfield fell to 15-2 overall with last week's loss, both of its setbacks coming to St. Mary's, the defending Valley Division champion. Dayton, the 1998 Valley Division champion, and North Plainfield began the week tied for second in the Valley behind St. Mary's.

Dayton swept three Valley Division opponents last week, first winning at Oratory 71-52 in Summit on Feb. 1. Dario Ruggiero, Dayton's two-guard, paced the Bulldogs for the first time this year with a 19-point performance. Dayton's leading scorer, senior forward Ryan Freundlich, poured in 17 points. Freundlich scored 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in Dayton's 57-50 win at home over Manville Thursday. Dayton began the year with a 77-37 win at Manville back on Dec. 17. Last week's game was not as close as the score indicated as the Bulldogs had a big lead that evaporated somewhat in the fourth quarter without the starters on the floor.

Dayton junior point guard Carmine Santarella scored nine points and dished out seven assists. James Cariello scored eight points and Jesse Weatherston scored seven. Santarella scored a season-high 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in Dayton's 68-46 win at home over Brearley Friday. Freundlich and sophomore Matt Paz scored 10 points each.

Dayton ended up sweeping Brearley this year after being swept by the Bears last season.

Berger figures North 2, Group 1 to be seeded like this:  
 1-Newark Science, 2-Dayton, 3-Newark University, 4-Cedar Grove, 5-Vernon, 6-Newark Arts, 7-Roselle Park, 8-North 13th St. Tech, Newark, 9-Bloomfield Tech, 10-New Providence, 11-Kinnelon.

With 11 teams qualifying, there would be three games before the quarterfinals. If the above seedings are correct, then we will have Kinnelon at Arts, New Providence at Roselle Park and Bloomfield Tech at North 13th St. Tech prior to the quarterfinals, scheduled for Thursday, March 2.

Dayton would get the New Providence-Roselle Park winner. The semifinals are scheduled for Saturday, March 4 and the final, at Millburn, for either Monday, March 6 or Tuesday, March 7. Dayton swept New Providence and was looking to sweep RP.

"The best thing I like about our team is that it's not senior-dominated," Berger said. "We have only one full-time senior in (Ryan) Freundlich and our other seniors (James) Woodruff has missed time with an injury."

## Dayton hockey shows it can rebound with winning effort

### Bulldogs top Northern Highlands for 2nd time

The Dayton High School ice hockey team defeated Northern Highlands for the second time last week, posting a 4-2 victory in a game played Thursday at Sport-O-Rama in Monsey, N.Y.

Dayton previously defeated the Bergen County squad 6-1 Jan. 29 at Chimney Rock in Bridgewater.

Senior captain Jared Cohen scored two goals and had an assist for Dayton in last Thursday's victory. Senior Brian Berger had two assists and senior Todd Walters and freshman Ross Kravecz also scored for the Bulldogs.

Dayton improved to 6-9 with the victory and rebounded nicely from a tough 10-0 loss to Fair Lawn the night before. In that contest, standout freshman forward Brett Berger suffered a broken wrist and was diagnosed to be out for four weeks. He still may be able to play in next week's conference playoffs with the broken wrist.

A member of one of the state's most prolific scoring lines, since being put together with Jared Cohen and his brother Adam, Berger netted seven goals and assisted on 13 others for 20 points in just five games.

The Cohen-Berger-Cohen line amassed 60 points in those five games and helped spark Dayton to a 4-1 record during that span.

Adam Cohen (9 goals, 9 assists for 18 points) was ill and did not play against Fair Lawn. Berger was hobbled early in the first period with Fair Lawn leading 1-0. Later, X-rays taken at Union Memorial Hospital, confirmed the break and a cast was placed on Berger's right wrist.

Injuries have plagued Dayton this year. Jared Cohen came back from a breaking an ankle prior to the season and senior Brian Berger came off knee surgery. Goalender

"Pudge" Hollander has been out of action for some two weeks with a broken thumb.

After beating Northern Highlands a second time last Thursday, Dayton was faced with having to win four of its next five games to be even at 10-10 to qualify for the NISIAA Tournament.

Dayton clinched the conference playoffs and last week had a fourth-place standing.

Dayton split its next two games last weekend, defeating Governor Livingston 9-8 on Saturday before falling short in a 7-6 loss to Ramsey Sunday at the Sport-O-Rama rink.

As a result, Dayton began the week with a 7-10 record and was scheduled to host Ramsey last night at Chimney Rock.

Dayton has games scheduled this weekend at Chimney Rock against Tenly on Saturday and against Governor Livingston on Sunday.

Cohen scored five goals in Saturday's win over the Highlanders, while Adam Cohen netted two and Gerardo Roman and Walters one each. The contest was marred by a brawl in the second period which saw 10 players ejected. Jared Cohen, Adam Cohen and Roman scored with 21 seconds against Ramsey on Sunday. Jared and Adam Cohen scored two goals each in the defeat.

Because Sunday's game against GL is one day after the Feb. 12 state playoff cutoff date, Dayton will need an all-time bid to qualify.

Although Dayton may not make it into the state playoffs, the Bulldogs still have the conference playoffs to look forward to — they will finish either third or fourth.

Dayton has improved a great deal in its third year of varsity hockey, this season being its best so far.



## Minutemen hoop teams give solid efforts

The Springfield Minutemen 8th grade basketball team gave solid efforts in setbacks last week against Westfield 68-43 at home and at Union 52-42.

Leo Ferrine scored nine points and grabbed eight rebounds in the Feb. 2 contest against Westfield. Mike Luciano scored eight points and Helmi Abdelaziz, Jordan Gerber and Dan Scott poured in six each.

Stephen King came off the bench to score four points and Anthony DeNicolo made a three-point basket at the end of the third quarter.

Frankie Miceli scored eight points and Kevin Johnson had seven and six rebounds in the contest against Union. Abdelaziz and Gerber scored seven points each. Scott had five, Luciano four and Billy Fischer two.

Springfield's 7th grade team fell to Westfield 64-33. Johnson paced Springfield with 10 points and eight rebounds.

Kenneth Suarez scored eight points, Matt Farley six and Robbie Shabat five. Shabat also had seven rebounds.

Jesse Weatherston and Jake Foley scored two points each and Stephen Suarez, Jesse Galinkin, Adam Hirt, Greg Stafaneli and Kyle Sealey all played well.

The Minutemen were scheduled to host Hillside yesterday and Saturday have games scheduled at Wayne, the 7th grades at 6 p.m. and the 8th graders immediately thereafter.

## Springfield softball program seeking teams, individuals

The Springfield Men's Softball Program is seeking teams and/or individuals to participate in its spring league.

Games are played on weekday evenings from April to August. More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 973-467-4608.

Recreation Department seeks tennis instructor. The Springfield Recreation Department is accepting applications for the position of junior tennis team instructor.

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More information may be obtained by calling the recreation department at 973-467-4608 or 973-912-2227.

## GL hoop teams qualify for states

Both Governor Livingston hoop teams qualified in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2.

The boys' team began the week at 9-7 and the girls' were 10-5. The boys' were swept last week by Roselle and Immaculate, while the girls' beat Roselle and lost to Immaculate.

## Vigilante, Marcantonio win UCT wrestling titles

Two of the top wrestlers in Union County completed outstanding performances last Saturday at the 25th annual Union County Tournament contested at Union High School.

Brearley senior Attila Vigilante won his second consecutive 145-pound championship, while Governor Livingston senior Tim Marcantonio captured his first UCT crown, winning the 160-pound title.

Both standout grapplers won their respective weight classes with the pressure of being the top seed.

Vigilante, who improved to 21-1 after the UCT and whose only loss has come at 152 pounds, pinned Jesse Campanelli of Rahway in 1:53 in the 145 final. Last year Vigilante defeated top-seeded Justin Finnerty 13-8 in the 145 final.

Marcantonio pinned Brearley's Rick Miceli in 3:01 in the 160 final and earned the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler award for the upper weights. Secured at 160 lbs. year after losing in the final by a 6-4 score in overtime to Roselle Park senior Kevin Kolbeck, Marcantonio pinned four opponents in a combined time of 5:29 and had the tournament's fastest pin at 23 seconds when he made quick work of Cranford's Chris Symanski in the quarterfinals.

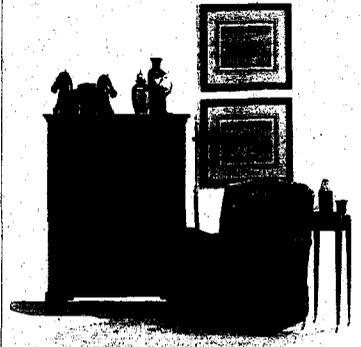
Campanelli, wearing a mask, gained an early takedown on Vigilante and released the senior with 43 seconds remaining in the first period. Ten seconds later, Vigilante locked up Campanelli to his back and worked for the pin at 1:53.

"I had him pushed and he was trying to break the grip," said Vigilante, whose younger brother, Atlay, placed third at 119 pounds. "It was more a matter of adjustment to get him on his back."

Roselle Park won the tournament for the fourth consecutive year by outpointing Rahway. This time the margin was the closest, 223-5-220.

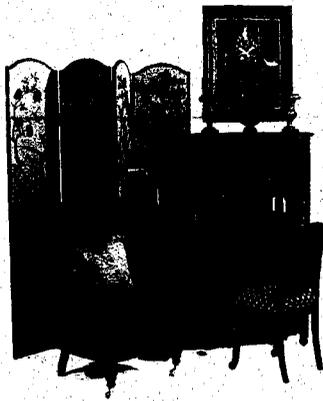
Brearley finished third with 164 points and had the Coach of the Year in third-year mentor Brian Luciani.

Along with the Vigilantes and Miceli, six other Brearley wrestlers placed in the top six. Stefano Sarnacino (125) and Giancarlo Pisanero (152) won their third-place bouts. Mike Puerro fell to Mike Stumbidge of Plainfield in the 140-pound third-place bout. Scott Ferguson won fifth place at 135, and Ryan Yospin (103), Joe Ruggiero (130) and Christopher Tyne (215) placed sixth.



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