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## Dayton misses top school list

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Jonathan Dayton High School, Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland and the Springfield Board of Education all thought Dayton was going to make the list. It didn't.

A disappointed Friedland announced at the Board of Education's regular meeting last week that Dayton was not among the top 75 high schools in the state, as compiled by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine. In June, Friedland informed the board that Dayton had indeed been included, repeating the information at the school's commencement exercises. But by the time the magazine's September edition was about to hit the newsstands, Friedland had received a phone call alerting him that Dayton had dropped to number 76.

"In June when they called me, they told me we were in the top 75," Friedland told the board last week. "But some slip resulted in a miscalculation of our ranking. But our ranking is still pretty good, in the top 25 percent."

According to Nancy Nusser, co-author of the article, part of the miscommunication had to do with the magazine's three-month lead time. Nusser said, however, that she did not, when speaking to the individual school districts, encourage them to publicize the potential rankings in advance. "I mentioned, when I spoke to the districts, 'Can you keep this between us?'" Nusser said. "I asked them not to say anything."

Nusser pointed out that the article focused on schools that have shown significant movement since the publication of the last top 75 list in 1998. The magazine, which runs its list every other year, received its information this year from the *New Jersey State Report Card* — a comprehensive statistical analysis that includes everything from test scores to demographics to college destinations. Prior to this year, statistics were provided by the schools themselves.

Friedland admitted that no statistics for Dayton were submitted to *New Jersey Monthly* in 1998. "We didn't feel we had enough Springfield students then," the superintendent said, in reference to the school's post-merger balancing.

Friedland pointed out that Dayton has gradually increased its level of achievement, working its average SAT scores up from 897 in 1996 to 1,032 last year to 1,051 this year.

"I think these are significant numbers," Friedland said. "They're indicative of the changes that have been made. We're in the top 25 percent. That's a reputable ranking."

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Photo By Jeff Green

School officials at Jonathan Dayton High School fully expected to be named among New Jersey's top 75 schools when *New Jersey Monthly* magazine published the list in its September issue earlier this month. Some apparent ties resulted in Dayton dropping off the list — at 76.

## Wood Valley Road scheduled for improvements

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Borough Council played mostly to the public TV camera Tuesday night. Robert Vigilante and Councilman Ronald Kosak both absent, Council President Glenn Mortimer ran the

meeting, which lasted approximately 15 minutes. Three audience members looked on as the council quickly approved nine resolutions. The resolutions were included on the agenda.

Two of the approved resolutions concerned the resurfacing of Wood

Valley Road. At the recommendation of Borough Engineer Michael DiSto, the first resolution authorizes the use of \$200,000 from a previous \$500,000 bond. The second passed earlier this summer and earmarked for a large-scale infrastructure project throughout the borough.

The second resolution is the *Ordinance and Resolution of Kenilworth* of resurfacing. Of six bids received, the lowest bid was delivered at a total of \$166,770, the lowest bid.

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## School district sharpens course objectives

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Visit the county superintendent, and you're sure to come back with a little extra work.

Springfield's Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland and Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman dropped in to see the county's top school official two weeks ago, carrying with them a copy of the district's attainment report for the 1999-2000 school year. The visit prompted some suggestions for a little fine-tuning, with the district's five principals all presenting their school's sharpened course objectives at the Board of Education's regular meeting last week.

Rosemarie Kroesche, principal of the Edward V. Walton School, home of the township's pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students, announced two objectives, targeted for completion by June. The first objective — for 85 percent of the school's pre-kindergarten students to achieve number recognition, in random order, from zero to 10 — will be worked on in conjunction with sequential, one to 10 counting. Kroesche expects to see a 90-percent mastery level in the latter area.

Walton's second objective centers on object classification for kindergarten students, using the attributes of color, size, shape and texture. A 90-percent success rate is anticipated.

According to the report, both objectives will be taught using "direct teaching and hands-on activities." Assessment will be measured both before and after instruction.

At the James Caldwell School, the emphasis is on writing. Grade two writing will begin its first year of a multi-year objective, while the grade four objective will be directed toward Elementary School Proficiency Assessment skills, with a focus on writing and literary comprehension.

The grade two objective is expected to result in 85 percent of all students achieving a score of not less than three — on a five-point scale — on a series of writing assignments, each of which correspond to New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards. The grade four objective aims for 75-percent success rate for students taking the Language Arts/Literacy section of the 2001 ESPA.

Writing is also the focus at the Thelma E. Sandmeier School. The school's first objective, which began in the third grade last year, has now advanced to the fourth grade, and involves a changeover from narrative to persuasive writing. The emphasis is expected to enable 75 percent of the school's fourth-graders to hit their grade's "proficient" or "advanced proficient" on the upcoming ESPA.

A new objective will be starting in the first grade this year: the continuance of writing simulations established at the kindergarten level. Over this year and next, teachers will, according to the district's report, "be researching and implementing effective writing activities into their grade level programs, such as daily journal writing, Writer's Workshop, and the creation of student books."

Math and public speaking are the focus at the Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School. In regard to math, one of the students who took the Grade Eight Proficiency

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## Charges dismissed in Amoco robbery

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Two young men, accused in the armed robbery of a gas station in Springfield last October, have had the charges against them dismissed by the Union County Prosecutor's Office. Christian Mera of Millburn and Thomas Hahn of Short Hills were arrested last December in connection with a robbery that occurred at the Larkin Amoco on Morris Avenue Oct. 17. Mera and Hahn, along with a juvenile co-defendant from Union Township, were identified by the station's

two storekeepers, who were separately robbed and assaulted with what were reported to be bullets.

Attorneys Burton Wukowicz and Joseph Rotella, representing Mera and Hahn, respectively, presented their clients' alibis to the Prosecutor's Office. According to Wukowicz, Mera was in Whippany visiting his girlfriend at the time; Hahn, Wukowicz said, was attending a family birthday party.

The attorneys also presented contradictory information in regard to

Mera and Hahn's alleged participation in the incident. The attorneys, the attorney claimed, originally informed police they were robbed at gunpoint by five Asian males disguised in ski masks. The storekeepers later claimed that Mera, a native of Ecuador, and Hahn, a Caucasian — both of whom, according to Wukowicz, were familiar faces at the station — were the guilty parties. Mera and Hahn, both about 20 years old and recent graduates of Millburn High School, were identified through yearbook photographs.

Wukowicz claimed that neither Mera nor Hahn knew their juvenile co-defendant. "The witnesses just grouped together some of the kids who go to that station," the attorney said.

Had they been convicted of the first-degree robbery charges and second-degree weapons offenses, Mera and Hahn would have each faced 20 years in jail, with a required 85 percent of the sentence being served prior to parole.

## Homeless woman shot in borough

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

A 34-year-old South Plainfield woman is in stable condition after having been shot in the abdomen at the entrance to the Watchung Stables in Mountainside Sept. 11.

According to State Police, the victim, whose name has not been released, was allegedly shot by Bernard Edison of Piscataway around 9:30 p.m. on the road leading down to the stables from Summit Lane. The victim, who knew her attacker, was transferred to University Hospital, where she underwent four-and-a-half hours of surgery, according to Det. Chris Debbie of the State Police. Debbie described the victim as "stable and recovering."

"I guess you could call her homeless, traveling from place to place," Capt. Bill White of the State Police said of the victim. He identified the victim's relationship with Edison as "casual."

"They'd meet now and then — have coffee, and he'd lend her money," White said. The question of whether Edison's relationship with the victim was of a sexual nature is still under investigation.

White described the motive for the shooting as retaliation for a theft. He said the victim had allegedly stolen some money from Edison.

Debbie said the shooting occurred outside Edison's car, a 2000 BMW. The bullet, which struck the victim's stomach and then exited the body, could not be located. State Police would not confirm whether Edison made a confession, although the suspect reportedly told them he had deposited the gun into the Hudson River.

Debbie said the County Police Emergency Services Unit examined the site where Edison claimed to have

dropped the weapon, but a search of the river floor with a magnet recovered nothing of consequence. An investigation into the whereabouts of the weapon is ongoing.

A search of Edison's Blue Ridge Avenue Piscataway home, however, turned up 28 other weapons, ranging from handguns to rifles, the majority of which are registered to Edison's live-in female companion.

A source at the Watchung Stables told the *Echo Leader* that no employees were in the facility at the time, although Debbie said two female riders, tending their horses in a nearby stable, claimed to hear two shots. "We only have one confirmed gunshot wound," Debbie said. "But we're still investigating the possibility of a second shot."

Debbie said the women heard cries for help, and went looking for their source, but a third witness, a dentist who happened to be pulling his car into the stable's entrance at the time, discovered the victim first. Police were contacted via cell phone by one of the female riders.

According to Debbie, the victim was able to speak enough to provide Edison's first name, along with a generic vehicle description. The information led officers to Plainfield, where they scoured the streets, doing as Debbie called it, "old fashioned, hit-the-street police work," eventually uncovering information about Edison's relationship with the victim, as well as his address. The suspect was later arrested at his home.

Edison, 58, a quality control supervisor for the Ford Motor Company, was also found to have, in Debbie's words, "quite an extensive collection of vehicles," including a 1996, 2000 Mercedes Benz, a Dodge pickup truck, a 2000 Corvette and the BMW.

## Down on the farm

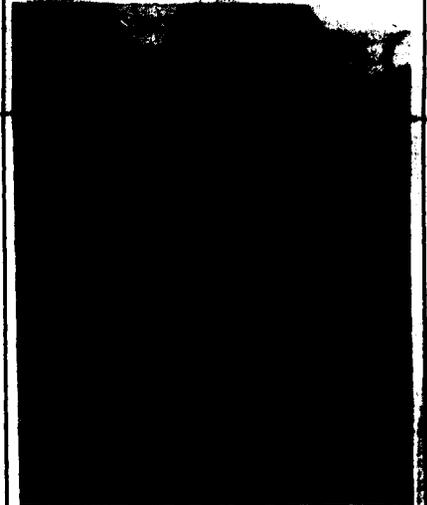


Photo By Barbara Kishner

Three-year-old Chet Lampron of Springfield finds a new friend in Bert the Donkey of Cloverland Farms Sunday at the Springfield Fall Festival. Sponsored by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the annual festival featured a children's petting zoo, rides, games and numerous vendors.

## Area's school buses are not akin to faulty brake manufacturer

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

The bad news: One of the nation's biggest school bus builders is having air brake trouble with 6,000 of its vehicles. The good news: Neither Springfield nor Mountainside use its buses.

According to the Freightliner Corp., the Oregon-based parent company of the school bus maker Thomas Built Buses Inc., vehicles moving at less than 20 miles an hour have the potential to lose their braking ability for up to three seconds.

"We don't have buses with air brakes," Springfield's Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland said. "All our inspections have been done recently. We just had one done within two weeks of the start of school."

Friedland said the state requires inspections before the start of classes, and spot inspections during the course of the year. "They're very conscientious,"

Friedland said of the state inspectors. "If there's any kind of problem, they'll pull the bus right off."

"The state law requires inspection every six months," said Mike Moore, Springfield's Supervisor of Facilities and Support Services. "A state crew comes in — if you don't have them ready to pass, they don't pass."

Moore said the inspection program began two years ago, and the district's buses have been looked at four times over that period. Inspections are done on-site. Only two of the township's buses have failed since the new inspection procedure — each on minor gear-related issues, Moore said. Both problems were corrected.

According to Moore, Springfield's last bus inspection occurred in mid-August. He said the company the district purchases its buses from — the Wolfington Bus Company in southern New Jersey — does have buses with air brakes, which Springfield does not use due to the requirements for drivers. "We hire drivers with commercial drivers' licenses with passenger endorse-

ments," Moore said. "Air brake drivers require air brake endorsements — it makes it tougher to hire drivers that way. We don't do that."

Mountainside has a different arrangement. "We privatize our buses," Board of Education Secretary Florence Shanks said. "We don't own or operate our own bus fleet, or hire our own drivers."

Mountainside's buses are owned and operated by the Vogel Bus Company of Gerwood. Although Shanks said Vogel does not use Thomas Built Buses, Vogel itself declined to comment as to whether any of the buses in its fleet use the brakes. Shanks said, however, that the recent state inspection uncovered no problems.

Thomas' brakes are manufactured by the Bendix Company of Elyria, Ohio. The problem became evident after a bus in San Francisco experienced temporary brake failure. A spokesman for Bendix reported 40 incidents of temporary brake power failure, but no accidents.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**Today**  
• The Mountainside Board of Education meets for a work session at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School cafeteria, 302 Central Ave., to discuss facilities.

• The Springfield Planning Board meets for a special meeting to review a preliminary and final site plan for the construction of a CVS Pharmacy and Commerce Bank on Morris Avenue at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Springfield Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education meets for an executive session at 7 p.m. followed by regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Columbia Middle School.

**Saturday**  
• Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, hosts Philadelphia singer and songwriter Susan Piper as part of its ongoing concert series at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Community Foodbank of New Jersey, Habitat for Humanity and the Interfaith Council for the Homeless. Complimentary coffee and dessert will be served. For information call Rev. Jeff Markay at (973) 376-1695.

• The Springfield Chiropractic Center, 493 Morris Ave., sponsors Kids Day America from noon to 3 p.m., a national event which will run in thousands of locations throughout the country. The sixth annual event is geared toward protecting the safety and health of children. For further information, call Gary Weisman at (973) 564-7676.

**Sunday**  
• A free concert for the public begins at 2 p.m. at the Donald Palmer Museum inside the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Mary Feinsinger's Klezmer All Stars will present an afternoon of Jewish folk music. Tickets are required, due to an attendance limit of 120, and can be obtained at the circulation desk.

**Monday**  
• The Springfield Township Committee meets for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

• The Springfield Board of Education meets for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Board of Education meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave. This meeting date was changed from Tuesday.

**Tuesday**  
• The Springfield Township Committee meets for an execu-

tive session at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the committee room at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

**Wednesday**  
• The Mountainside Republican Club meets for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler will be the guest of honor. Upcoming events  
Sept. 28

• The Springfield Chamber of Commerce will meet for a regular monthly at 8 a.m. in the Autoland, 170 Route 22 East.

• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet for the first public meeting of the Mountainside Master Plan at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

**Oct. 1**  
• A free concert will be hosted for the public at 2 p.m. at the Donald Palmer Museum inside the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

The Silver Dollar Singers will present an afternoon of Italian music. Tickets are required, due to an attendance limit of 120, and can be obtained at the circulation desk.

**Oct. 2**  
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet for a conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.

**Oct. 3**  
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its luncheon video series at noon with the documentary film "New York: The Country and the City, 1609-1825."

Participants should bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For more information, call (973) 376-4930.

• The Union County Chamber of Commerce hosts its fourth annual business-to-business expo from 2 to 6 p.m. at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountainside. Hours d'ouevvers and a cash bar will be available from 5 to 6 p.m.

**Oct. 4**  
• The Springfield Planning Board will meet for a regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

**Oct. 5**  
• The Foothill Club of Mountainside meets for its regular monthly meeting at noon at B.G. Fields on Springfield Ave. in Westfield for a luncheon. The Mental Health Players will present a skit. Guests are welcome. For a reservation call Genevieve Kaczka at (908) 232-3626.

**Oct. 10**  
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive session at 7 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave.

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

**Oct. 11**  
• The Springfield Board of Health will meet for a regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

**Oct. 12**  
• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet for a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

**Oct. 16**  
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.

• The Springfield Environmental Commission will meet for a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

**Oct. 17**  
• The Board of Adjustment will meet for a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

**Oct. 29**  
• B'nai B'rith of Springfield will host a bus trip to Showboat Casino in Atlantic City. The cost is \$22 per person and includes breakfast at the Bagel Chateau, 222 Mountain Ave., Springfield, at 8:30 a.m.

The bus will leave from Echo Plaza Mall on Route 22 at 10:30 a.m. Participants will receive \$20 in coins from the casino. Interested persons must register by Oct. 6 by calling Jerry Kamen at (908) 687-9120 or 277-1953. Checks should be mailed to Kamen at 2824 Morris Ave., Union, N.J., 07083.

**Ongoing**  
• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, 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 within the last year.

• The fall and winter season at the Springfield Teen Center runs on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. for Springfield residents or students ages 12 to 17.

I.D.s are required for admittance. Stop by the Teen Center on the second floor of the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave., to obtain a membership form.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



**Heather G. Suarez**  
Springfield resident is honored for her work

Heather G. Suarez, a Springfield resident, was recently honored by the New Jersey Chapter of Industrial and Commercial Real Estate Women for her role during the 1999/2000 year as Chairwoman of its Legislative Issues Committee.

For the 2000-2001 year, Suarez has been named treasurer of the group. Suarez also just completed her first two-year term as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts. She was

a panelist at a symposium presented by the Committee at Seton Hall Law School. Suarez has been selected by the New Jersey Supreme Court for a second term. Suarez, a member of Wilkes, Sandak & Brogan, has been affiliated with the firm for over 20 years, and concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate, corporate and



**Howard Becker**

commercial, banking, and matrimonial law. In addition, Suarez has been active in local youth sports activities including the Springfield Minutemen Football organization, and the Springfield Mountaintop Basketball and Baseball organizations. Suarez resides in Springfield with her husband Michael, a fellow attorney, and their two sons, Kenneth and Stephen.

**Becker named branch manager in Springfield**  
Commerce Bank recently named former Springfield resident Howard A. Becker as assistant vice president and branch manager of the bank's

new Springfield office located at Morris and Balmorus avenues. In his new position, Becker will be responsible for new business development and management of branch personnel and operations. Becker has 17 years experience in the banking field. Before joining Commerce, he was vice president market manager for Summit Bank's Somerset Hills market region. His market was named the top performing central region market area several times.

Raised in Springfield Township, Becker earned a bachelor of science degree in political science from Montclair State University.

## Mountainside resident wins award for her work

Barbara G. McLaughlin of Mountainside, a systems director at Prudential Individual Financial Services, Inc., has received a Prudential Community Champions Shining Star Award of \$1,000 for Contact Star Care, Inc., Passaic.

Contact Star Care provides a 24-hour telephone helpline and crisis intervention service. In 1999, McLaughlin listened non-judgmentally to helpline callers, assisted them with decision making and referred them to appropriate services for professional counseling and follow-up.

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# Local temples, synagogues will usher in High Holy Days next weekend

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

For Jewish people all over the world, the High Holy Days are a time of joy, yet a time of solemnity, as they have always been. This year, at sundown, Sept. 29, the ram's horn will sound once again, heralding in the New Year, or Rosh Hashanah, and the holidays will begin. On the Jewish calendar, this is the year 5761. It will be festive and family oriented, and will run for 10 days through Yom Kippur, which starts on Oct. 8 and culminates on Oct. 9.

This special time each year is set aside for Jewish people to draw closer to God, to celebrate with family and friends and then to look within themselves in repentance, as Yom Kippur, called the Day of Atonement, approaches. Many Jews observe this day with fasting and self-denial, customs dating back thousands of years. The period of time between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is called the "Ten Days of Awe" and on the tenth day, when fasting begins, the haunting and beautiful prayer, Kol Nidre, is chanted by congregations. This prayer is also called the prayer for the departed and is sung at funerals as well.

At this time, a memorial service called Yizkor is also conducted to

honor the dead. Then with another blast of the ram's horn, the 24 hours of fasting and praying for forgiveness is over and a feast will begin.

**Summit**  
The Summit Jewish Community Center, a Conservative Synagogue, begins its Rosh Hashanah services at 8:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at the center, 67 Kent Place Blvd. However, the Saturday services, one at 9 a.m., will take place at the high school, and the other will occur at 7:30 p.m. back at the synagogue. The Sunday service will be at 9 a.m. at Summit High School.

The Summit Board of Education has asked families to carpool if possible due to the ongoing school construction. Because parking will be limited, worshippers should park on Kent Place Blvd., or in the synagogue's lot.

The Summit Jewish Community Center also offers High Holiday programs for children, grades K-1 and 2-3 from 10 a.m. to noon each of the days of Rosh Hashanah and also Yom Kippur. Junior Congregation will also meet each day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur from 10 a.m. to noon, geared for students in grades 4-7. To register your child, call the synagogue office for information, and also to let them know if you are available to help with these programs.

Yom Kippur, the most solemn hol-

day on the Jewish calendar, will be observed beginning at 6:07 p.m. sundown, Oct. 8, with candle lighting, followed by singing of the Kol Nidre at 6:15 p.m. Services will be conducted at 9 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., Oct. 9, at the high school. The Rabbi's Class will be: Mincha, 4:30 p.m.; Neilah at 6 p.m. and Maariv at 7 p.m.

Guest tickets for the High Holidays are required for all older children who are not full-time students, as well as for relatives and friends. For information, call Eliot at 273-4963 after 8 p.m.

The Summit Jewish Community Center's Sisterhood will have a babysitting room for preschoolers, age 2 through 4, during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at Summit High School, and reservations are required. Call Linda Caban at 598-0456 or Betty Krieger at 464-2746 to save a space.

At Temple Sinai, a Reform temple at 208 Summit Ave., Rosh Hashanah will be celebrated in two services on Sept. 29, with the early evening service at 6 p.m. and the late evening service at 8:15 p.m. On Sept. 30, there will be two Rosh Hashanah early morning services: Youth, third through sixth grade at 9 a.m., and the adult service also at 9 a.m. A late morning service, the same day, will be

conducted at 11:45 a.m. for both youth and adults, separately. Another children's service will be held at 2:30 p.m. for toddlers through second grade with parents.

Yom Kippur begins for Temple Sinai with an early evening service at 6 p.m. on Oct. 8, and also an 8:15 p.m. service. The day of Yom Kippur, Oct. 9, there will be both a youth and an adult service at 9 a.m.; there will also be an adult and youth service later that morning at 11:45 a.m. In the afternoon, there will be a children's service at 2:30 p.m. for toddlers through second grade, with parents.

To close its observance of Yom Kippur, the temple will have a 3:30 p.m. service and Yizkor, with the closing service and Havdalah at 6 p.m. for all.

Tickets are required for the High Holy Days services. For information, call the temple at 273-4921.

**Springfield**

Temple Beth Ahm at 60 Temple Drive in Springfield, a Conservative temple will hold Rosh Hashanah services at 8 p.m., Sept. 29, for the first night. Following the service, there will be an Oneg Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah dessert reception, hosted by Rabbis Mark and Genya Mallach. Tickets are required in advance.

An 8:30 a.m. Shabbat service will

be conducted on Sept. 30, and a parallel service will be held at 10 a.m. in the ballroom, with youth services at 10:30 a.m. There will be 7 p.m. Mincha service and a 7:30 p.m. Ma'ariv service, with candle lighting at 7:30 p.m.

Day two of Rosh Hashanah will begin with a Shabbat 8:30 a.m. service Oct. 1, followed by a parallel service in the ballroom at 10 a.m. Sounding of the Shofar, or ram's horn, will be at 10:25 a.m., followed by youth services at 10:30 a.m.

At 6 p.m. Oct. 1, the ritual of casting sins upon the water will be held at Messel Field.

Yom Kippur begins with candle-lighting at 6 p.m. on Oct. 8. The Torah processionals begin at 6:11 p.m. followed by the Kol Nidrei at 6:21 p.m.

Yom Kippur day begins with 8:30 a.m. services Oct. 9, with parallel services at 10 a.m., and youth services at 10:30 a.m. Yizkor is at 12:47 p.m., with Mincha at 3:30 p.m., and Neilah at 5:10 p.m. This ends with children's professional at 6:20 p.m., followed by a Men's Club sponsored breaking of the fast at 6:30 p.m.

At 5 p.m. Oct. 9, there is a concluding service of Yom Kippur called Neilah, or the closing of the gates. As part of closing prayers for Yom Kippur, the Havdalah service will be intro-

duced by a children's professional, when the children of the synagogue will enter the sanctuary carrying glow sticks.

Tickets will be required for all services. For information, call the temple office at 973-376-0539.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, in the Reform tradition, will offer Rosh Hashanah services beginning at 8 p.m. Sept. 29. The celebration will continue with services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Sept. 30. There will be a 2:45 p.m. service the same day at the pond at Messel Field for the Tashlich, or casting off of sins into the water.

On Oct. 8, Yom Kippur Kol Nidre for seventh graders and above will be conducted at 7:30 a.m. On Oct. 9, Yom Kippur morning at 9:15 a.m. the first service will include kindergarten children and above, and the second service, at 11:45 a.m. will include seventh graders and above.

On Yom Kippur day, at 2 p.m., there will be seminars, with a special children's service at 2:15 p.m., with special music by the rabbi and cantor. The adult Yom Kippur service will be held at 3:15 p.m., with another Yizkor and concluding service at 5:30 p.m.

Call the temple office for tickets at (973) 379-5387.

# Cannon Ball House needs shoring

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

The Cannon Ball House is in something of a holding pattern these days. It needs shoring up, and while some money is lying in wait, more is needed. An extensive conditions assessment

According to Margaret Bandrowski, president of the Springfield Historical Society, a figure of \$200,000 represents "a rough estimate of what we need to do. The money's not only going to be used to accomplish something, but to help us examine what we need for future work." Right now, the society has \$40,000 from a Union County Development Block Grant, with another \$4,000 coming late last year from David Schardien of "The 1772 Foundation."

In 1994, the Newark-based architectural firm of David V. Abramson and Associates undertook an examination of the house, followed by an extensive conditions assessment. Abramson determined that the building's wood-framed post-and-beam construction and floors are severely in need of repair. Quotes from Abramson on the condition of the house were submitted to the Springfield Township Committee last Oct. 12, as part of the Block Grant request.

Bandrowski said that some cellar work must be done first, in order to "shore up" the first floor. Shoring up the second floor, which the house also badly needs, must wait until the downstairs work is done — although Bandrowski said that Abramson will be undertaking some "invasive" work on the second floor, to see what needs to be done. A

plaster ceiling in an upstairs bedroom, slowly damaged over time by seeping water, is also peeling badly, and in need of quick attention.

The building's plaster, which has held up well in most instances, consists of local mud, ground oyster shells and deer or cow hair. The cellar beams have retained their 1740 tree bark, and the wide plank floors are still held together by their original handmade nails — a challenge for any restoration architect.

Dating from around 1740, the house has survived two calamities. On June 23, 1780, it escaped torching by British soldiers. That same year, the missile that ultimately gave the structure its nickname was fired, lodging in its west wall. The cannonball was discovered and dislodged in 1924, when the house was raised for the construction of the cellar. It now rests in a glass case in one of the sitting rooms.

Known originally — and officially — as the Hutchings Homestead, the house passed into the hands of various families, finally landing its current resident, the Springfield Historical Society, in 1935.

The house is open to the public for events several times a year, a fact that makes the restoration issue a critical one. Last year, for the 100th anniversary of the death of George Washington, the Historical Society hosted a Sunday open house, in which one of the society's most precious items was on display — a letter written by then-General Washington, penned in Springfield itself and addressed to Gov. De Witt Clinton of New York.



Photo by Jeff Grant

Built in 1740, the wood-framed post-and-beam construction and floors of Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House are severely in need of work. The house sits in wait for repairs, which have been estimated at around \$200,000.

## EVENTS

### Gala set for tonight

Prizer Inc., of Morris Plains is the honorary sponsor for the 13th annual Umbrella Gala to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital. The gala will be hosted tonight aboard the luxury ship Horizon as it cruises up the Hudson River from Lincoln Harbor in Weehawken.

Sponsored by the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, which raises funds for the state's first pediatric rehabilitation hospital, the Umbrella Gala is the single largest fund-raising event held in support of the hospital.

Prizer Inc., is one of the world's premier research-based pharmaceutical companies. Its Morris Plains facility houses the company's Consumer Products and Global Research and Development Divisions.

The Gala begins with an on-shore cocktail reception at 6 p.m. While the Horizon cruises the Hudson, guests will dine in the ship's elegant dining

rooms and dance under the stars on the ship's fourth deck. Roving entertainers will perform for guests throughout the ship.

Children's Specialized, New Jersey's first comprehensive rehabilitation hospital dedicated exclusively to children, provides innovative professional care for children and adolescents from birth through 21 years of age. Founded in 1891, the hospital

provides outpatient services, acute rehabilitation and long term care through its network of facilities in Mountaineer, Fanwood, Toms River, Newark and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

Further information about gala tickets may be obtained by contacting the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation office at (908) 301-5401.

### Mountainside PTA seeks crafters for annual fair

The Parent Teacher Association of Mountainside will host its second annual craft fair Nov. 28 at the Deerfield School on Central Avenue in Mountainside.

Crafters are encouraged to book their space now for this popular show. The show will be from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. and will feature a variety of crafts from far and wide.

Anyone interested in selling their handmade crafts at this show can reserve a 10-foot space for \$35. Space will be assigned on a first-come basis.

### Commission hosts Clean Communities Weekend

The Springfield Environmental Commission is inviting volunteers to

sign up for its eighth annual "Clean Communities Weekend." The event will be Oct. 14 and 15, rain or shine. Participants will receive free refreshments and T-shirts.

Groups and families interested in signing up for this year's event should call the Springfield Office of Recycling at (973) 912-2222 and leave their name and phone number.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### If it works, then work it

Last week, the *Echo Leader* published two stories on the front page about the Springfield Police Department not having at least one defibrillator available for officers on patrol.

The Springfield Fire Department, the township's first responder in medical emergencies, has two defibrillators at its disposal; the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad also has a pair. We applaud the outstanding service these paid and unpaid professionals have provided to township residents.

The problem, as we see it, is that the Police Department still has nothing to work with in the event of a cardiac emergency. This needs to change.

It is — in part — a Police Department administrative issue. Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld noted that fact in a letter he sent to this newspaper in response to our story. He plainly urged readers to "let the chief of police know your opinion on this matter." He also noted that Police Chief William Chisholm needs to cooperate with the governing body to achieve the defibrillator goal.

We suggest that this issue should be a shared responsibility between the Township Committee and the Police Department.

Hirschfeld and Mayor Clara Harelik have both acknowledged the need for the Township Committee to look into this matter. Harelik announced last week that the committee will examine the issue "from every angle, in terms of cost and what's best for the town." Hirschfeld pointed out that "lives and public safety is our main concern, not budget or cost issues." We sincerely hope that is the case.

It seems that the real bugaboo for the township is the overtime that has to be paid to officers for the time they spend — which isn't considerable — on their training. Harelik has admitted as much, saying "in my historical perspective, the overtime budget is more of the problem." She suggested dividing the training to curtail the "prohibitive cost." We say: If it works, then work it.

The fact remains that an estimated 250,000 people die needlessly from cardiac arrest each year. American Red Cross statistics show that a victim's chance of survival decreases every minute he or she goes without defibrillation following cardiac arrest.

Nationwide, defibrillator usage is already catching on among the general public. Even some of the local banks in town already have them. Shouldn't the Police Department?

### Weigh each option carefully

Currently, the Mountainside Board of Education is dealing with the biggest decision the district has had to face in decades: whether to expand Deerfield School or reopen Beechwood School.

After several months of studying the two options, a long-range planning committee, formed at the request of the board earlier this year, has voiced its recommendations. The board now has the power to either accept or reject those recommendations. We suggest that it weigh each option carefully, accepting the one that best accommodates the district's projected facility needs.

Expanding at Deerfield would mean the addition of at least two computer labs, two music rooms, a primary school library and three new classrooms — at a cost of \$4.5 million. Reopening Beechwood after nearly two decades would mean extensive work to bring the old school to current state standards, yet would provide 13 additional classrooms — at a cost of approximately \$3.5 million.

It is clear that the board needs to make a decision on this expansion issue as swiftly as possible. Since referenda can only be submitted for special election four times a year, a missed March deadline would require another six months of waiting — or no solution until at least the beginning of the 2001-02 school year.

In the interim, it is vital that the board schedule as many open public forums as possible so Mountainside taxpayers fully understand the implications of such a referendum. If board members expect such a referendum to pass, they need to be able to show residents that the cash is absolutely necessary.

We encourage the public to attend the board's upcoming special workshop meetings. In the end, this decision must be handled wisely by the voters so that the educational climate at Deerfield gets some much-needed relief.

*"What is more important in a library than anything else — than everything else — is the fact that it exists."*

—Archibald MacLeish

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**MAKING BELIEVE** — Five-year-old Brianna Salort, a kindergartener at Edward V. Walton School, checks out the cotton candy-shaped balloon that Dr. Kracko the clown made for her Sunday afternoon at the Springfield Fall Festival and Car Show. Hundreds of residents attended the all-day affair at Jonathan Dayton High School, which featured rides, games, vendors and music.

## The defibrillator story didn't have a villain

One of the most delightful aspects of being a reporter is being publicly criticized.

During last week's regular meeting of the Springfield Township Committee, Committeeman Gregory Clarke referred, in a light that wasn't too flattering, to a story I wrote about defibrillators in the Aug. 31 edition of this newspaper. The story, in a nutshell, had to do with the fact that the township's Police Department doesn't carry the life-saving device in its cars.

Mr. Clarke felt the story implied that the township's first responder in medical emergencies — its fire department, which happens to be equipped with two defibrillators — isn't doing its job well enough.

Baloney. Mr. Clarke came prepared. He cited the Fire Department's efficiency in medical matters by pointing to its August statistics: 131 calls received, 64 medical service responses.

I appreciate Mr. Clarke's arithmetic, but the fact is, doing the fire blotter as I do for the *Echo Leader*, I have a good sense about how many times those guys hit the road for medical service calls. I don't go into particu-

### Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

lars when I actually write the blotter, but I do mention every medical response. I think they're important. As first responder, their medical activities are significant, and they all get listed.

The thing that's really behind Mr. Clarke's criticism is this: the fact that I mentioned, in the same story, the Mountainside Police Department, and the two successful conversions with the defibrillators they own.

I didn't mention Mountainside in order to stick it to Springfield. I did it to illustrate the premise of the article, which was: since the police department usually gets to an emergency scene first, why not supply them with some defibrillators? This premise, I'd like to add, wasn't determined by me; it was determined by Peter Shewitz,

township EMT who sent us a letter on the subject.

Mr. Shewitz escaped mention. Lucky him.

Another thing, Mr. Clarke, who has a long history in this township, was on the Township Committee at the time the Fire Department was tapped as first responder. And Committeeman Sy Mullman, who also spoke on the defibrillator subject at the meeting, admitted that he was. Clearly, both men were defending a decision they themselves had a hand in. And it was an excellent decision.

But can the logic of having the Police Department — the fact that usually gets there first — be equipped with at least one defibrillator be considered an unreasonable idea?

Is that such a slap in the face to the firefighters, or to First Aid Squad, or to Clarke, Mullman and whoever else may have had a role in tapping the Fire Department for the responsibility?

No one, absolutely no one, called the Fire Department's three-minute response time lousy. No one, myself

included, suggested that the township's first responder status should be transferred to the Police Department.

For my follow-up story this past week, Jeanne Kerwin, director of the EMS Division for the Atlantic Health System, stated the logic of it all very simply:

"A three-minute response time is very, very good, but how do you calculate a three-minute response? Is it actually the time it takes to get from the cardiac arrest to the time the defibrillator is put on? I doubt it. That's hard enough to do in hospitals."

No one knows if the Springfield Police Department could get to the scene of a cardiac arrest in less than three minutes. But they're an emergency service, and an emergency service should have a life-saving device on hand.

There's no villain in this story. Not the Township Committee, not Shewitz, not Kerwin, not me. If Mr. Clarke's criticism offers a villain, his name is Logic.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### I firmly support Gore and Corzine

To the Editor:

Over the past few weeks, residents in Springfield have been sent mailings from Bob Franks' office which are campaign mailings. Have you noticed they try to portray Franks as red, white and blue along with mom-and-apple-pie posters?

Well look beyond the smoke and mirrors for the real story about who Franks really represents and what the Bush Republican party is all about. First of all, these mailings are paid for out of our tax dollars. He doesn't tell you that.

Next, Franks tells us about all the legislation he has been responsible for. Look closely at how many bills has Franks actually sponsored. Not too many. He votes for a lot of things that the Clinton administration and other Congressmen have sponsored. Suddenly, he likes a balanced budget. But remember the past.

As Bob Franks well knows, he was around and voted with the same Republican Congress which created the worst deficit in American history and set us all back financially. He also talks about tolerance and support for learning and education. Yet he is very supportive of the right wing, religious right Republican agenda of Tom DeLay and Dick Army.

Another major disturbing point is that Franks tries to make you believe he supports the mental health and educational needs of children. Yet he is a firm

supporter of Bush, who is clearly very conservative and wants to take away the important controls and support services government provides.

Bush signed a law in Texas as governor which takes away government authority to regulate and oversee foster homes and halfway homes run by religious organizations. As a result, religious zealots have abused and beat children as part of their program of "rehabilitation." Do you really want a senator who will bring more of this legislation into the federal arena?

A major accomplishment which Franks talks about is bringing a light rail to our area. Now that's something we really need, a railway right behind our homes, affecting property values and creating hazards by reopening old railroad tracks. Let Franks know you don't want a light rail in Union County.

The more I see and hear about the moderate and new Republican views and accomplishments, the more I see the same old right-wing conservative views really dominating that party. The question to ask is if you really are better off today financially and personally after eight years of positive economic recovery.

The question to ask is if you want a president and senator who represent compassion, the needs of your children and who really represent mainstream America. I for one will firmly support Al Gore and Jon Corzine in November. How about you?

Roy Hirschfeld

Springfield Township Committee

## Newspaper's guidelines for General Election coverage

In fairness to all Springfield Township Committee and Mountainside Borough Council candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of the General Election.

Under the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on basic positions taken by each, and it will write news stories on the issues raised during the campaign.

We also will list important political events such as candidates nights and fund-raisers in news stories. We will aim to stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns through independent research and initiative stories.

If appropriate, editorial endorsements will be made.

News releases and campaign position statements from candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion and they will not necessarily be printed as such but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.

Story use, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the editor. We will strive to avoid the initial raising of controversial or sensational issues in the final edition before election.

We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the candidates want to say.

Our guidelines reflect the reader service objectives of this newspaper in Board of Education elections. However, we will review our guidelines from time to time and revise them if necessary to benefit our readers.

Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the Nov. 7 General Election: Letters to the editor: Political letters, and those of endorsement, will be accepted up to and including the issue of Oct. 26 for candidates. Letters may be printed or appear as excerpts at the editor's discretion.

Endorsement letters containing more than 250 words will be edited for length, regardless of how many candidates they endorse. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication.

Candidates' Careers: Candidates running for Township Committee and Borough Council will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on these pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear Oct. 26.

Our endorsements: Endorsement editorials will appear Nov. 2. Staff-writers round-up stories: A final look at the candidates, their platforms and goals, etc., will appear Nov. 2.

Election results: Election results will be announced on this newspaper's Infocourse hotline. Look for the telephone number and extension in the Nov. 2 edition and listen to the results as they come in on Nov. 7. Follow up with complete election result coverage in the Nov. 9 edition.

Concerned about an issue facing the governing body or Board of Education in your town? Is your street in disrepair? Our readers can use our Infocourse hot line to speak out about any issue whether it is a question, comment, suggestion or opinion. That way, by telling us, you can tell everyone in town.

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**HEALTH**

**Springfield Board of Health will meet Oct. 11**

The Springfield Board of Health has set its meeting schedule for the year in the Annex Building located adjacent to the Springfield Municipal Building.

Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesday, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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

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

**First Aid Squad issues a few emergency tips**

Prepare now for emergencies. The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad reminds residents that they are an important link in providing emergency medical services to the township.

Just the few simple following steps can make all the difference in the world:

- Remember to post emergency numbers on each phone.
- Learn first aid and CPR.
- Support your emergency First Aid Squad.

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad has kicked off its 2000 fund drive. Mailers have been sent to every home and business address in Springfield.

Fund Drive Chairman Ray Netschert reminds the public that the squad is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing emergency first aid services to the people living in town, their families and those working in or passing through the township.

The squad responds to more than 1,000 emergency calls each year and to date there has never been a charge for its responses. The costs of operating this service for the community are significant and each and every household and business must lend its financial support to ensure that the squad can maintain and upgrade its equipment to the highest standards, according to the squad.

Netschert has asked the public to look for the mailing and respond with fully tax-deductible donations.

**Saturday is Health Day**

The Springfield Board of Health will conduct a Health Day Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Springfield Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

The health program will offer an extensive blood screening, consisting of a SMAC 26, CBC and HDL. Medical Laboratory of West Orange will conduct the blood testing. The SMAC 26 is an elaborate blood analysis, monitoring several bodily functions. The CBC test includes 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 SMAC 26 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 in advance, 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, through today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of the SMAC-26 test is \$16. Additional tests can be performed at the following specified cost: T4 — thyroxin test — \$5, TSH — thyroid stimulating hormone — \$10, PSA — prostate test — \$30, Blood Group/Rh Factor \$10, Iron \$5, Sed Rate \$10, Hepatitis C \$25, Hepatitis B \$25, Urine analysis \$5. All fees must be paid upon registration.

**We're asking**

**Have you ever held two or more jobs at once?**



Phil Kurnos

"No, I don't think I really did."



Valerie Genise

"I don't think I have."



Paul Katkovskly

"I have. Part-time."



Saul Luber

"I'm 86 years old. In the society I worked in at that time, you had one job."

**Repairing God's house**



Photo By Jeff Grant

Contractors work to put a new roof on the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield last week. The original beams of the church date back to the 17th century. After holding the roof together for the last 255 years, the main beam was sagging and called for repair.

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**Temple reaches out to interfaith families**

Temple Sha'arey Shalom Outreach Committee Chairman Mark Hurwitz invites unaffiliated interfaith couples to "Come Home for the High Holidays."

"Our Outreach Committee is a resource and support for interfaith families within our congregation and the High Holidays can be a stressful time for an interfaith couple looking to maintain contact with a partner's Jewish roots, identity and spirituality," Hurwitz said. "At Sha'arey Shalom we're here for you."

"My wife, Pat and I are an interfaith couple. Pat is a practicing Roman Catholic. As a family, we celebrate all the Jewish holidays at home and at Sha'arey Shalom during major holidays. Our only child, Sarah, has excelled at Sha'arey Shalom's Religious School. She participates in the Junior Choir Program at Sha'arey Shalom, too."

"It is the feeling of extended family, which already radiates throughout Sha'arey Shalom, that draws new interfaith couples to us," said Hurwitz. "As part of the post-1983 pioneering generation of recognized interfaith couples, we face common challenges, which has given us a great starting point to build a strong fellowship within our temple."

Interested interfaith couples in the community can call Mark regarding the High Holidays and upcoming Outreach activities by calling him at home, (973) 379-9408, or call Temple Sha'arey Shalom at (973) 379-5387.

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# The foursome arrives

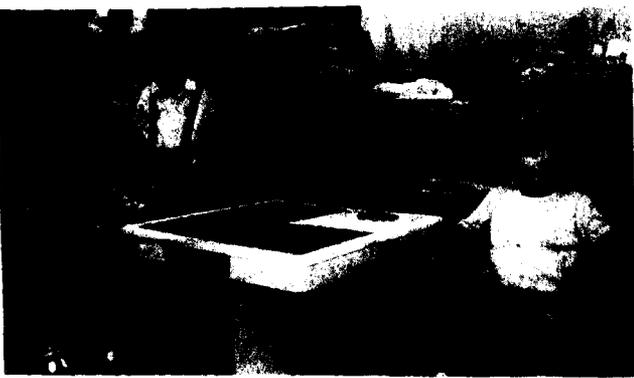


Photo By Jeff Grant

Arriving last week for their first year at St. James the Apostle School's Kirtley Academy are Springfield quadruplets, from left, Meghan, Connor, John and Caitlyn Malley. The 3-year-olds will attend the school's pre-kindergarten program three days a week, developing the necessary skills and foundation to successfully enter kindergarten.

# School bus accident, shooting summon area fire departments

### Springfield

A school bus, occupied only by the driver, struck a passenger vehicle at Meisel Avenue and Milltown Road Sept. 15.

The passenger vehicle, a Pontiac Grand Am belonging to the New Jersey American Water Company, was struck in its driver's side door by the bus. Firefighters removed the door from the Pontiac in order to remove the driver, then performed medical services until the arrival of the Volunteer First Aid Squad. The crash occurred at 1:21 p.m.

Township firefighters responded to a Henshaw Avenue residence for a lock-out Sept. 16.

A gas leak sent the department to a Cypress Terrace residence at 7:39 a.m. Sept. 15. One report of a vehicle leaking gasoline and five medical service calls were also handled.

### FIRE BLOTTER

- Three medical service calls were answered Sept. 14.
- A car fire sent the department out to Route 78 East at 1:51 a.m. Sept. 13. There was one medical service call.
- One motor vehicle accident and one lock-in were handled Sept. 12.
- One medical service call was placed Sept. 11.
- A pair of activated alarms sent the department out at 50-minute intervals Sept. 9.

### Mountainside

On a request from the Mountainside Police Department, firefighters set up a landing zone for a Norbitur helicopter at the loop area in Wauchung Reservation at 9:30 p.m. Sept. 11. The landing was aborted because of a fog condition. The helicopter had

been summoned for a shooting on Summit Lane, at the entrance to the Wauchung Stables. The department also supplied lighting for the crime scene, on a request from County Police.

A defective carbon monoxide detector sent the department to a Bridal Path residence Sept. 13. The defective detector was removed.

Unattended cooking touched off a fire alarm at a Coles Avenue residence Sept. 10. One call for an activated smoke detector was also answered.

A Jeep fire at a Prospect Street residence resulted in damage to the vehicle's engine compartment and dashboard Sept. 9. The fire was extinguished without incident. Another case of unattended cooking resulted in an activated alarm at 10:50 a.m.

# Borough's police arrest nine

### POLICE BLOTTER

### Mountainside

• On Sept. 10, a man identified as Alexander Fuentes, 26, of Plainfield was arrested on Route 22 West and charged with driving while intoxicated. Fuentes was also an unlicensed driver. Another man, identified as Joseph Mack, 42, of Newark, was arrested by Union police on a warrant out of Mountainside. He was held on \$662 bail.

• An Elizabeth resident identified as Benjamin Justiniano Jr. was arrested for being an unlicensed and suspended driver Sept. 9. In a separate incident, a suspect identified as Charlie Arevalo, also of Elizabeth, was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

• A suspect identified as Anthony Davis of East Orange was released on his own recognizance after he was found to be a suspended driver Sept. 8.

• A man identified as Paul Fortenberry, 21, of Bound Brook, was stopped by borough police for not

### Springfield

having a front license plate Sept. 7. Subsequent investigation revealed that Fortenberry was wanted for theft in Somerset County, with additional warrants out of Piscataway, Clark and Bedminster. The suspect, who also had a suspended driver's license, has been transferred to Somerset County.

• A suspect identified as Marcos Brito of Jersey City was found to have a suspended license out of both New York and New Jersey Sept. 6. A man identified as Bradford Allen Ellis, 46, of East Orange, was arrested in Bloomfield on a contempt of court charge.

• A man identified as Harold Mulmuro, 53, was arrested at New Providence Road and Route 22 East Sept. 5 on a warrant out of the Union County Sheriff's Department.

Three out-of-towners were victim-

ized by thieves Sept. 18. In one incident, various items belonging to a Watching resident, including a stereo, a scuba tank, rock climbing equipment and a palm pilot, were stolen from a Mountain Avenue address. A guitar, valued at \$2,300, some tapes and cassettes and various guitar books were reportedly stolen from a car in the Guitar Center parking lot in another incident. A Short Hills resident reported the theft of a 1930s mahogany corner cupboard, valued at \$1,200, along with a Mission Style oak rocker, valued at \$500, from a Prospect Place address.

• A Mountain Avenue resident, parked in the Echo Plaza parking lot, reported the theft of a cell phone, vehicle registration, insurance card and vehicle owner's manual Sept. 16.

• Five cell phones were reported stolen from a locked storage room at Staples on Route 22 East Sept. 14. A possible employee theft is suspected, according to police.

# GL ranks among top New Jersey schools

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In order to be ranked, the magazine requires High School Proficiency Test results — the only test administered to all New Jersey students — SAT scores, and student awards. Motivation, as reflected in the offering of Advanced Placement classes, and the number of students planning to attend college are also factors in the judging.

### Mountainside

For Mountainside, there was no question about positioning. The borough's 206 students attending Governor Livingston High School in Berke-

ley Heights helped that school achieve a ranking of 42 on the list.

"We've made the list before, we usually make it every year," said Ben Jones, GL's principal. "We have highly motivated students and dedicated teachers."

Last year, the school boasted six National Merit Finalists. Jones cited the difficulty of such an achievement, stressing the fact that students in New Jersey have to score higher on their PSATs than other states — about 20 points higher — due to the overall quality among New Jersey students,

coupled with the state's population density.

"We're continuing to strive," Jones said of the school, whose 1998-1999 SAT score of 1120 helped land GL back in New Jersey Monthly once again.

"We've been very consistent," Jones said. "We've had students accepted to Harvard, Princeton and Yale. And we have a junior ROTC program that opens doors for us to the good military academies — and it gets us scholarships, which is always good."

# Sandmeier and Caldwell focus on writing

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Assessment last March, 28.4 percent, or 29 students, fell into the "partially proficient" category. A reorganization of the school's math program, coupled with more extensive GEPA preparation, is the strategy for increasing the school's success in math testing.

Graduiter's public speaking objective is now in its second year. Last year, students reported a reduction of anxiety, along with an appreciation and understanding of the importance of speech preparation after taking the course. This year, the school's post-test element will be altered.

Discussions regarding the new post-test are currently underway.

Jonathan Dayton High School will be tackling its physical education goals. Last year, the school fell short in its objective of having 70 percent of its ninth-graders meeting or exceeding standards set by the President's Challenge, a nationally recognized test. At last week's regular meeting of the Board of Education, Dayton Principal Charles Seron suggested raising the school's 2000-01 physical education success rate by 10 percent. Seron believed a 70-percent success rate, after only one year of working with a new curriculum, was not realistic.

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THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Hill in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 A.M., with childcare available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education opportunities for children begin during the Worship Service with a special time for children led by the Pastor before they depart for class. Service of Prayer and Healing held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. Please call and visit our Adult Christian Education, Young Adults Ministry, Bible Studies, Small Group Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other

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# Memorial on the way

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According to Acting Administrator and Police Chief James Debbie, the benchmark figure for the Wood Valley Road project, based on a previous bond taken out by the borough and a state grant, is \$140,000. The difference between the \$140,000 figure and Barone's \$166,770 bid leaves \$26,770 to come out of the \$2.7 million bond.

The section of Wood Valley Road in question contains three intersections, which Debbie said will receive repaving and new cobblestones. The street is one of a large number throughout the borough targeted for work.

Disko, an engineer with 40 years' experience, undertook a long examination of the borough's streets, sanitary sewers and drainage facilities. The results of his findings, detailed in a report in February, were presented publicly at one of the council's regular meetings in July.

The engineer's report lists 11 borough streets as requiring "high priority," with one of the Wood Valley Road intersections included in that category.

### Ann Conit memorial

Although council members had no comments of their own to make, Debbie spoke on behalf of Democratic Committee Chairman Lou Thomas, who has been preparing a small memorial to the late Ann Conit, former Union County Superior.

Thomas' plan called for a plaque, tree and bench memorial for Conit, to be installed near the public library and the Heffield House.

According to Debbie, the bench "is scheduled to be delivered any day," with a rock, secured by the county, to serve as the mount for the plaque. The plaque, Debbie reported, is currently in Thomas' possession.

"The Department of Public Works and the county will have it all in place in about four weeks," Debbie said.

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Mon. Oct. 9 8:30 am, Rabbi's Discussion 3:30 pm  
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# Cultural Heritage Festival an opportunity to celebrate city's rich diversity

The Summit Cultural Heritage Festival, scheduled for Sunday from noon to 6 p.m., is an opportunity to celebrate the traditional and folkloric arts, crafts, music, dance and food of the various ethnic groups and cultures that have built New Jersey and Summit, in particular.

The following is a schedule of planned festival events:

- At 1:30 p.m. the Essex Shillelagh Pipes and Drum will bring Irish music to the Village Green. Formed in 1969, the band marches in at least 15 parades each year. It has won first place in the All Irish Band Competition held at the Garden State Arts Center.

- At 1 p.m., the Calvary Episcopal Church Adult Choir and Cannon Choir, one of the church's three children's and youth choirs, will present a retrospective of songs from the British Isles. Also at 1 p.m., the Berlitz Language School will offer several language classes to festival-goers on the demonstration platform.

- At 1:30 p.m. director Jung Ah Sohn will perform with her dance company, the Korea Ensemble.
- At 3 p.m. the festival will showcase the Summit High

School Vocal Music Department under the direction of Jason Tramm. Julia Warren will accompany her fellow students in the Freshman Treble Choir, the Chamber Choir and the Summit High School Chorus.

- The Indian Institute of Performing Arts presents the Dance of India at 2:30 p.m. Under the direction of Suparna Guha, the institute is known for its excellence.

- At 2 p.m., festival-goers can hear Klezmer music performed by the Hester Street Troupe. Originating in the 1880s, it is a synthesis of the folk and Gypsy music of eastern Europe.

- The pace will change again at 4 p.m. with the performance by the Chuck Slate Dixieland Band. The New Jersey Jazz Society has said that "the dominant figure in the central New Jersey jazz scene for the past 30 years has been Chuck Slate...who has probably encouraged more of today's jazz stars than most promoters in New York City."

- At 4:30 p.m. the Galician Celtic Bagpipes & Dancers of Club Espana will showcase the Celtic dance and music of Spain. "Many people do not know that there is a tradi-

tion of Celtic music and dance in Spain. We are very glad that we can present an example of it here at the festival," festival co-chair Jesse Butler said.

- At 5 p.m. the Caribbean Cruisers will conclude the day with the special and gentle rhythms of traditional Caribbean music.

"No festival is complete without food. The festival will offer a terrific international feast," said Butler. "People can have lunch and dinner at the festival and they can buy food to take home," said festival co-chair Mia Andersen.

Neelam Restaurant of Berkeley Heights will be offering a variety of Indian dishes. "If you have never eaten Naan bread from India or Tandoori, you will have the opportunity to try some of the best at the festival," Butler said. Wentworth's of West Orange will offer a wide variety of foods

from the Caribbean as well as soul food. Wentworth's will also give everyone a taste of a traditional cookie from Ecuador.

Summit Brick Oven Pizza, owned by Vincent Celli, will offer pizza, pizza and salads. "Brick oven made pizzas has a unique flavor," said Celli. Traditional fish and chips of Scotland will be offered by Argyle Restaurant of Kearny. Summit Market Place owner operators John and Joanne Chung will bring Korean delicacies including pasta, vegetables, bean sprouts and beef dishes. Kabobs and funnel cakes will be offered by Gina Foods. Iberian food will be well represented by Don Pepe's Restaurant which will offer three of their signature dishes: paella, garlic shrimp and spinach sausage. "Come hungry because the food at the festival will be wonderful," said Butler.

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## THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini  
 Sports Editor

Elizabeth's defense has not yet been scored on in two games, Summit has already won twice as many games as it did last year and Roselle Park, Johnson, Hillside and Linden opened their seasons with victories last week, Hillside and Linden getting theirs on the road.

Defending North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 champion Elizabeth, winners of nine straight, defeated Union for the first time in three years last Friday night, posting an 18-0 whitewash at home at Williams Field.

The Minutemen scored their first two touchdowns on one-yard drives, the first a 42-yard pass from converted wide receiver Qasim Sessions to tall and lanky Todd Scott and the second on a 45-yard run by Sessions.

Elizabeth also came up with some big plays on defense, including a blocked field goal attempt.

The Minutemen shut out Union for the first time since their 11-0 season of 1989. That year they blanked the Farmers 14-0 in Union.

After opening with a convincing 17-0 win at home against non-conference foe Delaware Valley, Summit came back to post a thrilling 27-21 triple-overtime victory over host Dover last Saturday afternoon at Talbot Field.

Senior running back Mike Nelson scored the winning touchdown on a two-yard run in the third overtime. Summit held Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division foe Dover scoreless prior to Nelson's TD. Both teams scored seven points in the second overtime after not scoring in the first.

Hilltopper junior quarterback Keith Schroeder capped a 12-play, 95-yard drive by scoring on a two-yard run and then booting the conversion to tie the game at 14-14 with just 1:33 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Summit did not win its first game last year until it was 0-8. The Hilltoppers have now won two of their last four games dating back to last season and are a serious threat to garner one of the eight North 2, Group 2 playoff berths. Summit last made the state playoffs in 1995, its final season in the National Division of the Watchung Conference.

**WEEK TWO GAMES**  
 Friday, Sept. 22  
 East Side at Union, 7:00  
 Plainfield at Elizabeth, 7:00  
 Gov. Liv. at North Plain, 7:00  
 Daysville at Manville, 7:00  
 Saturday, Sept. 23  
 Linden vs. Shabazz, 10:30  
 at Unzerman Field, Newark  
 Immaculata at Rahway, 1:00  
 Johnson at Roselle, 1:00  
 Ridge at Hillside, 1:00  
 Roselle Park at Breatley, 1:00  
 Cranford at Morris Hills, 1:30  
 Mendham at Summit, 7:30

**WEEK ONE SCORES**  
 Friday, Sept. 15  
 Elizabeth 18, Union 0  
 Roselle Park 34, N. Plain. 6  
 Saturday, Sept. 16  
 Johnson 15, Ridge 13  
 Hillside 18, Cranford 17  
 Broad Brook 30, Breatley 16  
 New Providence 55, Dayton 0  
 Linden 6, Westfield 0  
 Scotch Plains 42, Cranford 21  
 Summit 27, Dover 21 (3OT)  
 Immaculata 21, Roselle 6

**JR's Picks**  
 For Week Two  
 Union over East Side  
 Elizabeth over Plainfield  
 Gov. Liv. over N. Plain.  
 Manville over Dayton  
 Linden over Shabazz  
 Immaculata over Rahway  
 Johnson over Roselle  
 Hillside over Ridge  
 Roselle Park over Breatley  
 Morris Hills over Cranford  
 Summit over Mendham

Last Week: 8-2  
 Season: 12-3 (.800)

**TERRIFIC THIRTEEN**

- Elizabeth (1-0)
- Union (1-0)
- Linden (1-0)
- Rahway (1-0)
- Johnson (1-0)
- Summit (2-0)
- Hillside (1-0)
- Roselle Park (1-0)
- Breatley (0-1)
- Cranford (0-2)
- Roselle (0-1)
- Gov. Livingston (0-1)
- Dayton (0-1)



Photos by Milton Mills

**SEASON-OPENER** — Above, Dayton quarterback Kahl Goforth attempts to move the Bulldogs down the field against New Providence in the season-opener for both last Saturday at Meisel Field in Springfield. Below, Dayton linebacker Amir Bethea is about to bring down New Providence running back Joe Kretschmer. Dayton was defeated 55-0 in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division action. Dayton (0-1) is scheduled to play at Manville (0-1) tomorrow night at 7. Manville lost at home to Dunellen two weeks ago and had last weekend off.



## Summit 2-0 first time since 1993

By JR Parachini  
 Sports Editor

Not only are the Jets and Glanis off to equally good starts. The Summit Hilltoppers have joined them.

The New York Jets are 3-0 for the first time since 1966, two seasons before they won their only Super Bowl.

The New York Giants are 3-0 for the first time since 1990, the second season in which they went on to win a Super Bowl.

The Jets and Giants are both 3-0 in the same season for the first time ever. Summit is 2-0 for the first time since 1993, the last time the Hilltoppers finished undefeated, winning North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 at 11-0.

### High School Football

Getting to 2-0 has not been easy for the Hilltoppers in recent years, especially since Summit lost its season-opener in 1997, 1998 and 1999 and could not win its second game after opening seasons with wins in 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Getting to 2-0 this year was not easy as well.

However, that's where Summit stands at the moment after posting a thrilling 27-21 triple-overtime, come-from-behind victory against Dover last Saturday at Talbot Field.

Summit (2-0) host Mendham in a rare night game at Talbot Field Saturday at 7:30. Mendham downed Summit 35-20 last year in Mendham.

Mendham won its home-opener against Morris Hills 20-6 last weekend after opening at non-conference foe Marietta the weekend before.

Summit, which fell at home to Dover 47-21 last season, was behind 14-7 until junior quarterback Keith Schroeder scored on a two-yard run with 1:33 remaining that capped a long 12-play, 95-yard drive. Schroeder booted the extra point to knot the game at 14-14.

After a scoreless first overtime session, both teams scored seven points in the second overtime, with senior running back Mike Nelson catching a 25-yard pass from Schroeder and Schroeder booting the extra point to knot the game again at 21-21.

After Summit held Dover scoreless in the top of the third overtime possession, Nelson scored the game-winning touchdown on a two-yard run.

### Governor Livingston edged by Hillside 18-17

Governor Livingston almost pulled out a win against Hillside last Saturday, falling 18-17 in the season-opener for both in Berkeley Heights. Quarterback Rob Findlay scored on a four-yard run to pull GL to within one to within one with 1:14 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Opting to go for two points and the win, GL's ensuing two-point conversion pass fell incomplete.

Findlay also completed a 60-yard touchdown pass to Steve Bergeski earlier in the fourth quarter and then ran for two points to pull GL to within 18-11.

### Dayton upended by New Providence 55-0

It was not the brightest of debuts for first-year Dayton head coach Kris Kohler as his Bulldogs were defeated by New Providence 55-0 last Saturday in the season-opener for both at Meisel Field in Springfield. Junior running back Ibn Raheem rushed for 90 yards for the Bulldogs.

## GL loves a 4-0 start

By JR Parachini  
 Sports Editor

So far the Governor Livingston High School girls' tennis team loves playing the game. Literally.

The Highlanders began the week with a perfect 4-0 record, having won their first four matches 5-0.

GL blanked Rahway 5-0 in Rahway Sept. 8, shut out Roselle Park 5-0 in Berkeley Heights Sept. 11, whitewashed Roselle 5-0 at home Sept. 12 and then served another 5-0 decision against Rahway at home Sept. 13.

### H.S. Girls' Tennis

Jen Calabrese is at first singles, Kristen Turruello at second and Yvonne Chen at third.

Stephanie Rude and Katie Freda are at first doubles and Lauren Whirniour and Jessica Bong at second.

In the Sept. 13 win against Rahway, Calabrese defeated Megan Bauer 6-2, 6-3, while Turruello downed Christa Olandria 6-0, 6-3. Chen bested Suzen Barakat 6-0, 6-1.

Rude and Freda defeated Melanie Mallick and Priscilla Bauer 6-0, 7-5, while Whirniour and Bong downed Jackie Britton and Jen Mendelson 6-0, 6-0.

GL was scheduled to host Johnson last Friday and was then scheduled to play at Immaculata Tuesday.

Today the Highlanders are scheduled to play at Mount St. Mary's at 4 p.m., the Watchung school moving to the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference this year.

GL's next scheduled home match is tomorrow against Union Catholic at 4 p.m.

The Union County Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 26-28 at Tanagous Park in Westfield.

Upcoming: Sept. 21 at Mount St. Mary's, 4:00; Sept. 22 at Union Catholic, 4:00; Sept. 26 at Ridge, 4:00; Sept. 28 Roselle Catholic, 4:00; Sept. 29 Rahway, 4:00; Oct. 3 at Roselle, 4:00; Oct. 4 Westfield, 4:00; Oct. 10 at Johnson, 4:00; Oct. 12 Immaculata, 4:00; Oct. 17 Mount St. Mary's, 4:00; Oct. 18 at Scotch Plains, 4:00; Oct. 19 at Union Catholic, 4:00; Oct. 24 Ridge, 4:00; Oct. 26 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00.

## Summit has many goals to shoot for

### Hilltoppers want it all

By John Zucal  
 Staff Writer

MAPLEWOOD — There are goals — and then there are lofty goals. Summit High School head field hockey coach Sheila Dunne minces no words when she discusses the Hilltoppers' goals.

"We want it all — the county, the section," Dunne said. "There is not a title we're not shooting for. We have a lot of seniors and they have come back to get it all."

Dunne spoke of her squad's plans Sept. 13 after Katie Romanovsky's 20th-minute goal and tight defense helped give Summit a 1-1 tie against non-conference foe Columbia at Memorial Park.

### High School Field Hockey

The Hilltoppers were more aggressive on both sides of the ball. On offense, Summit fired 11 shots at goalkeeper Sarah Nolan and sent numerous passes into the circle which required Nolan to leave the goal and clear the ball. The defense allowed just five shots over 70 minutes and made controlling possession a chore for the Cougars.

Senior halfback Allison Wolfley put Columbia on the scoreboard first when her turnaround shot in front of the net from 10 yards away got past goalkeeper Wendy Havourd. But the defense kept Columbia at bay during the final 62 minutes.

Romanovsky, a senior forward, equalized for Summit 12 minutes later. Off a right corner from Libby Getzendanner, Elena Castellanos fed Romanovsky by the right post about four yards out. Romanovsky sent the ball past Nolan for the goal.

Both goalies saved their teams late in regulation. Nolan, in the 53rd minute, found a long ball sent in toward the right post with Summit players rushing in. Romanovsky tried a shot, but Nolan came out to make a kick save.

Havourd came through with about a minute remaining. Nolan's twin, senior forward Nora Nolan, attempted a turnaround shot. Havourd made the save; but junior forward Sarah Nevius tried to stuff the ball inside the left post. Havourd again was able to make the save.

Katie Ardington had a chance to win for Summit during the 10-minute overtime. In the 66th minute, the senior forward took a turnaround shot from five yards out that went toward the right post. One more time, Sarah Nolan was able to kick the ball away down the goal line.

"They did everything in their power except put the ball in the cage twice," Dunne said. "We were dominant all day and we're shooting better and harder than we have in the past — they're not waiting to take shots."

Dunne was enthusiastic as she discussed her squad, which includes 12 seniors and 11 juniors among its 25 players. Her starting forwards, Ardington, Getzendanner and Meredith Fezzer, were strong in keeping ball control inside the offensive half. Getzendanner also provides some of her ice-hockey skills when she bends low to fire a slap shot toward the goal.

"Katie, Libby and Meredith bring us speed, never give up, all have good stickwork and bring tenacity to the game," Dunne said.

While the seniors will make their contributions, Dunne said a strong group of underclassmen have the ability to complement Summit's field play.

"We have some younger kids who can step in and add the glue: Elena Castellanos, Liz Sheridan, Afia Carey, Katie Tully and Jen Dohy, along with others," Dunne said. All except Carey, a sophomore, are juniors.

Dunne said her Hilltoppers have the talent to make waves in the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference and Union County.

"We had a great pre-season where the girls enjoyed each other and had fun," Dunne said. "Now they're down to business. They have to jell — they have everything else."

Other members of the Hilltoppers' squad include senior forward Megan Fitzgerald, senior fullbacks Stephanie Cherkizian, Katie Osmulski and Kerry Socodato, senior halfbacks Chrissy Birkhofer, Chelsea Coffin and Marguerite Goodson, junior forward Caroline Brewer, junior fullbacks Elise Bell, Susan Carro and Lexi Harrison, junior halfbacks Caitlin Mell and Katie Stefans, sophomores forward Beth Howitt and junior goalkeeper Emily Halata.

## Dayton tenacious in tie vs. R. Park

By John Zucal  
 Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Dayton High School returns another young boys' soccer club this season, but if its performance last Tuesday against Roselle Park has any meaning, the Bulldogs still may be a formidable opponent.

The Bulldogs proved unswerving in fighting back from two one-goal deficits. The second was erased when Carlos Soto's header with one and a half minutes remaining in regulation gave Dayton a 3-3 Mountain Valley Conference draw at home.

Both Valley Division squads played much of the match a man down after a player from each club received red cards. Players took advantage of the extra open field space to combine for five goals during the second half.

### High School Boys' Soccer

Soto's goal was his second of the contest, offsetting a pair tallied by the Panthers' Diego Diaz. Gabe DiLorenzo, for Roselle Park, and Dayton's Carmine Santavilla posted the first goals for their teams.

Dayton goalkeeper Michael Nittolo was challenged often by the Roselle Park offense, but found ways to prevent the Panthers, especially after Diaz's second goal came on a penalty kick in the 74th minute to give the Roselle Park a 3-2 lead.

Dayton head coach Felix Fabiano admitted he would prefer to see someone else in goal, but with a small, mildly inexperienced club, there is little choice at the present.

"We lost our goalkeeper, four halfbacks and several midfielders from last season," Fabiano said. "I'd like to put Michael back at halfback, where he played last year, because I need him there."

Soto got the final equalizer in the 77th minute. Darío Ruggiero, standing about 35 yards out along the right sideline, lofted a free kick toward the penalty area. Soto's head connected with the ball, which flew to the left of Park goalkeeper Nick Badillo from about five yards away.

"Carlos brings us a little more offense," Fabiano said. "He scored two beautiful goals."

Soto's first score came in the 56th minute when he followed a long rebound of a shot which hit the left post.

But Badillo also held tough, preventing Dayton from claiming victory in the final five minutes.

With about five minutes remaining, Soto split two defenders to receive a pass and had a long breakthrough. Badillo, a junior, slid forward about 12 yards out to kick the ball away. Three minutes later, Badillo jumped over two Dayton players to secure Ruggiero's rightside corner kick.

Dayton opened Sept. 8 with a 7-2 non-conference loss at perennial state power Pingry.

Dayton was defeated at home by North Plainfield 4-2 last Thursday and at Breatley 2-0 Saturday.

Other varsity team members include Ted Young, Roman Lukiw, Dan Janak, Nick Komanczyk, Mo Abdeliziz, Marc Eisenstein, Andrew Tiba, Darr Misjahangry, Joe Bianco and Sergey Cherevinsky.

