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Board of Ed mulls full-day kindergarten

Parents concerned about keeping kids in school all day

By Darcy Doyle
Staff Writer

There was a full house at the Mountainside's Board of Education meeting on Feb. 23. Parents were there to hear about the proposed extension of the kindergarten program to a full day ending at 3 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller and the district's kindergarten staff reported on why they are in favor of the extension.

The proposal was greeted with mixed reviews. While many board members expressed support, parents worry it's just too long of a day for a kindergarten student.

"In considering this proposal, the administration and the staff did considerable research," said Schaller. "It should be stated that the Mountainside School District makes this proposal to extend the kindergarten program by one half-hour for the purpose of enriching the current curriculum, to offer more small group instruction and provide additional opportunities for our students to apply

the skills and concepts at their developmentally appropriate levels."

Schaller also pointed out that as it is, one-third of the present kindergarten also participates in the after-care program. He also said that many students are involved in after-school activities.

"What we are proposing is not to add more but, to teach it in a more relaxed pace. Children need to have time to learn, play, and interact," said Deerfield School Assistant Principal Elizabeth Keshish.

Kindergarten teacher Jana MacMillan said, "Thirty years ago I taught in the first grade what I am teaching now in kindergarten. That is a fact across the nation. Kindergarten is no longer just play."

MacMillan said due to the amount of mandatory curriculum standards she believes teachers are often just skimming the surface and do not have time to really get into subjects or expand on ones the children show a particular interest in. She said in extending the program, she hoped it would put less stress on the children.

The Board of Education is expected to make a decision on the extension shortly. If approved, the extension would begin as early as next fall.

Mountainside resident Matt Stevens echoed what many other parents expressed: "We do this at home. We teach them at home. There is a concern that the day is just too long. I'd rather the kids be at home at this time."

"When it comes to issues like this we look very heavily to the educational staff," said Board President Pamela Tasschler. "This trend is throughout the state. The times have changed and we have to uphold the state core curriculum standards."

In opposition, board member Linda Esemplare said she'd prefer to see shorter classes. "I think we are asking 5-year-olds to be first-graders and I have some concerns with that."

Although full-day kindergarten may be a trend, others are considering it still isn't the standard. Parents continued to ask about other districts and suggested perhaps doing a trial.

Although a decision was not made, the majority of board members made it clear they would support the measure.

An earthly lesson



Jack Branagan, a lecturer and expert on rainforests and other environmental topics, recently paid a visit to Deerfield School as part of the Mountainside PTA's Parent Education program. Branagan demonstrated his blowgun and entertained and educated the audience with a slide show presentation. Other schools interested in a similar program can call Branagan at (877) 579-2979.

District will present second question to voters in April

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education plans to present the public with a second public question, in addition to the school budget, which might be the average property owner for as much as an additional \$192 in school taxes next year.

The school budget, pared down by the board's Finance Committee from a preliminary figure of approximately \$22.1 million, now stands at \$21.3 million. The new budget is approximately a \$571,609 difference between

the 1999-2000 and 2000-01 budgets, an increase of 2.6 percent.

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland proclaimed himself satisfied with the new number. "This is a tight budget for our size," he said. "I think it's a reasonable one for the community. It's a pure and simple allowing for the necessities."

For the taxpayer the budget means an additional cost of \$35 per quarter, or \$140 a year. A separate question, to be placed on the April 18 ballot along with the budget, concerns issues of security equipment and renovation. If

approved, an extra amount of \$376,365 would be raised by taxes, meaning \$15 per quarter to the taxpayer, or \$52 a year. The combined amount would total \$192 per year.

The budget provides funds for program operation for all grade levels from Pre-K through grade 12. The district considers the 2000-01 budget as a "maintenance budget," focused on achieving the following objectives:

- Maintenance of class size;
 - Funding of major programs;
 - Providing of funds for increased
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Delay snags Farmer's Market

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

With winter creeping toward its end, the trappings of spring and summer are beginning to seem more like realities.

Springfield Township Committee member Roy Hirschfeld has his own vis-

ion for the gentler seasons: a Farmer's Market. But the market is still a vision, not a reality. The idea met with a slight delay at the Feb. 8 meeting of the Township Committee, when Committee member Gregory Clarke requested that the market's ordinance be tabled.

Clarke based his request on the fact that the committee had not yet heard from the Board of Education on the matter. Hirschfeld's notion is to have the market in the parking lot of Jonathan Dayton High School. "They filled out the requests and I see FARMER'S, Page 9

Borough school taxes to rise

By Darcy Doyle
Staff Writer

Mountainside's school tax rate will increase by two cents if the tentative budget is eventually adopted. The Mountainside Board of Education approved the tentative budget for the 2000-01 school year on Feb. 23.

The current school tax rate is \$1.67 per \$100 of assessed value. The two-cent increase would mean an addition of about \$40 on a house assessed at \$200,000. The tax levy for the current year is more than \$8.5 million and next year it would be over \$9 million, according to the tentative budget.

The budget came in exactly at cap. "Even though it increases taxes, the cap is the only way to go forward," said the district's Business Administrator Fran Tolley.

"The reason for the significant increase is because we had to put four or five of the staff on benefits. It's not really an increase but addition of staff members." The benefit tot-

als for the 2000-01 budget year are \$623,000 as opposed to \$500,000 last year.

"The budget meets the cap not because we built it up to it but because we had to cut down to get to it," said board member Frank Geiger. According to Tolley, cuts had to be made in the areas of textbooks, supplies, maintenance and repairs.

Board members said that cutting in many of these areas requires using caution. "You may end up playing catch up and paying later," said Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller.

The proposed budget also includes a half-million dollar surplus which board members believed was necessary in case of emergency.

"We need to have that surplus and it really isn't a lot of money," said board member Richard Kress. "If a boiler were to go, we are going to need that. I'm not going to take it out of education programs."

Local school board elections will be uncontested

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The bell tolled at 4 p.m. Monday for potential candidates to file for the Board of Education elections. In Mountainside, one incumbent and one longtime member, voted out last year, have tossed in their hats, with another incumbent calling it quits. In Springfield, three incumbents have decided to have another go-round.

Patricia Knodel, defeated for a seat on the seven-member board in last year's election by John Perrin and Peter Goggi, has filed again and, with Geiger, will run unopposed. Knodel had been a member of the board for 26 years prior to her defeat last April. Geiger, the incumbent, is completing his ninth year on the board. Linda Esemplare, the board's other incum-

bent, has decided not to run after 18 years on the board. Knodel was not available for comment at press time. Repeated calls to Esemplare went unanswered.

Geiger, who has three children in the district — a boy in high school and a son and daughter at Deerfield School — has been a Mountainside resident for 13 years. The owner of Geiger's Cider Mill, he also is a member of the borough's volunteer First Aid Squad.

"I think one of the biggest events of my tenure was deregionalization," said Geiger, who serves as Mountainside's liaison to the Berkeley Heights Board of Education. "In that capacity we've been working with them on the assimilation of our students into their school — an articulation between the

two programs so when the kids get into Governor Livingston, everyone's on the same level."

According to Geiger, the two communities have a "send/receive" relationship, in which the borough pays tuition to Berkeley Heights — a common procedure throughout the state where no regionalization exists.

The articulation between the two districts, as well as the eventual need to expand Deerfield, are two of the projects Geiger is anticipating working on during his next term.

"The Deerfield population has been increasing steadily over the years," he said. "Expanding programs and population levels have made us anticipate the need for new classrooms within two years. We also need to keep an even tax levy."

In Springfield, incumbents Robert Fish, Larry Levee and Jacqueline Shanes have all filed, and will run unopposed.

Fish is completing his third term on the board. In nine years of service he has served as board president and vice president, as well as a member of various committees. He is currently a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Growing up in Springfield, Fish attended the township's schools until his family moved to Short Hills following his completion of the ninth grade. He has three children in the Springfield School District, who he said provide him with "active feedback" about the schools.

Among the achievements during his tenure, Fish pointed to an increased level of communication, which he said lessens the need to go through bureaucratic red tape, and the assimilation of the high school into the framework for an articulated program for Pre-K to 12.



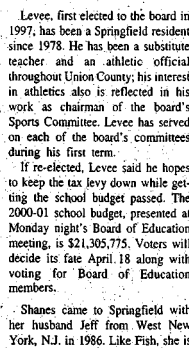
Jacqueline Shanes



Robert Fish



Larry Levee



Frank Geiger



Patricia Knodel

Shanes came to Springfield with her husband Jeff from West New York, N.J. in 1986. Like Fish, she is completing her third term on the board.

Echo Leader recognized

The Echo Leader will collect an award in April when the New Jersey Press Association honors the winners of its annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The Leader's Editorial Department captured third place the Editorial Content category. Former Managing Editor Pamela Isaacson's entry, "Opinions will count. Wasted opportunity," was awarded third place. Isaacson also received second place in Best Headlines, a category in which Worrall Community Newspapers captured all three awards, for an entry from the Summit Observer.

In another category Worrall Newspapers swept. Staff Writer Joe Lugara was awarded third place in Critical Writing for his entry "Artist's Work," from the Observer.

Worrall Newspapers, a group of 17 weekly newspapers serving Union and Essex counties, garnered at total of 20 Editorial awards overall in the association's 1999 Better Newspaper Contest. The company earned five advertising awards and two photography awards, for a total of 27.

The number is 11 more than the company received in last year's contest and the second highest in the state among weekly newspapers. The awards were announced Feb. 19. The contest this year drew 2,254 entries in more than 30 categories.

Contest winners will receive their awards in April at the annual NIPA conference in Princeton.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to managing editor, Echo Leader, P.O. Box 3108, Union, 07083.

Today
• The Frohlich Club of Mountside birthday luncheon is at noon at B.G. Fields. Members will celebrate 37 years of community service and will bring an item for show and tell. Guests are welcome. For reservations call (908) 212-3626.

Tuesday
• The Elm-Unger Ladies Auxiliary 273 Jewish War Veterans meets at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, Church Mall, Springfield, at 9:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served prior to the meeting. For information call Bonnie Esenberg at (973) 379-6919.

• Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountside, seeks volunteers to assist in trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring a lunch, a mug for beverage, shovel, pickaxe and gloves, if you have them. For ages 14 and up. To register call (908) 780-3670.

• Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountside, presents "Ewok's Plant Pests" at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Join in an effort to "round-up" alien plant bugs who are eating our native trees and more acreage in the Watchung Reservation. Tools, gloves and hot chocolate will be provided. For information call (908) 780-3670.

• The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church, 37 Church Mall, Springfield, sponsors its annual pasta dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Parish House. Tickets — \$10 for adults and \$5 for children — are available at the church office. For information call (973) 379-4241.

Wednesday
• Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountside, presents "The History & Future of Astronomy" at 2 and 7:30 p.m. For ages 6 and up. Admission is \$5 per person, \$2.50 for senior citizens. For more information call (908) 780-3670.

Monday
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet for a conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

Tuesday
• "Charming Billy" winner of the 1998 National Book Award for fiction, will be featured at the next Jewish Book Discussion at

the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., in the library meeting room at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the library at (973) 376-4930, ext. 28.

Upcoming events
March 9
• The Mountside PTA will sponsor its 14th annual fashion show-auction fund-raiser, including a dinner, at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountside. Tickets are \$27 per person and may be obtained by calling Toni at 233-6796. Proceeds will go toward Deerfield School's Cultural Enrichment Program.

• The Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will feature Patricia Nurno Roque, president of Business Owners in Wayne, at its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountside. Tickets are \$28 for members, \$35 for non-members and guests. For reservations call (908) 688-0707.

• The Mountside Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will meet for a regular conference meeting in the Clauson Administration Complex at 8 p.m.

March 10
• The Project Graduation committee of Governor Livingston High School will sponsor a spaghetti dinner at the high school cafeteria from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children under 12. For reservations call Ginni at (908) 464-5070 or Karen at 464-3006. The Governor Livingston High School spring musical, "Pirates of Penzance" will be presented later that evening. Seniors who attend the dinner will receive a \$5 discount on theatre tickets.

March 11
• The Garwood Board of Health will conduct a Health Day from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Garwood Municipal Building, 403 South Ave. The program is subject to cancellation unless a minimum participation of 25 is achieved. The event is open to residents of Mountside and Springfield.

March 12
• Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountside, presents a program at 2 p.m. to assemble and custom decorate a traditional diamond kite. Cost is \$3 per kite. For information call (908) 789-3670.

• Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountside, presents "Speechless Earth," at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors. Sing a song and

learn the names of all the planets in the solar system. For ages 4 to 6 with an adult. For information call (908) 789-3670.

March 14
• The Mountside Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. for a work session meeting in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

March 19
• The Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present "The Sound of Musicals — Rodgers and Hammerstein," a lecture with taped music by Robert William Butts. Admission is free by ticket only. For information call (973) 376-4930.

• The Trind Chamber Vocal Ensemble will present its fourth annual concert in the sanctuary at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, at 4 p.m. The 18-member mixed choir will be conducted by Ginny Johnston, with piano accompaniment by her husband, Dan Crisic.

March 20
• Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, will present the Megillah reading at 6:30 p.m. featuring a special guest appearance by The Bluestein Brothers 2000, 5760 featuring Brother Ha'Av Menachem Mendel and Brother Ha'Avan Ruven, with back up vocals from the Gospel singers.
• St. James Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will sponsor a winter shopping trip to Vanity Fair Reading, Pa. outside. Tickets are \$10 per person. For reservations call Tony Graziano at (973) 376-5612.

Ongoing
• The Mountside PTA is seeking items for its 14th annual fund-raiser auction on March 9, such as gift certificates, services, new gift items, new children's items or nonperishable food treats. For information call Danna at 654-8575.

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

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

The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

EVENTS

Spaghetti dinner will benefit grad celebration

The Project Graduation committee of Governor Livingston High School will sponsor a spaghetti dinner at the high school cafeteria on March 10 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The menu will include spaghetti, sauce and meatballs, salad, beverage, coffee and a cost of \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children under 12.

Reservations are recommended and can be arranged by calling Ginni at (908) 464-5070 or Karen at (908) 464-3006. Proceeds will be used to fund this year's all-night drug- and alcohol-free graduation celebration for the entire senior class in June.

The high school spring musical production of "Pirates of Penzance" will be presented on March 10. Senior

citizens who attend the spaghetti dinner on Friday will receive a \$3 discount on their theater tickets that evening.

Women business owners plan monthly meeting

The Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will feature Patricia Nurno Roque, president of Business Owners in Wayne, who has built a national reputation as "the diva of online and offline marketing" at its monthly meeting March 9 at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant, in Mountside.

NJAWBO is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide tools for women business owners to compete in any marketplace, enabling them to operate a financially successful business.

An accomplished university professor, speaker and educator, Roque also is a consultant on marketing direction for a variety of large and small corporations as well as entrepreneurial Internet clients. She has appeared on regional and national radio and TV talk shows and as an entrepreneurial success story in several national

magazines. At Union County's NJAWBO meeting, she will be sharing inside tips on "Netiquette" — street-smart marketing using the World Wide Web.

The cost for the dinner meeting is \$28 for NJAWBO members. Non-members and guests are welcome to attend at a cost of \$35.

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

Correction

The infrastructure and road and sewer system improvement project planned by the Borough of Mountside will cost approximately \$6 million.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, write Editor in Chief Tom Canavan, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083, or call (908) 686-7700, ext. 329, weekdays before 5 p.m.

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GL puts on 'The Pirates of Penzance'



Leading the Governor Livingston Hilltop Players' production of 'The Pirates of Penzance' are, clockwise from lower left, Mark Pabier, Kassy Clasulli, Chris Vassili, Morgan Timmerman, Dan Perez, Jason Thomas and Sai Arpino. The musical will include 48 students with performances March 9 at 7:30 p.m. and March 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7, \$4 for seniors on March 11. Tickets are available at the box office or in advance at Berkeley Print and Copy Center on Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights or by calls (908) 464-9038.

Superintendent search continues

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Carole E. Larsen, senior field representative of the New Jersey School Boards Association, appeared before the Springfield Board of Education again to review criteria for the district's growing superintendent search.

Board members had previously supplied Larsen with their opinions regarding long- and short-term district goals, strengths and weaknesses within the district, and personal characteristics and leadership style. Larsen's report was, in its most general sense, a fact-checking procedure, a recap of the information supplied by the board.

Improved communication with the public and image strengthening were two of the characteristics most frequently mentioned. Maintaining the level of education while operating within budget caps, the balancing of school programs with physical space and the integration of technology into a full program of studies were the most important features mentioned among the long-term — four- to five-year — goals.

Of the short-term, one- to two-year goals, board members focused on the handling of capital projects/bond referenda, upgrades of athletic facilities and the ensuring of universal high standards "and resisting pressure to

amend or compromise high standards."

"When I put together a report like this, there's a tendency to look upon the material as critical of the person who's in there now," Larsen said. "It's not that. A lot of the characteristics in this report are the characteristics of a strong, focused administrator anywhere."

School calendar approved
The calendar for the 2000-01 school year was passed with great ease. The only modification, made several weeks ago, allows for an early dismissal on Nov. 7, Election Day. The calendar contains 184 school days.



Mountainside PTA's Fashion Show Committee members, from left, Donna Perez Santalia, Donna McAdam, chairperson, and Jo Vargo, prepare for the 14th annual fashion show, auction, fund-raiser March 9 at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant.

Borough approves land use amendments

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

You might be a business owner and you might be thinking of putting up a pretty creative sign to advertise your Mountainside-based business. Think again.

Advertising signs, certificates of occupancy and the payment of building permits, among other things, have a few new rules to play by in the borough.

On Feb. 15, the Borough Council passed an ordinance amending three sections of the Land Use Ordinance. The first section, 1006, concerning building permits, is a little beefier than it used to be, according to Valerie Saunders, the borough's Land Use Administrator and Zoning Official. "You have to have a certificate of

occupancy for commercial uses," Saunders said. "To move into Mountainside, a certificate has to be issued. The fire official has to provide an inspection, then an administrative official — myself — does an inspection, and then you can get the certificate. The amendment just beefs up section 1006."

The amendment covers all industrial, commercial, professional and retail operations under letter "c" of section 1006. It also states that a certificate of occupancy may be granted to a retail sales or service operation without the necessity of site plan approval if the administrative official is satisfied that the operation is similar to that of the building's previous occupant.

In addition, there must be no inter-

ference with traffic or parking patterns or endangerment to the health, safety and welfare of the borough's citizenry. Board of Health and Fire Safety Codes — along with other regulations — must be met.

"Section 1007 previously said that all signs have to go before the town," Saunders said. Part "a" of section 1007 currently reads, "The Administrative Official may issue a permit for a replacement sign for an existing tenant which is substantially the same size, shape, coloring, lettering, illumination and material construction and in the same location as an existing and previously approved sign without referral to the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment as long as the replacement sign conforms in all ways."

Deerfield School fund-raiser scheduled for March 9

The Mountainside PTA will sponsor its 14th annual fashion show auction fund-raiser including a dinner at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside. The fund-raiser will be March 9 at 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the event go toward Deerfield School's Cultural Enrichment Program. Fashions, this year, will again be provided by Chico's of Westfield.

Tickets are \$27 per person and may be obtained by calling Toni at 233-6796.

The PTA is seeking donations for auction items. Gift certificates, services, new gift items, new children's items,

or non-perishable food treats are always appreciated. If you would like to donate or for more information, call Donna at 654-8757.

Attention churches, social clubs

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

A sure loser

Well, the point has been made, and it seems fairly obvious, that no one wants a supermarket at 90 Millburn Avenue, Nor Springfield, Nor Millburn. Not residents of either town.

An ordinance to prevent a single non-residential entity from exceeding 7,000 square feet in gross floor area seems like a good idea. The ordinance would stand in direct conflict with Royal Ahold's hopes and plans to construct a facility of more than 70,000 square feet on the former Saks Fifth Avenue property.

While residents would appreciate such an ordinance, however, there's a reason the Township Committee's vote to introduce the measure was not unanimous. It seems like it would be an obvious affirmative vote by an elected official to address constituents needs, doesn't it? But the ordinance was introduced via a 3-1 vote of the committee. Mayor Clara Harelik voted against while Committeeman Steven Goldstein abstained.

Such an ordinance is clearly targeted at Royal Ahold and all but invites more litigation on the matter. As Goldstein described it, the measure is a sure-fire loser.

Had the Township Committee first proposed such an idea when the Saks property first became vacant, it would have been much more timely, appropriate and more palatable. As it stands, the measure simply is not in good faith because it serves no purpose but to prevent Royal Ahold from constructing its Edwards supermarket. A good idea, mind you, but a patently illegal one.

We understand why Goldstein abstained in this instance. It may seem as if we are in favor of a supermarket at the former Saks site, but that is not the case. It is obvious a mega-supermarket is not only unnecessary in that area, but would create massive traffic and quality of life problems to not only the abutting residential neighborhood but probably a good portion of Springfield, Short Hills, Millburn and quite possibly, Summit.

Springfield should continue fighting Royal Ahold in this situation, but establishing an ordinance that targets the company's plans is not the answer. The fight must continue in the courts where the township still has a fighting chance. This ordinance will accomplish little except throw more of the taxpayers' money into the pockets of attorneys. It's one thing if the township is paying for attorneys in a case it can win, it's another matter altogether when you pay for legal help in a case you cannot win.

Take active role in county budget

Budget season is a busy time for government officials, be it elected or employed. Number crunching is at a high this time of year as school boards, municipalities and the county all look to prioritize their needs for the year. And that is what a budget is: a priority list.

Between school, municipal and county budgets, there are hearings and meetings left and right in February and March.

The county portion of tax bills may be the smallest relative to the school and municipal portions, but the county's budget still accounts for more than a quarter of a billion dollars. That's a lot of money. And the amazing thing is people really don't seem to know that much about county government. Whether it's because they don't care or simply don't know, citizens just do not pay as much attention to the county as they do their local school board or municipality.

The freeholder board has conducted budget hearings with department heads that are open to the public, but rare it is that more than one citizen attends. Much like regular freeholder meetings, the public just doesn't attend.

But they should, at least to some extent at this time of year. Perhaps with the county not raising taxes for three years, citizens have become complacent and figure there is nothing to "shout about" since the bottom line has generally remained the same. And of course personal time is at a premium for us all.

But that has not necessarily been the case for Mountainside taxpayers as last year their share of the county tax levy decreased insignificantly after a moderate increase the prior year. Meanwhile, Springfield's taxpayers saw their portion of county taxes decline slightly while the overall county tax levy has remained the same now for several years.

While the public may have been absent during recently-concluded budget hearings, we hope they will be present to some degree when the budget is officially introduced and adopted in a few months.

It is important to, at the very least, keep an eye on what's happening not only with the school and municipal budgets, but the county budget as well. After all, it is part of your tax bill.



NUTRITIOUS IS DELICIOUS — Sixth-grade students in Kristin Rahner's science class at Florence M. Gaudineer in Springfield, from left, Alex Blum, Nick Pagnotta, Paul Belliveau and Ben Krupit, study nutrition while planning and preparing a balanced meal during class.

A completely open, forthcoming community?

Welcome to the Township of Comumocopia, New Jersey. Motor "Peace and Plenty" Population: Whatever.

For a reporter Comumocopia is an ideal municipality. There's crime, scandal, corruption. But the true glory of the place is, you don't have to scratch and dig and make repeated phone calls to get the information you need to do your story: the township administrator, the mayor, the township committee members, the superintendent of schools and the administrators of the various emergency services are all forthcoming when it comes to the business and wants of the town. What's this, you say? A completely open and forthcoming municipality? How...?

The water, it's contaminated. Too many molasses in it or something. It's affected the population for generations, making everyone accepting, although not necessarily happy. The

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugero Staff Writer

truth sits on Comumocopia like a hat; it doesn't hurt. In fact, Comumocopians have learned that if you wear the truth long enough, it doesn't even feel like it's there.

Accepting, but not really acknowledging the truth — are there consequences? Let's take a peek into our Waterford crystal ball:

It's Tuesday in the new room of the Comumocopia Horn. Deadline time. A slow news day, very slow. What do we have? Only a Board of Education meeting and a few feature stories. The reporters have been looking under

boards for good stories for nearly a week. Nothing. Zips-dee-doo-dah.

But not to worry. Figuring that no one will really care, the reporters simply make up what they need to fill in the gaps. The mayor takes the silver medal in gymnastics. A \$5.5 billion municipal budget is passed. Harrison Ford joins the fire department.

How about a few features? A dog that square dances. A fifth-grader builds a tree house in Italian marble.

The paper is published on Thursday and everyone reads it, true and false stories alike, and goes to bed accepting, although not necessarily happy. Shortly thereafter, a mischievous wind picks up that week's Page One and deposits it in the township's reservoir. Only the ink from the paper's fraudulent stories bleeds into the water supply; it turns the water black, and people throughout the township are drinking, bathing, washing their

clothes and cooking with grayish-black water.

Food, clothes and eventually Comumocopians themselves begin a descent into grayness. Gradually, Comumocopia and its residents change completely to black, white and degrees of gray. There's no color left anywhere. Televisions — on which Comumocopians

watch murders declare their innocence as they stand, knives in hand, over their victims — are in black-and-white too.

"Comumocopians don't mind being lied to, if it's a blatant lie," reads an editorial in the Horn sometime later. "At least we can recognize the truth when we know we're looking at a blatant lie; an obvious lie is a perverse kind of honesty. It's the subtle lies we Comumocopians mind." Comumocopians read the editorial and accept it, although not happily, over their cups of black coffee.

Time for the state to put up its fair share

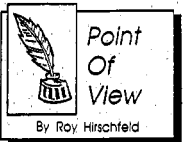
Every year around this time, every resident starts to figure out their state and federal income taxes. At the same time, the Township Committee begins to meet very often both in committee and in general session to review and plan this year's budget.

Luckily in Springfield we now have a full-time township administrator who works with the chief financial officer in development and preparation of the budget so that it is ready for review by January.

The problem which arrives every year is that based upon state laws the main focus of paying for materials, services and manpower, which makes up most of the costs, is taxing you the citizen. While the governor expounds on how much municipal aid is provided from the state, it is truly not sufficient and really has not increased much over the years.

The state only funds 40 percent of the cost of education, leaving the local Board of Education having to struggle with taxing us to pay for the rest. State laws also limit the township's ability to set wage standards.

If a town decides they don't want to raise taxes with wage increases, the decision usually goes to a state arbitrator. We have no choice if an arbitrator decides the town must increase



By Roy Hirschfeld

wages or benefits which is what usually happens. Only in the last year with the hiring of a special labor counsel have we made some inroads into the wage and benefit spiral.

In the last two years, even with rising costs for personnel and services, the Township Committee has not raised local taxes. The only group who has raised taxes over the past two years has been the Board of Education. The county has remained status quo and is continuing to make an effort to have a zero increase.

We need to continue to work on the successful programs started a few years ago to control taxes. Instead of the focus of only taxing residents, moving toward shared services agreements and private rental of building or grounds is the way to go.

At the Chisholm Center, the YMCA pays us rent to use the space, basically paying the costs of bonding

the building. We worked out agreements with Autoland to refurbish engines and parts in police cars instead of buying new ones which saves a lot of tax dollars.

We rent out time and use of the pool at off hours to swim teams and other groups, bringing revenue into town. Important shared services agreements are presented with the county to use the recycling facility and sell dome for winter snow.

I think we can do more and create new and innovative ideas of shared services and revenue ideas to stop the spiral of always looking to the resident to pay our bills. But at the same time the state must increase aid to municipalities, change labor wage negotiation requirements and create new revenue sources for the towns. The state must increase or take over most of the costs of funding the public schools inclusive of building costs.

As one example of an area to bring in revenue which is ignored by the state, think of your local cable TV fees. You pay Comcast around \$55 per month and the town gets a franchise fee of around \$35,000 per year of these fees. That is pennies in terms of what Comcast earns from our town alone. It is time for the Board of Public

Utilities to increase the share of this fee to local towns.

The state could also add new sales taxes to non-essential goods such as alcohol or cigarettes. The idea here is in adding more sales taxes can help another way to bring in revenue without looking to raid the pockets of residents.

At the local level, we will continue to serve you the residents by making every effort to control taxes. Even with the onslaught of Hurricane Floyd and spiraling wage demands, your Township Committee is diligently trying to hold the line on taxes again in 2000.

As a resident, you should speak up and let local and state officials know how you feel about the tax issue. Remember it is a big election year, so officials running for office have to listen to you! Talk to your Board of Education members and make them aware as well of the desire to stop the focus on reaching into your pockets.

Participate in the process of government and speak up about moving to change the way the state taxes us to bring more revenue into our town.

Roy Hirschfeld is a member of the Springfield Township Committee.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mountainside mayor is thin-skinned

To the Editor:

The Mountainside mayor's letter of Jan. 4 — but received Feb. 16 — absolutely demands a response.

Mayor Robert Vigilante uses cliches such as "naysayers" and "The sky is falling" to distort the opinions of those who disagree with him on a particular issue. No one that I know has "bad mouthed" Mountainside. The position of the Democrats has been that our town could be better served if we elect an independent voice on the Borough Council to break up the 100-percent control by one party in total lock step on all matters.

A few years ago, the mayor attacked the Democrats for not regularly attending council meetings. We picked up the challenge and regularly attend. On most evenings we are the only citizens there.

When we disagreed with him on issues, we forced television coverage of council meetings, exposed the extravagant spending by our elected officials and exposed their attempt to gain a salary against the wishes of the public.

So we thank you for your suggestion that we attend council meetings. I believe the changes we argued for have been enlightening to all citizens. What the mayor really wants is blind obedience by all citizens; and anyone who disagrees is chastised by him in public or in print.

For someone who brags constantly about his years of public service, he has a very thin skin and cannot tolerate a differing viewpoint.

Grow up, Mr. Vigilante, we are in a democracy and you are a mayor, not a dictator.

Lou Thomas, president Mountainside Democratic Club

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unsympathetic to some poor

To the Editor:
President Clinton, Gov. Whitman, the political press and some of our politicians drone about the poor gas boring. There are some reasons for being poor: some legitimate, others not.
If you are a low income earner, get married and have several children, you are going to be poor, illegitimately poor, more accurately stated, stupid.
Being sympathetic to the poor legitimate is appropriate, but not to the stupid of trying to raise a family you cannot afford.

Joseph C. Chieppa
Mountainside

After the Snowstorm

To the Editor:
Editor's note: The following haiku was submitted by Mountainside resident Sally Anne Reisner.
Frozen crystal shards falling vertically, frantically from burdened branches
Winter streets filtered with shattered glass icicles crunching beneath me
Peaceful solitude of early dawn with only the melodies of birds
Drizzles drip downward as trees stretch upward reaching for the warming sun
Black and white sparrows tapping on frozen water yearning for their bath
Red breasted house finch scurrying, twittering under brush, checking his nest

Sally Anne Reisner
Mountainside

SPEAK OUT

Vacant property still pays taxes

To the Editor:
In your editorial in the Feb. 24 paper, I have to take issue with your statement in "Is it needed?" "The township has chosen a certain quality of life versus bringing a high-traffic tenant." You should have just put a period there and not add that it would have added to the commercial ratable base.
You are misleading the people, as you are indicating there are no taxes being collected on the vacant store there. The ratable is still there even as a vacant building. The township is still collecting their taxes of approximately \$200,000 a year on that property. You should make that fact known.

James F. Smith
Springfield

Volunteers sought for trail maintenance

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, seeks volunteers to assist in trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Harvey Weisslitz

"I'd say yes."



Paige Janowski

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Bob Torre

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Claudia Monticciolo

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Protect state's water supply from new threat

New Jersey's drinking water faces a new and serious threat from the fuel additive Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether.

The state Department of Environmental Protection reports that 400 private wells and 65 public wells in New Jersey already have been contaminated with MTBE.

And New Jersey is not alone. A study released by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency last July concluded that traces of MTBE have been found in 8 to 10 percent of the drinking water nationwide where reformulated gas is sold.

Incredibly, in seeking to rid the environment of one health risk, the federal government has actually created a new threat to public health.

As part of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 the federal government ordered 30 regions of the country — including New Jersey — to add 2 percent oxygenate to their gasoline in order to reduce carbon monoxide emissions. MTBE was chosen because it was the least expensive way of meeting the federal requirement.

The EPA report found that while MTBE is being to reduce air pollution,

District Seat

By Bob Franks

the chemical is seeping into the water supply from leaking underground gas storage tanks and above ground pipelines. MTBE is highly soluble in water, and as a result, it moves more rapidly into groundwater than other components of gasoline.

The EPA advises that any well with MTBE levels of over 70 parts per billion be cleaned up. High levels of MTBE have been found to cause cancer in animals.

Although we still don't know all the potential dangers of drinking water tainted with MTBE, we can never be too cautious when the public health is concerned. That is why I have been spearheading the drive in Congress to ban MTBE.

Recently, "60 Minutes" aired a report that contains compelling evidence on the need to ban MTBE and to take additional steps to protect the public health. The report demonstrated that despite the seriousness of

the contamination, there is a frightening lack of knowledge about the health risks associated with ingesting or inhaling MTBE.

"60 Minutes" also presented disturbing evidence that both the federal Environmental Protection Agency and a number of oil companies withheld from Congress and the American people information about the danger of MTBE contaminating the water supply.

The time has come to launch a full-scale attack on MTBE before any more water supplies are threatened with MTBE contamination.

I have taken additional actions to protect the public from the potential health risks posed by this fuel additive.

First, I've called on the Department of Justice to launch an investigation into the EPA's decision to order the introduction of reformulated gasoline. Specifically, the investigation would focus on when the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the oil companies learned of the potential dangers to the nation's water supply from MTBE and why nothing was

done to stop the chemical from being added to gasoline.

Next, I have introduced legislation that will require the National Institute of Health to conduct a comprehensive study into the potential health effects of ingesting and inhaling MTBE.

In addition, I am sponsoring legislation that would require drinking water systems in areas where reformulated gasoline is mandated to immediately begin testing for MTBE.

Finally, I will be renewing my efforts to get both the Clinton administration and the leadership in Congress to take immediate action to stop the use of MTBE as a fuel additive.

The evidence is overwhelming. The introduction of MTBE into gasoline was a serious mistake. It's time to end this risky experiment and begin to search for better, safer ways to clean our air while we protect our precious supply of drinking water.

A resident of Berkeley Heights, Republican Congressman Bob Franks represents the 7th District, which includes Summit, Springfield and Mountaintop. He is seeking his party's nomination in the U.S. Senate race.

A model solar system



Seventh-grade students at St. James The Apostle School in Springfield, from left, Alyssa DeLuca, Danielle DePrimo and Brian Travis display their models of the solar system and seismographs for science class.

Third annual Parenting Speaker Series kicks off on Tuesday

This Spring, the Junior League of Summit, in conjunction with the Summit Municipal Alliance, is presenting its third annual Parent Speaker Series. The series is funded by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and has been recognized as a Union County Municipal Alliance "Star Program."

The free parenting series will feature that presentation led by professional speakers who will address parenting issues affecting children from preschool through high school.

All of the evenings will begin at 7:30 p.m. and include a question-and-answer period. For information on the free series or to make reservations, call 760-0070.

The first presentation to be Tuesday, will feature Florence Nelson, executive director for Summit Child Care Center, who will lead a hands-on workshop on Readiness For Kindergarten. The session will be at the Summit Child Care Center, 95 Morris Ave., and is designed to help parents recognize whether their children are ready for kindergarten and how best to prepare them to begin school. Space is limited and reservations are required for this session.

On March 14 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 557 Springfield Ave. Mounced Elias, professor of psychology at Rutgers University, will speak on The Well-Rounded Child. The evening will focus on the importance of academic development and developing social skills.

On March 22, Patricia Herndel will speak on the timely subject of violence in the schools. The evening will focus on understanding the roots of aggression in children and strategies for reducing violent behavior. The interactive session will be at Cheekwood Hospital in Summit.

On March 25, Tom Palermo, the founder of Positive Parenting and the author of "Curriculum Skills For Children" will host a talk on Positive Parenting. The evening will explore effective discipline, relationship building, and quality teaching techniques. The interactive session will be at St. John's Lutheran Church, 557 Springfield Ave.

The JLS is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Currently, the JLS is focused on "Building The Next Generation" by providing programs and community time, events that attract our youth from birth through 12th grade in Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence and Summit. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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Local high school students compete in Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement of Union County Inc., serving Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties sent 25 local high school students to Monticello, N.Y. to attend the Junior Achievement Student Leadership Conference. All participating students are involved in the Junior Achievement economics program at their high schools.

Participating high schools were Elizabeth, Rahway, Somerville, Jonathan Dayton in Springfield and Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights. The students won the opportunity to attend the conference through an annual Junior Achievement competition that took place last December at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, that was sponsored by the Novartis Corporation.

Approximately 200 students from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island participated in this conference. All of the students participating were part of competitions and seminars that dealt with Junior Achievement curriculum and work-related issues.

Two students from Somerville High School won first and second place for outstanding young business man and woman. Heather Aquino of Somerville High School won first place for Outstanding Young Business Woman and Dan DiGraziano of Somerville High School won second place for Outstanding

Young Business Man. Both students were awarded small scholarships to Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island.

Michael Lyubavin, a Jonathan Dayton High School student, proved to be the best stockbroker out of the 200 students at the competition taking first place in a general session stock market simulation exercise.

The conference was organized by Susan DeGruze, education manager of Junior Achievement, and Diane Roselli of Somerville High School. Five other local teachers from participating schools also attended the conference: Karae Rubin, Antonette Modrak, Frankie Nicholson, Charles Backman and Rick Sabal.

Raritan Valley Chapter of The Links will present 'Melange' March 26

The Raritan Valley Chapter of The Links will present a multi-generational, multi-cultural "Melange" of performing, visual and creative art on March 26 at Fountain Baptist Church, 146 Gladstone Ave., Summit, from 4 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will follow. Admission is free.

The "Melange" will feature performances by classical, spiritual and jazz artists, liturgical dancers and a choral verse speaking choir. The purpose of the

Junior Achievement is the world's oldest, largest and fastest-growing nonprofit economic education of children. By bringing volunteers from the business community into the classroom to share their experience with young people, Junior Achievement programs teach students how to understand and appreciate free enterprise.

Locally, almost 10,000 students are receiving quality education provided by Junior Achievement and the companies and individuals that support it. Junior Achievement of Union County Inc. recently relocated its headquarters to 1101 Bristol Road, Mountaintop, 07092.

'Melange' March 26

"Melange" is to support and encourage amateur artists and bring performances to the community.

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Center, Madeline Heller and Matthew Choj carry the title of their presentation of the 1950s as part of The Millennium project at Sandmeier School in Springfield. Left, presenting the Kennedy family as one of the important First Families of the U.S. are, from left, Dana Strober, Alexa Perlestein and Arielle D'Achille. Right, first-grader Jenna Santos does a Shirley Temple soft shoe as part of the first grade's presentation of the 1930s and 1940s.



Sandmeier's second-grade students present popular fashions from the decade of the 1970s.

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OBITUARIES

Wilhelmina R. Henry

Wilhelmina R. Henry, 95, of Union, formerly of Mountaineer, died Feb. 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New York, Mrs. Henry lived in Union and Mountaineer before moving back to Union 10 years ago. She was a cafeteria worker for Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, for 22 years and retired 33 years ago.

Mrs. Henry was a member of the Five Points Senior Citizens and the Hillside Historical Society.

Irene Wills

Irene Wills, 92, of Springfield died Feb. 19 at home.

Born in Bloomfield, Mrs. Wills lived in Hillside before moving to Springfield 45 years ago. She was an assistant to the loan officer at Summit Bank, Summit, for more than 20 years and retired in 1972.

Surviving is a sister, Dorothy K. Schall.

Theresa I. Itri

Theresa I. Itri, 29, of Springfield died Feb. 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Livingston, Miss Itri lived in Springfield for most of her life. She worked for AT&T for 18 years, most recently as a systems engineer. Prior to that, Miss Itri had worked for Bell Atlantic.

She graduated in 1982 from the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, where she received a bachelor's degree in systems planning and management in electrical engineering-computer science with honors, while concurrently earning a master's degree in mathematics and computer science with honors. While at the school, she was involved in various Christian groups and inner-city Bible studies.

In 1986, Miss Itri received a masters of professional studies in interactive telecommunications from New York University. She received the Bell Atlantic-New Jersey Professional Speakers Society's "Speaker of the Year" award, and her biography was featured in "Women in Engineering Network News."

Miss Itri received the New Jersey State Engineer Training Certificate from AT&T in Middletown. She was a supporter of missionaries and worked for Billy Graham's Crusade at Giants Stadium in several capacities, including singing in the choir and counseling on the floor.

Miss Itri was instrumental in planting several new churches throughout the state and was a vital part of the Celebration of Praise in Millburn. She was a nine-year member of A.G.L.O.W. International, where she was actively involved in many of its chapters around the state.

Miss Itri taught numerous studies and was a guest speaker on several occasions.

Surviving are her mother, Irene T. Itri; a sister, Mary A. Itri-Hicks, and a brother, Paul F.

Thelma Horowitz

Thelma Horowitz of Tamarac, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died Feb. 20.

Born in New York, Mrs. Horowitz lived in Muncie, N.Y., Jersey City, Ridgefield and Springfield before moving to Tamarac in 1980. She was a bookkeeper for Temple Beth El, Oakland, Fla., and retired in 1998. Previously, Mrs. Horowitz had been a bookkeeper at Pilney, Haroin, Kinn and Smith, Morristown, and earlier, at the family Insurance Business, Elizabeth. She was a member of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, and the Wedgewood Women's Club, Tamarac.

Surviving are two sons, Mark A. and Brian D. Spector; a daughter, Linda A. Smith, and six grandchildren.

Jeffrey Curtis

Jeffrey Curtis, 50, of Mountaineer died Feb. 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Curtis lived in Tennessee before moving to Mountaineer. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his mother, Luellie Curtis; a sister, Lynn Schenk, and a daughter, Sara.

'Charming Billy' at library discussion group

"Charming Billy," winner of the 1998 National Book Award for fiction, will be featured at the next book discussion at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., in the library meeting room Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m.

Future book discussions will feature "Memoirs of a Geisha" on April 4, "Track of the Cat" on May 2, and "Tuesdays with Morrie" along with "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" on June 6.

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Farmer's Market to be reviewed by Board of Ed

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we asked the township for more information," said Ellen Ball, secretary to the Board of Education. "The Buildings and Grounds Committee will probably look at the request in early March."

Hirschfeld considers the market a time-sensitive issue, considering the fact that merchants still need to be counted.

"The school board has its procedures, but if it doesn't go before their buildings and grounds by March, it'll

really — in terms of perception for prospective merchants — be too late," he said.

Ball said that the short month of February, combined with the time-consuming work on the school budget, is what prevented the board from looking at the request sooner.

Hirschfeld said he had to fight to get the township's approval for the market, which only passed by a 3-2 vote.

The market, if established, would be on Sundays, following the July 4

celebrations. Millburn has a Farmer's Market on Fridays, with Summit has one Sundays. Because of the neighboring competition, Hirschfeld said he wants to start small, with three or four merchants selling "Jersey Fresh" produce, as well as organic produce.

Hirschfeld already has contacted a number of organic farmers, and has been in touch with both Foodtown and Sam's Market regarding their participation.

"I also contacted New Jersey Farmer's Cooperative Council," Hirsch-

feld said. "They're a group of farmers who set up these markets. I requested to join, but they turned us down because they're inundated with offers." However, as Hirschfeld pointed out, the council's rejection makes it possible for organizations such as Sam's and Foodtown — businesses that sell and not grow — to participate.

Township Administrator Richard Sheets has assisted the project by writing a grant to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. Accord-

ing to Hirschfeld, the department makes grants available not only to farmers, but to municipalities, in order to make events such as Farmer's Markets possible.

"The county and local chambers of commerce are also interested, but the town has to be in the forefront," Hirschfeld said.

"I understand the committee's perspective here, but sometimes you have to have faith. We got the jitters done without having the bus first. I'm working on it."

Separate budget question covers security expenses

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out-of-district placement of special education students.

• Providing instructors for increased enrollment;

• Providing additional special education and remedial teaching staff;

• Updating textbooks and instructional materials in math, consumer science, health and foreign language;

• Allocating funds for Jonathan Dayton High School's "Middle States Evaluation" — a process, occurring

every 10 years, through which the school receives its accreditation.

Friedland described Springfield as "not unlike any other suburban community — we have an increased population, more kids, and more services."

Because of its per capita income and ratings, Springfield does not fair very well when it comes to state aid. Towns are rated by letter, with A the lowest and J the highest. Springfield, a GH district, is classified fairly high. "We lose in state aid," Friedland previously said.

According to Friedland, any separate question, such as the security equipment and renovation question, is risked being lost if the public chooses not to accept it.

"If it's voted down, then you can't spend any money on it," Friedland said. He told the public in attendance that the original notion of using the public pre-school as a separate question was switched in favor of the security issue. "It's not that safety isn't important," he said. "But if people want it, they'll vote for it."

No criticisms of the budget were offered by the public, although one parent did express concern regarding the difficulty of finding parking at Thelma L. Sandmeier School, among other schools within the district. Asked whether the current capital budget provides for renovations to the schools' lots, Friedland said that it did not.

"The parking issue could have been included as a second question, but there wasn't enough information available," Friedland said, pointing

out that its inclusion as a second question would involve supplying information for individual schools. He suggested that the parking issue might be better handled as a referendum, in which the district would be covered as a whole.

Salaries for a director of guidance and a music supervisor, both positions the district did without this year, have been deferred again, according to Friedland. Increased enrollment and staffing in the elementary schools have resulted in both positions remaining vacant again.

Springfield firefighters called out to put out Baltusrol Way fire

A malfunctioning torch caused a fire in the basement of a Baltusrol Way residence Feb. 21.

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fire was extinguished.

In the basement workshop, firefighters discovered a smoldering mat which had been doused with a can of water. Windows were opened and three smoke ejectors were used to

clear the house of smoke.

Investigation revealed that the torch, which the owner was using to heat an iron bar, had either leaked or otherwise failed, causing the rubber mat he was standing on to catch fire. The fire was contained to the mat, but a light smoke haze reached and filled the first floor of the house. The owner was not injured, but was treated as a

precaution due to a pre-existing medical condition.

A 1-year-old boy was struck by a car on Cotter Avenue Feb. 24. The child, a Mountaineer resident, was hit by a Ford Probe pulling out of a driveway by Juan Carlos Chacon of Miami, Fla.

Chacon told police that he was pull-

ing out of the driveway when he heard a woman "screaming" for him to stop. The boy was under the vehicle by the time the mother, who had yelled for Chacon to stop, reached the driveway.

The boy was unattended at the time of the accident; his mother was approximately two houses away at the time.

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Thurs: Mar. 16 2:00 pm

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Tues: Mar. 14 2:30 pm

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Several automobile thefts reported

Springfield
Police in both Mountaineide and Springfield responded to several reports this week of stolen cars.

A Jade Meadow Drive resident reported his 1999 Mercedes Benz stolen sometime during the night hours on Feb. 22 and 23. The car was along with two Nissan altern control panels worth about \$240, a Resurrection for hat worth \$500, two pairs of Ray-Ban sunglasses and a library book.

On Feb. 18, a Springfield resident reported his 1996 Lexus SC400 stolen from the Echo Plaza parking lot. According to police reports, the robbery took place sometime between 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 17 and 8:50 a.m. on Feb. 18. Also reported stolen with the car were 10 CDs and eight cassettes.

A Springfield resident reported her wallet missing or stolen on Feb. 22. She believes the wallet disappeared somewhere in the Eckford Pharmacy parking lot on Route 22. The wallet

was described as brown leather and contained the woman's driver's license, registration, a credit card and \$100 cash.

Hakeem Kelly, 21, of Newark was arrested on Feb. 19 by members of the Springfield Police. He was charged with being a revoked driver with outstanding warrants in Irvington and Newark.

Lawrence Powell, 33, of Union was arrested by members of the Springfield police on Feb. 19. He was charged with shoplifting from the Springfield Pharmacy on Mountain Avenue.

Also on Feb. 19, Ronna Reid, 32, of Irvington, was reportedly arrested for shoplifting at the Springfield Pharmacy on Mountain Avenue.

On Feb. 17 Darwin Chang, 19, of Jersey City and Alan Cailan, 19, of Scotch Plains were arrested by members of the Springfield Police at Shop Rite on Morris Turnpike.

Chang, who according to police

reports, had track marks on both arms was charged with shoplifting, paraphernalia, possession of a needle, and theft. Cailan was charged with shoplifting and possession of stolen property.

Mountaineide
Carlos Rodriguez Jr., 35, of Browns Mills, was arrested on Feb. 28 by members of the Mountaineide Police after being stopped in his vehicle while he was driving on Route 22 West. He was charged with driving while intoxicated.

William Polk, 38, of Plainfield was arrested by members of the Mountaineide Police on Feb. 27 after being stopped in his vehicle while he was driving on Route 22 West. He was charged with driving while intoxicated.

Kenneth Boston, 19, of Mountaineide was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for possibly being stolen on Feb. 26. Further investigation revealed

Boston had outstanding warrants out of East Orange for \$1,000.

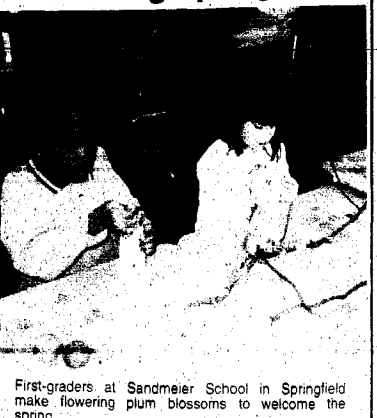
Also on Feb. 26, Charles Boston, 22, of Mountaineide was the driver of a vehicle that was stopped for possibly being a stolen vehicle. Further investigation revealed the vehicle was not stolen but Boston was charged with possession, use and under the influence of drugs.

On Feb. 25, Brick resident, Anthony Bottiglione, 37, was arrested by members of the Mountaineide Police in connection with criminal attempt of theft from Air Con on Route 22 West.

Eric Furlong, 38, of Orange was arrested by members of the Bloomfield Police on Feb. 25 for an outstanding warrant out of Mountaineide.

On Feb. 22, Edgar Pena, 24, of Elizabethtown was stopped by members of the Mountaineide Police on Route 22 East. Further investigation revealed he was driving with a suspended driver's license.

Welcoming spring



First-graders at Sandmeier School in Springfield make flowering plum blossoms to welcome the spring.

Hand work and creativity helped Christine Ferreira, Aly Kirschner, Lindsey De Coster and Lauren Palais win first place in the AAA Clubs of New Jersey's annual Senior High Traffic Safety Communications Contest. The group, from Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, produced a video public service announcement which was selected from entries submitted by students from across the state.



Jonathan Dayton High School students, from left, Christine Ferreira, Aly Kirschner, Lindsey De Coster and Lauren Palais, are congratulated by Jennifer Schneider, manager of public relations and safety for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park and audio/video teacher, Frank Advensky, after capturing first place in the AAA Clubs of New Jersey's annual Senior High Traffic Safety Communications Contest.

Ferreira, Kirschner, De Coster and Palais were each awarded a \$100 prize by the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park. Their entry, a video on the consequences of drinking under the influence — DUI Prevention — now goes on to the national judging which will be at AAA headquarters in Heathrow, Fla. in early May.

Using a variety of communication media — video, audio, written and graphic arts — students were invited to choose from three safety topics: Occupant Protection, Safe Driving Practices and DUI Prevention. The AAA Senior High Traffic Safety Communications Contest is open to students in grades 10 through 12.

Residents invited to Health Day

The Garwood Board of Health will conduct a Health Day on March 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Garwood Municipal Building, 403 South Ave.

The program is subject to cancellation, unless a minimum participation of 25 is achieved. The Health Day is open to residents of Garwood, Fanwood, Mountaineide, Westfield, Roselle Park and Springfield, exclusively.

The health program will offer an extensive blood screening, consisting of a SMA26, CBC and HDL. Medical Laboratory of West Orange will conduct the blood testing.

The SMA26 is an elaborate blood analysis monitoring several bodily functions. The CBC tests is a test including a red blood cell count, a white blood cell count and differential count.

The CBC test may indicate the presence of infection, anemia, allergies, lung disease, etc. The HDL test measures factors protective against coronary heart disease. The SMA26 is used in assessing total cholesterol results, to determine possible coronary risk factors.

Robert Sherr, director of health, has noted that anyone taking the blood test must fast 12 hours prior, with the exception of water. Pre-registration for the blood test is mandatory and will be conducted by the Westfield Health Department, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, from Feb. 28 to March 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost of the SMA26 tests is \$16. Additional tests can be performed at the following specified cost: T4, thyroxine test, \$5; TSH, thyroid stimulating hormone, \$10; PSA, prostate test, \$30; Blood Glucose/RH Factor, \$10; Iron test, \$5; Sed Rate, \$10; Hepatitis C, \$25; Hepatitis B, \$25; Urine analysis, \$5. All fees must be paid upon registration.

The Health Day will offer a blood pressure program. Hemoccult test kits will be available to test for occult blood in the gastrointestinal tract. Test packets/dietary restrictions will be distributed at the health program.

Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary will meet

The next regular meeting of the Elin-Linger Ladies Auxiliary, 273 Jewish War Veterans will be Saturday at the Sarah Baileys Civic Center on Church Mall in Springfield at 9:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served prior to the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted by co-presidents Ilisa Cohen of Manalapan and Bobbie Eisenberg of Springfield. Reports will be given by Inge Adler of Manalapan, Servicemen Service Chairman and Gertra Straus, also of Manalapan, Child Welfare Chairman, Selma Fein of Kenilworth will give her financial report.

Ethel Ratner of Union will present her fund-raising projects for the spring, including a bus trip to Atlantic City. Jean Blum of Springfield will report on tribute cards. Anne Somstein of Elizabeth, editor of the newsletter will give her views on correspondence. Eisenberg will report on the mid-winter convention. The next hospital party will be at the East Orange Veterans Medical Center on March 20.

For more information about the post or auxiliary call Eisenberg at (973) 379-6919.

History of astronomy presented at Trailside

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineide, presents "The History & Future of Astronomy" at 2 and 3:30 p.m. For ages 6 and up.

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Pasta dinner Saturday at First Presbyterian Church

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Tickets are available at the church office.

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Cory Cooperman
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Springfield's Cooperman captures third Prep wrestle title

Cory Cooperman of Springfield is one of the best lower weight wrestlers in the state. He's also among the best in the country.

Proving his worth on the mat, the Blair Academy grappler became a National Prep Wrestling Tournament champion for the third consecutive year.

Cooperman won this year's 112-pound championship to cap an outstanding 49-0 junior season.

Cooperman sparked Blair to its 20th straight National Prep Wrestling Tournament championship last Sunday at Lehigh University's Stabler Arena in Bethlehem, Pa.

Cooperman was one of six individual champions Blair had at the Warren County school totalled 386-5 points. Blair also had four runners-up.

Cooperman also won titles at the Best of the East at the University of Delaware and the Ironman Tournament at Walsh Jesuit School in Ohio.

He was voted the Outstanding Wrestler at the N.J. Prep State Tournament held at the Piedmont School in Highstown and was also the Outstanding Wrestler winner at the St. Albans Tournament in Washington, D.C.

BOYS' STATE HOOPS: Dayton home tonight, Summit victorious, GL falls to Roselle

Dayton plays home tonight, Summit triumphed and Governor Livingston fell in boys' state playoff action.

Dayton will host their new Providence of Roselle Park tonight in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 quarterfinal. The second-seeded Bulldogs, 16-4, swept both in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play.

A Dayton victory would keep Dayton at home for a semifinal contest Saturday night. The sectional final is Tuesday night at Millburn.

Summit played Mendham last night in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 quarterfinal. The eighth-seeded Hilltoppers downed ninth-seeded Weequahic 54-53 Monday in a first-round game in Summit as Gerardo Tan scored the winning basket at the buzzer. Summit, which improved to 12-10 with the victory, outscored Weequahic 20-8 in the fourth quarter to pull out the win.

Just last week the Hilltoppers lost at Weequahic 64-56 in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play Feb. 22. Summit defeated Weequahic 65-53 at home on Jan. 21.

The four-time defending sectional champion and top-seeded Minutemen swept the Hills Division season series against Summit, winning 78-40 at Mendham on Jan. 4 and 50-32 at Summit on Jan. 3.

Kurt Forsyth passed to Tan so that Tan could take the shot that eliminated Weequahic. Forsyth finished with 17 points and 19 rebounds, while Tan scored 12 points, half of his output coming on two three-pointers.

Lamar Freeman scored 10 points, Ryan Caray seven and Jon Campagna nine. In the regular-season loss, Forsyth scored 19 points and Caray had 10.

Summit also lost in Hills Division play last week at home to Parsippany 66-56. Forsyth scored 15 points, Campagna 10, Tan and Freeman nine each and Caray seven.

Governor Livingston, the 10th seed, lost at seventh-seeded Roselle 49-26 in Roselle also in North 2, Group 2. It was the third time GL fell to Roselle as the Highlanders lost 41-40 in overtime in Roselle on Jan. 7 and then 54-37 in Berkeley Heights Feb. 1 in MVC-Mountain Division play.

Keith Govicia paced GL with a 10-point performance. Doug Caruso and Andrew Whitney scored eight points each, Mark Cantagallo scored six and Rob Findlay had four as GL finished with a winning record of 12-11 and reached the states for the first time in five years.

Summit looked to rebound in states

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — The Hilltoppers want another shot at Mendham. Last night the Summit High School girls' basketball team, seeded third, hosted sixth-seeded Newark Tech in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 quarterfinal. A win would have put the Hilltoppers in tomorrow night's semifinal at second-seeded Chatham.

Summit defeated Chatham 52-39 in Summit back in late December before falling to top-seeded Mendham twice again in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play.

The sectional final, which will feature two-time defending champion Mendham for a third consecutive season, is scheduled to be played Tuesday night at Rahway. Mendham defeated Summit in last year's final en route to a second consecutive appearance in the Tournament of Champions final.

High School Girls' Basketball

Mendham is expected to have an easy time of it tomorrow night in its home semifinal against either fourth-seeded Governor Livingston or fifth-seeded Jefferson.

Summit entered last night's game with a 19-3 record after falling to Elizabeth 50-44 in last Wednesday's second Union County Tournament semifinal.

Summit won the UCT for the first time last year, beating Elizabeth 26-23 in the final. Union won the UCT for the first time this year, beating Elizabeth 40-38 in overtime in last Saturday's final at the Dunn Sports Center.

After three quarters against second-seeded Elizabeth, it appeared that third-seeded Summit was on its way to returning to the UCT title contest.

But the bottom fell out of the Hilltoppers' game, as fourth-quarter runs of six and seven points led Elizabeth to a 19-6 showing in the final frame after Summit began the last eight minutes with a 38-31 advantage.

Stephanie Bruce paced Summit with 18 points and 11 rebounds. The team was 8-of-8 from the foul line as the Hilltoppers missed just two of 16 free-throw attempts. Danielle Proper added 12 points.

The squads traded leads through the first three quarters until Summit scored eight of the final nine points of the third quarter to assume its largest lead. Proper beat the buzzer with a reverse layup off a Bruce steal to give the Hilltoppers their seven-point cushion.

But the Minutemen took control early in the final period. Aided by two steals, a six-point run in the opening minute narrowed the gap to 38-37. After Bruce converted a feed from Liz Sheridan for a layup, Elizabeth tallied seven consecutive points over 2:53 to grab a 44-40 lead.

Shtonae Hunter, a junior, and freshman Gezel Virela did the damage during the runs. The guards scored all 13 points, with Hunter tallying seven.

The biggest damage after the runs may have been self-inflicted. While the Hilltoppers showed confidence and success after shooting 7-of-12 from the floor in the third quarter, the fourth quarter found them out of sync at times. That translated to a 2-for-10 period from the floor.

"It appeared to be the runs affected them," said Summit head coach Dana Farnella. "It happened so quickly, it was like, 'What happened?'"

Hunter kept Elizabeth within striking distance throughout the game with 29 points, six assists and five steals. She shot 7-of-11 from the floor and was successful in her first four three-point attempts during a 19-point first half. Virela added nine points, all coming in the fourth quarter.

While Summit found success at the foul line, most of it came in the first half as the Hilltoppers attacked the lane on offense. Summit was 11-of-12 from the foul line in the first 16 minutes, but the Minutemen defense forced Summit outside in the second half. The Hilltoppers had just four free-throw attempts in the second half, making three.

Farnella said her players needed to look ahead to the state playoffs. Prior to the last week's UCT semifinal loss to Elizabeth, Mendham dealt Summit its previous five losses over last season and this season — four in the regular season and last year's sectional final.

"We've bounced back before," Farnella said. "We have to play aggressive and be confident. Our character needs to come out. We're going to bounce back."

Summit swimming team captures sectional title

Nick Nagel won two events Thursday, but an undermanned Summit High School squad could not keep pace with Lawrence and lost to the Cardinals 114-56 in a NJSIAA Boys' Public B swimming semifinal at Rider University, Lawrenceville.

Summit had reached the state semifinal after it defeated Millburn 88-82 Feb. 22 for the North Jersey, Public B championship in Bayonne.

It was the second sectional title in three years for Summit, which defeated Sparta in 1998 and lost to Westfield last year.

Lawrence won the Central Jersey, Public A section, advancing on power points after it finished in an 85-85 tie with Princeton.

Nagel, a junior, claimed firsts when he easily won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:03.44 and the 200 individual medley in 2:05.59. Nagel finished ahead of second-place teammate Chris Manoni by nine seconds in the breaststroke and nearly 10 seconds in front of the Cardinals' Brian Mutinsky in the IM. Manoni later placed third in the IM in 2:24.84.

Summit swam with just nine swimmers, as five were unable to participate due to injury and illness. That allowed the Cardinals, who had to travel just two miles from the school to Rider, to sweep the 100 freestyle and place 1-2 in three other events. The breaststroke was the lone event in which Summit placed two swimmers in the team scoring.

Brian Beamer placed in two individual events. The freshman finished second in the 500 freestyle in 5:33.41 and third in the 200 freestyle in 2:03.45. Also scoring twice was another freshman, J.R. Parker, who placed second in the 100 backstroke and third in the 100 butterfly. Teammate Spencer Matthews was touched out by Lawrence's John Veltri and Ben Sanford in the 50 freestyle in 24.51 seconds. Veltri was clocked in 24.20.

Against Millburn, the Hilltoppers placed first in four of the final five events to push them to victory.

Alex Lovejoy touched first in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:34.50. Following the freshman's lead, the 200 freestyle relay quartet of Matthews, Manoni, Nagel and Brandon Shea won the event in 1:38.77.

Parker joined the winners when he clocked the 100 backstroke in 1:02.40 and then completed the run when he was clocked in 1:05.98 in winning the 100 breaststroke. Nagel also won the 200 IM in 2:14.27 and joined Parker, Matthews and Shea in winning the 200 medley relay in 1:47.42.

Summit hockey began play in states

The Summit High School ice hockey squad entered the state playoffs after its run for the Van Cott Cup ended Feb. 23 when the Hilltoppers lost to eventual champion St. John Vianney 7-1 at the American Hockey Center in Wall Township.

The Van Cott Cup is competed for by teams from the National B Division of the New Jersey Interscholastic Ice Hockey League.

Mountainside hoop stars



The Mountainside Deerfield School girls' basketball team posted an outstanding 17-5 record this year, the best for any girls' basketball team in Mountainside. Kaitlyn Moore paced the team in scoring with 120 points and Jennifer Hauser led the team in assists. Playing tenacious defense were Marissa Basile and Brielle Luciano. Rebounding leaders included Danielle Pace and Jenna Blasi, while Jenna Spadaccini and Irene Lentis were also key contributors. Sitting, from left, are Sarah Dempsey, Kaitlyn Moore, Lauren Hauser and Jill Richards. Middle row, from left, are Jennifer Hauser, Samantha Pingor, Jessica Gelsinson, Michelle Cirasa, Christine McCurdy and Brielle Luciano. Top row, from left, are coach Chuck Orlando, Danielle Pace, Jenna Blasi, Irene Lentis, Jenna Spadaccini, Marissa Basile and coach Patrice DeCastro.

Dayton ice hockey squad sets school mark for wins

The Dayton High School ice hockey team continued to show a gradual improvement in this its third year of varsity competition.

The Bulldogs were good enough to win seven games this year, a school record and came close to qualifying for the NJSIAA Tournament, finishing with a record of 7-13.

Dayton's season came to an end early last week when it was defeated by Tenafly 7-0 in the quarterfinal round of the American Cup playoffs in a game played at McKay Arena in Englewood.

Tenafly goaltender Eric Hediger was tough to beat as he stopped all 22 of Dayton's shots on goal.

Dayton freshman netminder A.J. Garziano entered the game midway through the second period and shut out Tenafly the rest of the way.

Despite the playoff loss, the Bulldogs completed their most successful season yet in their short history.

Under head coach Dave Gritschke and assistant coach Pete Finke, the Bulldogs set several school records, both on a team and individual level.

Records include:

- Most wins in a season: 7.
- Most consecutive wins: 3.
- First playoff appearance.
- Most goals by a player: Jared Cohen, 28.
- Most points by a player: Jared Cohen, 51.
- Most points by a freshman: Brett Berger, 30.
- Most points by a line: Jared Cohen, Brett Berger, Adam Cohen: 122.

Although the squad will lose seven seniors to graduation, several new players made an instant impact this year and their return bodes well for the future of the team.

The biggest losses are co-captains Jared Cohen and Gerardo Roman. A Kenilworth resident who attends Brearley High School, Roman led all Dayton defenseman with 11 goals and 14 assists for 25 points.

Dayton will also miss the physical play of Brian Berger (1 goal, 7 assists; 8 points), Kevin Tighe (1-5-6) and Todd Walters (6-8-14), along with the versatility of Brian Young, who played both defense and center this year.

Jonathan Kovacs (8-7-15) will leave a void in the offense and Brian Hollander's absence leaves the goalie position wide open next year.

Several freshmen made their mark on the team this year

and their continued growth will serve the Bulldogs well in the future. Brett Berger was third in scoring with nine goals and 21 assists for 30 points. He missed five games with a broken wrist.

When Berger joined the Cohen brothers to form the team's No. 1 line, they averaged over 10 points a game during their time together. Berger came back to participate in Dayton's playoff game against Tenafly, wearing a cast to protect his broken wrist.

Adam Cohen, a sophomore, was second on the team in scoring with 22 goals and 19 assists for 41 points. He will be looked upon to lead the team next year as it will look to improve upon their successful campaign of this year. Cohen has the size, strength and speed to be the most complete player on the team.

Three freshmen defensemen provided significant help this year. Ross Kravetz (3-7-10) plays solid position hockey and saw significant ice time on the power play as well as being a point man. Eric Dexter continued to improve each game and his 5-11, 170-pound frame helps to make Dexter a big, physical force for the Bulldogs, which will be needed in the years to come.

The third freshman defender, Michael Rodriguez, moved up to the varsity early in the year and had an immediate impact. Rodriguez plays a strong, physical game and continues to improve with his skating skills.

John Laurencelle, a defenseman prior to this year, saw a lot of time as a goaltender, especially when Hollander went down with an injury. The junior is a quick, mobile goalie and played well when he was called upon.

Garziano also played very well this year and is sure to see more ice time next year.

Sophomore Billy Chambers (2-3-5) continues to show quick skating skills and plays a very physical game. His size, speed and strength will be much needed next year with the loss of several seniors.

Clay Boeninghaus, a sophomore at Brearley, also played well this year, scoring three goals and assisting on two others for five points. He provides Dayton with size and speed on offense along with Chambers.

Dayton posted wins this year over Newark East Side 10-4, Mahwah 9-6, Passaic Valley 8-1, Newark East Side 10-4 again; Northern Highlands 6-1 and 4-2 and Governor Livingston 9-8.

Dayton winter track athletes turned in solid performances

Dayton High School winter track had one athlete qualify for the Meet of Champions and also became a conference champion in the high jump.

Although both teams were young and inexperienced, the boys' and girls' squads matured as the season progressed, developing a work ethic in workouts and meets.

The boys' finished 1-3 in dual meets, while the girls' were 0-4.

One of the top track athletes among Group 1 schools in North Jersey, Olga Oksov qualified for the Meet of Champions in the high jump event after finishing fifth in the Group 1 meet with an even jump of five feet (5-0).

The talented jumper was also a conference champion in the high jump among, besting the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division field.

Christine Florio, also a junior, was Dayton's top shot putter. Lauren Bellevue, a sophomore, led the sprinters, with Rachel Mandel and Oksov helping in their event.

Middle distance runner Samantha Pellet, a sophomore, Marsha Handeli and Agata Jackiewicz ran the half-mile and the quarter mile.

Adam Gibson in the mile race. The middle-distance runner had sophomore Sean Cardini, Ben Maslow and Raghav Sharma running the half mile and quarter mile.

Freshman Ted Young led the sprinters and quarter milers, with help from Adam Benismon and Robby Moisevic. Junior Michale Lyuhavin helped the underclassmen shot putters. Sophomore Kevin Schulman, freshman Eric Butthman and Ted Zinberg developed necessary experience in the event.

Dayton competed in meets against New Providence, Roselle Catholic and Johnson and participated in county, state and invitational meets as well.

Dayton swimmers splash way to winning 6-5 record

Dayton's swimming team turned in a winning record of 6-5 this year.

Performing in the backstroke event were Bryan Dempberger, Mitch Hollander and Eula Kozma.

Den Denner and Drew DeCagna competed in the breaststroke event, while Gary Goldman was the team's freestyler. Distance-swimmers included Russ Hayward and John Coetzee.

STUDENT UPDATE

GL announces honor roll for second period

The following students have been named to the second marking period honor roll at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights:

- Grade nine: Jaclyn Andrange, Craig Anderson, Robyn Anders, Salvatore Arpino, Anthony Ays, Dorothy Bailey, Daniel Balboni, Melissa Bergenty, Veronica Bianco, Katrina Blas, Charles Bong, Megan Butler, Marcello Cavallaro, Christine Cavella, Hyun Chan, Mario Chen, Nancy Chen, Inye Cho, Chae Shawn Coughlin, Steven DeICono, David Dempsey, Megs DiDario, Dana Drake, Cindy Esky, Jerry Fang, Evan Finn, Loukas Flaminio, Christopher Floyd, Brian Gardner, Frank Giannelli, Emily Givan, Kaitie Grob, Roger Gross, Gregg Kaul, Guido Koppen, Jaclyn Hafner, Nicole Hill, Suzanne Hopkins, Nicole Huff, Lysa Husan, Kenneth Kolariko, Sarah Kolb, Richard Kolarik, Amanda Kotli, Vicky Lay, Alexa Levy, Estrella Lopez, Kristen Mann, Caitlin Masters, Kelly McGrath, Michelle Michedja, Shaun Mudi, Satomi Monobe, Janet Mori, Scott Nelson, Elizabeth Newman, Devon Nham, Jessica Nicholas, Doreen Norris, Jonathan O'Dowd, Jimy Park, Amanda Penabad, Gregory Pefo, Jeremy Pfund, Tiffany Poon, Jennifer Punsal, Amy Reinhold, Colleen Riley, Kimberly Rude, Ashley Rotera, Stephanie Rusch, Matthew Ryan, Scott Sheppard, Allison Smith, Connie Souder, Joseph Sullivan, Nicole Taeschler, Jessica Talba, Jamie Tan, Kaiyan Vainuvahala, Lindsay Vlachsakis, Vicky Vlachsakis, Kaitly Whitson, Thomas Wilpuzeski, Christopher Wright and Sandra Zech.

Grade 10

- Anil Abraham, Geetanjali Banerjee, Karen Bocian, Steven Brown, Chun-Cheng Chang, Thomas Chen, Zhey Chen, Alexandra Chromat, Amanda Clive, Stephanie Cook, Erin Coughlin, Jason Crowl, R. Steven Davis, Marissa Delia, Allison Dencker, Lindsay Donner, Scott Donohue, Kristina Dunne, Oliver Eng, Tina Fernandez, Tara Finley, Cecilia Fiona, Matthew Fox, Jason Gioia, Leslie Gupton, Kristen Hauser, William Hernandez, Robin Hitchcock, Alex Hotz, David Huber, Chelsea Kamash, Dana Kaufman, David Kim, Andrea Knapp, Thomas Lallis, Daniel Lemmer, Elvin Levin, David Lin, Jennifer Manganelli, Maria Masia, Lisa Mata, Dana McCurdy, Erin McMillin, Dana Mirabella, Kern Moore, Montsemar Morel, Michelle Munick, Silvia Nuvon, Shova Neel, Kelly Ng, Dermot Ongelsh, Chris Pagano, Danielle Penabad, Rupert Phull, Stevie Pizzo, Robert Popovitch, Rahul Ram, Miridula Raman, Jonathan Regenye, Jesse Rosenthal, Bryant Schliching, Justin Schliching, Yivsey Shieh, Luis Soares, Sarah Sparrke, Julie Swensen, Amer Tadmori, David Tuder, Nivek Venkatasubram and Deena Vicedness.

Grade 12

- Johan, Dana Kaplan, Jeff Karl, Courtney Levin, Emily Luke, Malcolm Mattes, Susan McDonald, Scott McLuskey, Kathryn Miller, Robert Moorhead, Andrew Oswald, Jennifer Pagano, Jessica Plumb, Emily Pouch, Thomas Rohira, Vanessa Roder, Matt Rosenberg, Jenny Siberer, Kathryn Schmidt, Bonnie Silberstein, Erica Smith, Nollie Tate, George Tewfik, Vijay Varma, Andrew Whitney, Rebecca Williams and Oscar Yan. Sara Aleshod, Edward Barrett, Mary Burbach, Eric Cantagallo, Stephen Cash, Ann Cheng, Sharon Cheong, Howard Chou, Ken Cissaulti, Lindsay Crowl, Jennifer Curcio, Lauren DeAugustine, Gina DeCastro, Suzanne Fennis, Cara Faillace, Michael Fenton, James Finley, Debra Fisher, Jillian Gaglione, Meghan Halldeman, Naulya Hasnas, Kristina Huff, Esther Huang, Julia Kahla, Anjeen Keawani, Daniel Kim, Elizabeth Klebar, Jessica Kucinski, Eric Levy, Cindy Lin, Julia Lopez, Craig MacGregor, Timothy Marcatonico, Joseph Mayer, Heather McDonald, John McMillan, Adrian Meyer, Steven Michella, Indrani Mondal, Tara Montefiore, Patricia Nares, Danielle Neufeld, Andrea Oliver, Sharesh Oshin, Whitney Puffenb, Mark Papier, Emille Perrot, Gina Piscitello, Allison Pizio, Gina Pitano, Andrew Poon, Kevin Riley, Karen Rizzuto, Jessica Schreuders, Cory Seigel, Carolyn Simon, Wai Ming Siu, Christina Souder, Anna Souvorov, Matthew Stenczak, Diana Strans, Morgan Timmerman, Michelle Tubbs, Gina Turchiaroli, Christopher Vassili, Mitchell Watson, Madeleine West, Fred Williams, Jonathan Wu, Justin Zimmerman, Jeremiah Burns, David Camorra, Kasandra Cissaulti, Theresa Ferrara and Melissa Rosenski.

Oratorians inducted

Mountainside residents Teobaldo Fernandez and David Kessler and Springfield residents Stephen Milcic and Christopher Daly were among 51 students inducted into the John Cardinal Newman Chapter of the National Honor Society at Oratory Preparatory School in Summit. These sophomores, juniors and seniors were asked by Headmaster Father F. Kevin Murphy to recite the pledge to uphold the standards of the society. Four seniors were invited by Principal Father Joseph Perrillo to light candles that represented the four characteristics of Honor Society membership and to speak about the importance of each criterion. Jonathan Boker spoke on leadership, Andrew McQuillan on character, Ryan O'Connell of scholarship and Joseph Puto on service.

Kobel earns honors

Also, Kobel, daughter of James and Debby Kobel of Mountainside, has been named to the dean's list at Villanova University's School of Commerce and Finance. Kobel is a member of the class of 2001.

Kupisk recognized as Distinguished Cadet

Cast Michael Kupisk, a junior at New York Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. and the son of Alis Sher of Springfield, has been named a Distinguished Cadet in academics for the third marking period.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE. SHERIFF'S NUMBER 01/755044. DEED BOOK 35812 PAGE 221. COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY. PLAINFIELD THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK. JENNIFER M. BROWN, Plaintiff vs. JENNIFER M. BROWN, Defendant. ABRAHAM NISANI AND ORLANDO NISANI, Defendants. ALSO, DEED BOOK 35812 PAGE 221. DATE OF EXECUTION DATE: DECEMBER 15, 1999. SALE DATE: MARCH 10, 2000. BY virtue of the above-mentioned writ of execution to the sheriff of the above-mentioned county, the following property is being sold public vendue, on the 6th floor of the Union County Courthouse, located at Broad Street, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY at two o'clock in the afternoon of said date. All successful bidders must have 20% of the purchase price in cash or cashier's check at the conclusion of the sale.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Various regulations at General Commercial and Office to Neighborhood Commercial and change certain areas of regularly designated as R-1 to AM-5C. The following ordinances are hereby repealed upon the effective date of the within Ordinance: Ordinance No. 99-11 and Ordinance No. 99-25. SECTION II - SEVERABILITY. Should any provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid, the remainder of any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be severable and shall remain in full force and effect.

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KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, County Clerk, hereby certifies that the foregoing Ordinance, duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, February 22, 2000, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and ratification by a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on March 15, 2000, at which time and place 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. U7744 ECL March 2, 2000 (\$3.00)

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Notice to Creditors. ESTATE OF RALPH WITZKIN, Deceased. Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 25th day of February, A.D. 2000, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said decedent, said decedent is hereby given to the creditors of notice of hereby given to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said decedent within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber. Ellen Joan Witzkin, Executor. Bloom, Bornstein, Attorneys 125 Morris Ave. Springfield, NJ 07081 U7738 ECL March 2, 2000 (\$8.25)

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