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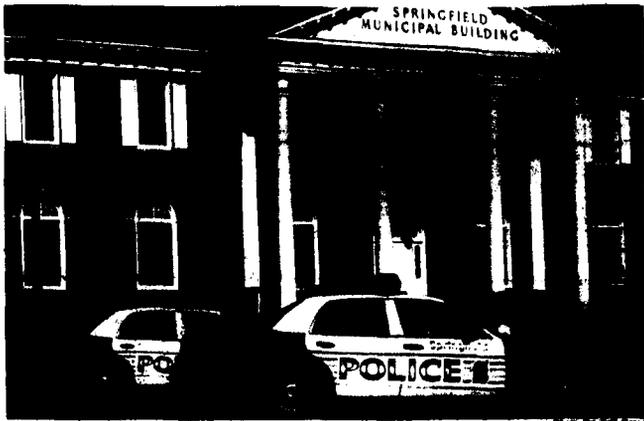


Photo by Jeff Green

An independent study of the Springfield Police Department suggests the need for improvement within the law enforcement agency. Queried officers expressed their dissatisfaction with the department's "minimum requirement" of five radar tickets a month, an overabundance of arrest forms to complete, and a lack of training other than that required by the county and state.

Candidates' Night called off

Republicans decline

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

For the fourth consecutive year, the Springfield League of Women Voters' Candidates' Night has been cancelled due to a lack of Republican participation.

The event, hosted by an out-of-town mediator, is organized by the league to give voters the chance to hear and weigh candidates' viewpoints. Scheduled for Oct. 25, Candidates' Night was knocked off the calendar when Republican challengers Florence Farsone and Kevin Scholla declined offers to participate. Farsone and Scholla are challenging Democratic incumbents Roy Hirschfeld and Gregory Clarke.

According to Doris Rockman, Voter Service Chairperson for the League, only Farsone responded to the organization's questionnaire, which contains general political questions. Scholla, who was sent the questionnaire twice, did not respond, Rockman said. Scholla was unavailable for comment at press time.

Although Farsone agreed to participate in Candidates' Night last year, a reported work-related obligation caused the candidate to cancel. Farsone was subsequently defeated by incumbent Sy Mallonee.

"My schedule doesn't allow me to stand for that evening," Farsone said of this year's Candidates' Night, once again citing "a work assignment in October." Farsone is employed as a manager of plant operations for the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission.

However, Farsone did say that she felt the event draws "a limited group. I have no idea who really attends, but I don't think it gets the message out to the township. If I'm not mistaken, the League of Women Voters is a mostly Democratic organization."

Hirschfeld and Clarke, the Democratic incumbents,

returned the questionnaire. According to Rockman, the pair's participation in Candidates' Night was "understated" due to the fact that both have taken part in the event in previous years.

According to Rockman, 2000 marks the fourth consecutive year Springfield Republicans have failed to appear at Candidates' Night. Former Mayor and Committeeman William Ruocco, chairman of the Republican Municipal Committee, said Republican candidates have not always felt at ease with Candidates' Night.

"It's never been a comfortable feeling," Ruocco said. "In 1995, Judy Blitzer and I sat there when we were running. We felt that more neutral questions were aimed at us than at the Democrats." Ruocco said he felt the questions and answers were more on Democratic accomplishments than matters at hand. He referred to the topics spoken about at the 1995 Candidates' Night as "favorable compliments" directed toward the township's Democrats.

Ruocco also cited a lack of attendance, and the overall perception on the part of the public that the event is basically Democratic in nature, as part of his party's recent waning in attending. He said he thought Candidates' Night "would be a better presented thing" if held on "neutral ground."

"It's not neutral ground as far as I'm concerned," Ruocco said of the Municipal Building location. "That's my feeling, not my party's."

Ruocco pointed out that he did not advise Farsone and Scholla on the subject of attending Candidates' Night. "It was their choice as to whether to go or not," he said. "It's their candidacy and their campaign."

Scholla, 24, a professional broadcaster, ran for Township Committee with Tom Ryan in 1997, finishing third with more than 2,500 votes.

Board sets out to apprise public

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education did a little brainstorming at its conference meeting Monday night to determine the best method for getting the word out about its December referendum.

The district's Athletic Track/Fields Rehabilitation Project got its start, publicly at least, at the board's regular meeting last week, when board member Richard Fialka gave his presentation on the subject. The board announced at that time that a bond referendum would be scheduled for Dec. 12, to help pay for the \$3.4-million project.

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland expects to produce a news-

letter "that goes to every household," describing and detailing the critical facets of the project. Friedland, along with Fialka, who serves as chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and Business Administrator Ellen Ball, are the anticipated writers.

Friedland referred to the public relations aspect as "the most labor-intensive piece." Board member Linda Delle suggested taking a "scope and sequence" approach, walking the public through the project step by step. Board President Jacqueline Shanes recommended focusing on the fact that the district, having invested very little in the way of state aid last year, can expect some "off-setting money" to help with the renovations and improvements, creating a kind of

"partnership" between the district and the state.

In regard to the finances, Friedland said the district has already received a letter from Union County Manager Michael Lapolla promising "a commitment from the freeholders, but we don't know yet for how much."

Both Friedland and Fialka have repeatedly stressed the notion that the renovations represent a "community project" and a "community effort." The track at Mount Field, which is used often by both township residents and out-of-towners, is over 40 years old and will receive both restoration work and an expansion from four to six lanes. Both baseball fields will be repositioned, and lights will be See REFERENCE, Page 10

School board inches toward Beechwood expansion option

Decision could include some renovations and upgrades at Deerfield School

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education gathered for a work session Tuesday night to discuss the options regarding the expansion of Deerfield School or the reopening of Beechwood School. The meeting drew about 30 borough residents.

The board convened to review a summary of the situation as developed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Long Range Planning. The committee was established by the board for the express purpose of examining the pros and cons of each option. No final decision was made, but

several members of the board, including board President Patricia Tenschler, Frank Geiger and Peter Goggi, as well as Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, all expressed their preference for reopening Beechwood — with some renovations for Deerfield included.

The rough numbers amount to an approximate expense of \$5,275,630 for expansion on Deerfield, with Beechwood left untouched and unopened; and \$4,925,700 for the necessary improvements to reopen Beechwood, with approximately a half million dollars of that figure

applied toward renovations and upgrades at Deerfield.

Although the board seems to favor the reopening of Beechwood and the renovating and upgrading Deerfield, it also expressed its concerns about continued public input. No public comment was permitted Tuesday night, but Schaller and Tenschler were adamant about getting the word out to borough residents. The board's next regular meeting, at which the public is invited to offer its comments, is scheduled for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center.

"The public should be here Tuesday night," Schaller said. "They

Springfield Police Dept does not pass muster

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The 200-plus page Buracker Report, an independent study of the Springfield Police Department's management conducted by Carroll Buracker & Associates Inc., became publicly available Sept. 27. Mayor Clara Harelik announced the release of the report at the Township Committee's regular meeting Sept. 26.

"This is not to be seen as a terrible thing," Harelik said. "It's not a way to make the chief's life or the lives of our two captains miserable — if anything, it's a way to make their lives, and everyone's, easier and better. It's a tool to improve the Police Department."

On the heels of the Buracker Report, Harelik, Township Administrator Richard Scholla and Committeeman Gregory Clarke put their heads together to fashion their own "working time frame" to address some of the issues noted in the independent study.

Harelik acknowledged the fact that the department has been "entrenched in a degree of litigation" for over a year, and that the Township Commit-

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— Police Chief William Chisholm

tee has shown some concern over the department's morale as a result.

The department has been embroiled in several lawsuits involving its police officers. Racial comments attributed to Capt. Vernon Pedersen resulted in Pedersen's firing by the Township Committee in 1998. Pedersen was later reinstated by a Union County Superior Court judge, and has since filed a lawsuit against the committee members responsible for his dismissal, claiming his civil rights were violated.

Some discord also occurred last year, when the township's DARE program — a series of anti-drug classes taught to township school children by several of the department's officers — was temporarily suspended due to what were described as scheduling

conflicts. The program was later resumed.

"Rather than having the Township Committee recommend a plan, we thought it best to bring in an expert," Harelik said, citing Buracker's 20-year career in law enforcement. Buracker, whose firm is located in Harrisonburg, Va., has served as an expert witness on law enforcement management at both state and federal levels. The mayor pronounced herself satisfied with the report, calling Buracker's work "thorough."

"I think it was fair," Police Chief William Chisholm said of the report. "As with any report, you find areas you don't agree with, but we'll certainly comply with everything the township asks us to do." Chisholm

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Borough revamps its Master Plan

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Planning Board convened for a special meeting Sept. 28 to review and adjust the borough's Master Plan.

According to Board Chairman John Tomaine, state law requires the re-evaluation of municipal Master Plans every six years. The borough's plan, which provides long-range goals for growth and development, received, in Tomaine's words, its last "comprehensive update" in 1990. The plan was re-evaluated in 1994.

Although residents were invited to attend via a borough-wide mailing, only a single resident was in attendance to listen to the Planning Board examine the document's key goals and objectives.

The first and most basic issue involved the borough's current population. With figures from the 2000 Census not yet in, the board was forced to consider numbers

from the 1990 Census. The 6,700 population count tabulated in 1990 marked a drop-off of about 400 persons from the 1988 update.

Board member Theodore Zawistak called the drop-off number "the exact opposite" of what the borough's Board of Education kindergarten enrollment currently indicates. Increased kindergarten enrollment has put the Board of Education in the position of analyzing the possibility of either expanding Deerfield School or reopening the long-closed Beechwood School. Zawistak pointed out that the existing Master Plan refers to a "shrinking school population."

A rising school population should, Tomaine said, affect future recreational needs. He stressed the fact that much of the borough's recreational facilities are under control of either the county or the Board of Education.

Borough Engineer Michael Disko supported Tomaine's observation by citing the borough's swim-

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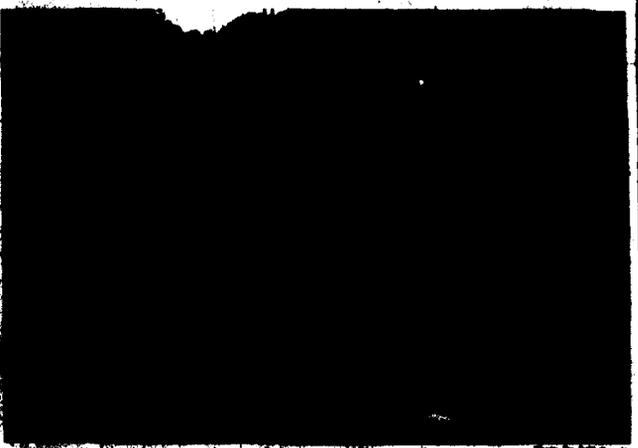


Photo by Jeff Green

With limited recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the borough, the Mountainside Planning Board may consider adding a goal to its Master Plan to get as much recreation as use as possible out of school property. Board members recognize that a rising school population will affect the borough's future recreational needs.

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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 Foothill Club of Mountianside meets for its regular monthly meeting at noon at B.G. Fields on Springfield Avenue 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.

Saturday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountianside, continues trailwork maintenance projects in the Wanching Reservation. Volunteers age 14 and older are needed to assist from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration is required by calling Trailside at (908) 789-3670. Participants should bring lunch, a mug for beverage, and a shovel, pickaxe and gloves if available.
• The James Caldwell School PTA sponsors its annual fall festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the school grounds, 36 Caldwell Place, Springfield. The festival will feature three new inflatable amusement rides, games, pony rides, clowns and plenty of food. Rain date is Sunday.

• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., presents a musical sing-a-long for families and children ages 3 and older at 1 p.m. The 45 minute program, called "A trip to outer space" is free and open to all. Children will have a chance to try out rhythm instruments from different countries and they will get to dance and march.
For more information, call Susan Pernabos at (973) 376-4930.

Sunday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountianside, continues its family programs with a slide show about backyard wildlife at 2 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

Tuesday
• The Mountianside Active Retirees meet for a regular meeting at 10 a.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. Meetings are conducted on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Mountianside residents and their guests are welcome.

• Archaeologist Ian Burrow, a member of the Society of Professional Archaeologists, gives a lecture and slide presentation on the Medieval castles of England and Wales at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountianside Public Library on Constitution Plaza.

Funded by the N.J. Council for the Humanities, the presentation will emphasize the structural changes of castles through time. The program is free and open to the public. To reserve seating space, call the library at (908) 233-0115.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets 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 Mountianside Board of Education meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave.

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

Wednesday
• The Springfield Board of Health meets for a regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

• The Springfield Garden Club meets at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall. Guest speaker Glen Owen will talk about bats in the home environment. This is not a Halloween program. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For information, call (973) 376-3436.

Upcoming events
Oct. 16
• The Mountianside Planning Board will meet for a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.
• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. for an executive session followed by a regular conference meeting at 8 p.m. in the Clausen Administration Complex.

Oct. 18
• 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 Springfield 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.
• The Mountianside Borough Council will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Springfield Hadassah conducts a nationally acclaimed youth breast health awareness program for female students called "Check It Out!" at Jonathan Dayton High School. A program for male students on testicular cancer will also be offered.

Oct. 19
• The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will conduct its annual rummage sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parish House on Church Mall. Women's and children's clothing, jewelry, curtains, kitchen ware and other knick knacks will be on sale.
For more information, call the church office at (973) 379-4320.

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

Oct. 20
• The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host its annual book sale to benefit the library from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDs, cassettes and costume jewelry will also be on sale.

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Oct. 21
• The Mountianside Police Athletic League will host its first Cop Trot 5K race/walk at 8:30 a.m. at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. Proceeds will benefit the various programs of the PAL, which focuses primarily on youth.

Pre-registration begins Tuesday. Fees prior to Oct. 10 are: 5K adult \$15, 5K child \$12 and family \$50. After that date, the fee are: 5K adult \$18, 5K child \$15 and family \$55.
Registration forms are available at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. The race is open to all Mountianside and surrounding community residents. For more information, call Scot Wors-

wick at 232 1596 ext. 531, Connie Moore at 317 9269 or Pat Debbie at 654 5388

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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 tomorrow by calling Jerry Kamen at (908) 687-9120 or 277-1953. Checks should be mailed to Kamen at 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083.

Oct. 31
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its luncheon video series at noon with episode two of the documentary film "New York: Order and Disorder."
Participants should bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For more information, call (973) 376-4930.

Nov. 5
• Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Social Action Committee, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will host a brunch and lecture. Guest speaker Professor Eugene Lieber will speak on "The Black Experience: from Africa, to slavery, to freedom."

A suggested donation for admission is \$3. For additional information, call the temple office at (973) 379-5387. Advance reservations are requested and checks should be made payable to: Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield 07081.

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.

Foothill Club meets once a month

The Foothill Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at B.G. Fields. Organized in 1963, the Foothill Club contributes to many special causes in the community. Many interesting programs and trips have been planned for the coming year.

Anyone interested in joining can contact club president Ruth Goense at (908) 233-5253.

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Fire Dept. recommends chimney inspections

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

With the cold weather creeping in, the Springfield Fire Department wants residents to start thinking about general heating and chimney maintenance.

"We see our greatest loss of life in single-family homes," Springfield fire official David Maas said. "The reason is, qualified inspectors can't make regular inspections in private homes."

Maas encouraged homeowners to have qualified heating contractors make inspections of furnaces, boilers, wood burning stoves and gas fireplaces, and to hire qualified chimney sweeps for inspections and repairs on chimneys and flues.

Qualified chimney sweeps — those properly trained and educated to replace metal or masonry chimneys — belong to the Chimney Guild. But according to Maas, homeowners should beware of a scam, currently happening around the state, in which unqualified sweeps are trying to drum up appointments.

"They use the obituaries," Maas said. "They call up, ask for the deceased, and then tell whoever answers that there's a blockage and that they're supposed to come in and clean the chimney. They use scare tactics; they'll tell you that you'll get carbon monoxide in your house."

Maas said that the scam can result in several thousand dollars in repairs for homeowners, and recommended contacting the Fire Department or local construction office to have an examination done first, in order to determine potential problems.

The department recommends the

inspection and cleaning of the three main portions of the chimney — the cap, liner and flue pipe — once a year. The cap, a metal mesh at the very top of the chimney, prevents birds, squirrels and other small animals from creating nests within the structure that might cause blockage. The liner, which can be either rectangular or square and made from either ceramic or terra cotta, travels from the roof to the base of the chimney, and must be inspected for breaks. Maas said that liner decay can result in peeling similar to the peeling of snake skin, the liner can turn downward, creating a blockage. The flue pipe, which connects the chimney to the heating appliance, should be free of cracks or holes.

An improperly ventilated chimney can activate a home's carbon monoxide detector. According to Maas, carbon monoxide fumes can cause dizziness or disorientation over a period of several days. However, as Maas warned, yearly inspections and cleanings of chimneys are especially important due to the fact that homeowners use their heat less consistently early in the season. Carbon monoxide problems might not be as noticeable earlier in the year.

Carbon monoxide detectors, which can be installed anywhere in the house, at any height, cost between \$30 and \$35. Smoke detectors must be installed within six inches of a ceiling, or on the ceiling itself. Maas recommends changing batteries in smoke detectors twice a year, "when you change your clocks."

For further questions, residents are invited to call the Fire Department at 912-2265.



Photo By Jeff Graust

Now that fall has arrived, the Springfield Fire Department is urging residents to schedule inspections of furnaces, boilers, wood burning stoves and chimneys. The department recommends the inspection and cleaning of the three main portions of the chimney — the cap, liner and flue pipe — once a year.

Director of sales is named at newspapers

Bob Pisano has been named director of sales for Worrall Community Newspapers' Essex and Union County regions.

The announcement was made this week by Publisher David Worrall. Pisano, who has been employed by Worrall Newspapers since 1993, has been serving as the Essex County Retail Display Advertising manager since 1995. As director of sales, Pisano will be responsible for guiding the advertising departments in the two counties' Worrall Newspapers serves.

Worrall Newspapers publishes 19 weekly newspapers in 25 towns in Essex and Union counties.

"I'm confident that Bob Pisano will be able to raise two already strong advertising departments to new heights. We're looking forward to watching him unify both departments under common leadership," Worrall said.

Pisano joined Worrall Newspapers in 1993 after serving as a retail display salesperson at *Suburban News*. Prior to that, he spent 28 years at *The New York Times*, where he served as a credit and customer service representative handling \$9 million per month in advertising billing.

"I'm looking forward to working with both counties' advertising departments. Being a resident of Union County, I'm very familiar with the territory and have a lot of personal contacts and friends who would be helpful to better our business relationships," Pisano said.

Pisano has been a resident of Cranford for the last nine years. He has been married to his wife, Barbara,



Bob Pisano

for 28 years. The couple has four children — Matthew, Meredith, Mark and Maricette.

Pisano is a member of Saint Vincent de Paul, a charitable organization run out of St. John the Apostle Church of Linden/Clark. He also serves on the social concerns committee at the same church.

He is a past grand knight of Council 3464 of St. Joseph the Carpenter Church in Roselle and is a member of the Cranford Knights of Columbus.

Pisano has been a force behind major growth in automotive advertising in the company's Essex County newspapers and said he is looking forward to the same challenge in Union County.

He will be responsible for 10 salespeople in Essex County and seven in Union County.

Half-time pep talk



Florencia M. Gaudineer girls' soccer coach Juanita Major provides some half-time advice to the team during its recent opening game against Winfield. Gaudineer Middle School won the game 3-1.

STUDENT UPDATE

Suffir graduates from UW
Springfield resident Gary Suffir graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin in spring commencement ceremonies. Suffir double-majored in economics and psychology.

Sayanlar is honored
Springfield resident Jason Sayanlar, a Delbarton senior, has been recognized as an AP Scholar by the College Board.

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Borough musician named composer-in-residence

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

John Sichel is a composer with a

Back in July, Sichel was appointed the New Philharmonic of New Jersey's first composer-in-residence. The three-year position gives the Mountainside resident the opportunity to bring some less-than-traditional movements to the ears of the philharmonic's audiences.

Sichel has been advising the orchestra's founder and assistant conductor, Leon Hyman, on both new and unfamiliar compositions. As an added benefit, Sichel will have what he called a "concentration" of his own works performed; one of his pieces, "Tumpike Music," will make its debut with the Morristown-based orchestra Dec. 9.

"The relationship between audiences and new music isn't very good," Sichel said. "What happened in music is roughly analogous as to what happened in modern art." The composer defined "new music" as work composed since the 1950s, with the modern art reference an indicator of the lag time that occurs between the

birth of a work and its settling-in to a traditional existence.

"Some people are still resistant to Stravinsky and Bartok," Sichel said. As a composer-in-residence, Sichel said he now has the chance "to have a say on newer pieces that are really good."

An important aspect of exposing audiences to more recent compositions is having what Sichel called a roadmap. "You have to make it accessible for the audience by giving them some sort of roadmap — by talking to the audience before the performance. Leon does that. You have to give them some kind of doorway into the piece."

The goal, Sichel said, is to avoid language and ideas that are too technical. "You have to give the audience information they can use, any kind of detail or analogy that can help them understand the piece."

Sichel is of the opinion that New Jersey audiences are no less sophisticated than New York audiences, or audiences in any other cosmopolitan area. "I don't think provincialism is something to worry about," he said. "Provincialism is all over in regard to new music — that's the problem. But the climate for new music is better

now than it was previously. You have to get audiences into the process of listening to new music, to give them some sense of how it works. It's like the pleasure of solving a puzzle."

Despite his desire to bring new music to the public, Sichel described himself as "not a trailblazer" in regard to his own compositions. His work, as he identifies it, "is tonal music that ventures into atonality. Extended tonality is nothing new to the music world."

Regardless, Sichel's atonal music gets around. His "Suite for Solo Violin" premiered in Marisno Nuove, Italy, last August, and in 1997, his "Second Cello Sonata" was performed in Beijing and Qin Ming, China. His work has also been heard at the Greenwich House of Music in New York City. More recently, his own house of worship, Temple Emanu-El of Westfield, commissioned Sichel for a composition based on Psalm 137.

The "Tumpike Music" suite, however, is something of a throwback for Sichel, in that it consists of pieces taken from three of the composer's previous works — an opera, "Suburban Orpheus"; a "Suburban Madri-



John Sichel

gal," and a ballet called "Simone Sucks Her Thumb." All three pieces were written when Sichel's own group, the Tumpike Camera, was still together.

"Humor is an important part of my work," Sichel pointed out. "The point with Tumpike Camera was to make music that was a little less self-important and a little less stuffy."

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EDITORIALS

Let's change the report card

National Fire Prevention Week begins Sunday, with the world's largest fire drill slated to occur Wednesday at 7 p.m. We encourage all township and borough residents to participate in "The Great Escape," a national family-oriented event that calls for the public to become actively involved in home fire planning and practice.

According to a 1999 National Fire Prevention Association survey, 60 percent of American households said they had an escape plan, and 42 percent of those said they had practiced — or one-fourth of all households surveyed. Furthermore, 53 percent of those 34 years old and younger had no fire escape plan, while 64 percent of those 50 years old or older did.

We suggest that those numbers could stand improvement and that residents should reconsider the excuses they give for not practicing such an important, life-saving drill. Facts show that fires kill and injure thousands of people every year and cause billions of dollars in property damage. Ironically, most fires and burn injuries occur where we all feel safest — our homes.

More than half of these tragic deaths and injuries could easily be avoided, according to the Burn Prevention Foundation, if people take the necessary precautions that could save their lives.

Last year's survey revealed that the largest number of people said they'd never thought about the need for an escape plan, while others claimed the plan is so easy there's no need to practice. Some of the larger improvements from previous years were noted in fractions of households having families with children, and more surprisingly, in households with lower incomes or less education.

There were only slight changes in responses to what people did first when their smoke detectors sounded, with the majority — 55 percent — stopping the alarm by clearing the smoke from it. Fortunately, there was a slight decrease in the fraction who removed the battery or otherwise disabled the smoke detector.

Let's change the report card together on Wednesday by participating in the world's largest fire drill.



Photo By Milton Mills

KEEPING SPRINGFIELD CLEAN — Winners of the Clean Community Commission's annual poster contest, conducted in connection with Springfield's Clean Communities Weekend are, from left, third-grader Phillip Burrows of Sandmeier School, eighth-grader Marc Esquerra and fifth-grader Mohamed Abulaila of Florence M. Gaudineer School and kindergarten Ibrahim Abulaila of the Edward V. Walton School. The clean-up weekend is set for Oct. 14 and Oct. 15.

Be clear when writing letters to the editor

What's the most entertaining thing about a newspaper? Come on, you know. Say it.

All right, I'll say it: letters to the editor.

As a reporter, it's not the first thing I look at myself. The first thing that gets my attention is this column. After that, I look to see where my stories are laid out — what gets above the fold on the front page and so forth. Selfish stuff. Then I go play cards.

But you, the person who buys this paper, or reads it in the library, or finds it on the seat of the bus — you move around the pages differently. If your writing was in this paper, you'd navigate your way through the same way I do, analyzing your byline's visibility.

But having the leader role, especially with a community newspaper, you probably take a different angle; you probably look for the names of the people you know. And sometimes

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

you might find them in the letters to the editor.

Hopefully when you find your friends' letters, you don't discover them to be idiots. Hopefully, when you find your enemies' letters, you discover without question that they're indeed idiots.

So there's that suspense. But the most entertaining aspect of letters to the editor, the absolute, unbridled joy of it all, is discovering the kind of overheated missive sent by people so overwhelmed by their personal feel-

ings that they write to us without cooling their heels first.

It's okay to be passionate about a topic — I'm a little bit that way myself — but it's always best for a person to do their writing after their body temperature dips a few degrees Fahrenheit.

There are crazy letters, to be sure, but more often than not we get the kind of overheated discombobulation that results from personal agendas. Too-personal agendas.

Passion, admittedly, can be funny. Observers to passionate tantrums can often be found hiding behind curtains, making dental impressions on their collars. But passion is also a critical element for stirring things, making things go. If you can't rev yourself a little first, then your drive to get your point across is going to be a slow one. That's the key: drive quickly

enough to get there to make your point in good time, but not so quickly that the Fire Department has to extricate you before you get to your destination.

Letter writers: Think like writers. You have an audience; you're writing for someone. You're not getting paid, but you're writing for publication. There are people with our paper sitting in libraries, at home at the kitchen table with coffee, on the beach or a park bench or whatever, and they're looking at your words and they expect to hear something.

Hear. That's the operative word. If you don't hear what you're writing, then you can't expect the reader to hear what you're saying either. Make them hear what you're saying. Otherwise they'll think of you as entertainment — as Ziggy, or Dagwood, or some other **nonad** newspaper figure.

Epoch of Columbus

At 2 a.m. on Oct. 12, 1492, Rodrigo de Triana, a sailor on the Nina, gave the word that land had been sighted. Civilization would be changed in a way the humble sailor could not possibly realize at the time.

The island was named San Salvador by Christopher Columbus. This first voyage of Columbus continued with the discovery of Haiti, Cuba and several other islands.

The Santa Maria went aground at what is now the Dominican Republic. Columbus used the wood of the ship to build a fort called La Navidad. He then returned to Spain, where he was received with the greatest respect and fanfare. He left the crew of the Santa Maria at La Navidad and brought Natives back to Spain for Baptism. It was a marriage of cultures being consummated.

The second voyage commenced in 1493, only this time there were several ships, 1,500 men, tools and cattle to begin colonization. We fail to recognize what an achievement this was. Columbus continued into Central and South America making the necessary claims to the land for Spain. By the time Philip II became king of Spain a few decades later, he would rule the largest empire ever seen on earth before or since. From South America's southern tip to the greater part of our present United States, Spain was sovereign. By the time the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, Mexico had about six universities. Commerce flourished between Europe and the new lands.

Such was the reverence for Columbus that after he died his bones were several times exhumed and reburied, twice crossing the Atlantic in death. After Cuba was lost by the Spanish-American war, those bones returned to be reinterred at the Cathedral in Seville. So many owned their countries to Columbus that they all claimed to be his proper resting place.

Monday marks the day in honor of Columbus. More than a pious legend, the story of Columbus is the opening of an epoch, the marriage of civilizations and the creation of an attitude called Americanism: pragmatic, productive and accepting. Very few figures in history can make a claim to an achievement such as that. We are familiar with the Industrial Era or the Age of Reason, but the Epoch of Columbus continues to thrive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Constituents should watch debate

To the Editor:

I believe Mr. Hirschfeld's Sept. 21 Letter to the Editor distorts terribly the wonderful record and person Congressman Bob Franks is.

When Mr. Hirschfeld concludes his letter by referring to Jon Corzine as mainstream — who even *The New York Times* has recognized as "certainly to the left of the entire United States Senate, including Ted Kennedy and Paul Wellstone, and he doesn't have many competitors in the House" — it is obvious to me that Mr. Hirschfeld does not share the same definition of mainstream as the rest of New Jersey, the country or even *The New York Times*.

For the record, Mr. Corzine's spending proposals of over three-quarters of a trillion dollars, or almost \$5,000 of new additional taxes for every taxpaying citizen in the country, would break the budget. Tax and spend is not mainstream.

In contrast, Congressman Franks has played a key role at the House Budget Committee. Bob Franks wrote the plan that balanced the budget, cut taxes for families and seniors, protected Social Security and started paying down the national debt. It is not a coincidence that the budget deficit began shrinking almost immediately after Bob Franks' election to Congress in 1992.

I, and many others, moved specifically to New Jersey because of direct transit into Manhattan. For anyone to suggest the congressman's role in financing NJ Transit has done anything other than raise property values across New Jersey does not make sense to me. In fact, the congressman, as a result of his position on the House Transportation Committee, has brought more than our fair share of funds to New Jersey. What we need is an effective senator with real experience in understanding how to accomplish things in Washington.

Congressman Franks' position on key committees has had a real impact on life in this country and in New Jersey. And even though these committees do not regularly sponsor many bills, Bob Franks has had the initiative to sponsor important legislation such as new laws to protect our children from businesses and predators on the Internet.

It may be Mr. Hirschfeld's desire to connect Congressman Franks to some of the more conservative members in the Republican Party. However that is analogous to comparing moderate Senators Pat Moynihan, John Breaux and Bob Kerry to left-wing candidates such as Al Simpson, Jon Corzine and Sen. Paul Wellstone. There are moderates in both parties.

In fact, Bob Franks has exhibited great strength and courage that we should all emulate in challenging the Republican leadership in voting for legislation that he believes is right. One can only imagine the extraordinary pressures Congressman Franks received from certain elements of the Republican leadership when voting for, or supporting campaign finance, gun control, abortion rights, Hate Crimes Bill and Health Care Bill of Rights. This is a man of principle.

I would suggest, however, rather than reading Mr. Hirschfeld's letter or mine, if constituents really want to see the difference between Congressman Franks and Mr. Corzine, please watch or attend their debate on Sunday, Jon Corzine, after doing everything to avoid debates or even being in the same room with Bob Franks will need to explain himself. Fifty million dollars plus of warm, fuzzy commercials and other campaign spending by Mr. Corzine will not educate the public — we are not that naive. One day he may even open up his tax returns — so we can make our own judgment if any conflicts exist — as every other major candidate for public office around the country does.

With debates, as opposed to partisan letters, everyone can make their own

decision about who is mainstream and who is extreme and who will be, or has been, an effective legislator.

Jeffrey A. Kigner
Springfield

Thanks for making event a success

To the Editor:

On Sept. 23, over 1,200 locations worldwide participated in the sixth annual Kids Day America International. It was a momentous day dedicated to health, safety and environmental issues that affect individuals and our community as a whole.

Dr. Weisman and the Springfield Chiropractic Center were this year's sponsors for the Township of Springfield, and the event was a great success. Over 200 adults and children were in attendance, receiving valuable information on crime prevention, child safety and environmental awareness. Over 100 children were provided with free child ID cards and spinal screenings. The Springfield Police Department conducted free fingerprinting for all children who attended. The Springfield Fire Department supported the event by providing fire safety tips. The Springfield First Aid Squad was also on hand. The DARE program will receive hundreds of dollars that was raised during this event.

Dr. Weisman and staff would like to thank the many people for their involvement and support of this year's Kids Day America, all the great people who let us display our flyers in their place of business and all of the wonderful volunteers who helped us turn this special event into such a success.

Special thanks to Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland, Mark of Jojan Photographers, Rick Mickles of the Springfield Police Benevolent Association, Jose Carrillo and Darlene Tapper.

Gary Weisman and staff
Springfield

\$16 million plan not public-spirited

To the Editor:

Intriguing was your article in the *Echo Leader's* Sept. 14 issue, "Architects of police headquarters recommend building new facility."

We learn from this article that the new \$16-million palace started out as a renovation and expansion to existing facilities. But the architect quickly realized that project costs were increasing so it would actually be cheaper to construct a new building. Very public-spirited of that company and, of course given the amount of money involved, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders probably cannot resist this recommendation.

In a non-related story, as though there were not enough insults to the New Jersey countryside, more traffic signs will be going up in Union County — 500 in all. Do drivers really need a reminder that pedestrians, especially kids, can step into the street at anytime/any place and drivers have to be ready to stop at any time? Has a study shown that these bright green/yellow atrocities really save lives?

I tend to doubt it. Do we want drivers taking their eyes off the road to make sense of all the signage? Any driver who needs these kinds of reminders should be banned to a tricycle.

Frank Marchese
Springfield

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

The following is the October lunch menu for Springfield middle and elementary schools:
 Oct. 5: hamburger on bun, buttered corn, fresh fruit, milk
 Oct. 6: cheesy pizza, mixed vegetables, pears, milk
 Oct. 9: Yom Kippur, Columbus Day observed
 Oct. 10: fish stix on bun; coleslaw, peaches, milk
 Oct. 11: chicken patty on bun, corn, chilled fruit, milk
 Oct. 12: hot turkey ham, w/cheese/bagel, potato rounds, mixed fruit, milk
 Oct. 13: French bread pizza, sweet peas, pineapple, milk
 Oct. 16: hot dog on bun, baked beans, applesauce, milk
 Oct. 17: chicken nuggets, 1/2 slice, carrots, fruit, milk

Oct. 18: grilled cheese on white, chopped broccoli, pineapple, milk
 Oct. 19: spaghetti, meatsauce & bread, green beans, chilled pears, milk
 Oct. 20: pizza, tossed salad, grape juice, milk
 Oct. 23: cheese steak on bun, barbecue beans, pears, milk
 Oct. 24: chicken patty on bun, mixed vegetable, peaches, milk
 Oct. 25: cheeseburger on bun, lettuce & tomato's, jello w/fruit, milk
 Oct. 26: macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, chopped broccoli, apple juice, milk
 Oct. 27: pizza, carrot sticks, pineapple, milk
 Oct. 30: waffles w/sausage, syrup, orange juice, apricots, milk
 Oct. 31: chicken nuggets, dinner roll, potato salad, pineapple, milk

Pulling together



Joined together to promote the safety and health of the nation's children are, from left, McGruff the Crime Dog, Jenny and daughter Stephanie Smith and Sparky the Fire Prevention Dog. Township children converged on the offices of Springfield chiropractor Gary Weisman on Sept. 23 to participate in Kids Day America. The occasion marked the first time the international event was ever conducted in the township.

Hadassah will host health program

The Springfield Hadassah Chapter will conduct Hadassah's nationally-acclaimed Check It Out youth breast health awareness program at Jonathan Dayton High School on Oct. 18 for female students. On the same day, a program for male students on testicular cancer will be offered.
 For female students, the program will feature a speaker who is a breast cancer survivor and a health care provider speaking on the importance of taking responsibility for one's own body as well as the importance of breast self-examination.
 Also speaking will be Alice Weinstein of Springfield, a representative of Hadassah, the largest women's organization in the United States. An

American Cancer Society video on breast self-examination will also be shown.
 Dr. John Siegel of Millburn, a Jonathan Dayton graduate, will speak to male students about testicular cancer.
 Hadassah first introduced the Check It Out program in Corpus Christi, TX, in 1992 and, since then, in schools throughout the nation. Weinstein said that while breast cancer is rare in women under 30, a lifetime habit of monthly breast self-examination is the key to early detection and that exercise and diet are keys to reducing a woman's risk of developing disease.

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OBITUARIES

Edith B. Winters

Edith B. Winters, 75, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Springfield, died Sept. 28 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Winters lived in Springfield before moving to Scotch Plains four years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Sonia Lewis and Lisa Gelmetti; a brother, Arthur Berson, and three grandchildren.

Martha Schechtel

Martha Schechtel, 97, of West Orange, formerly of Springfield, died Sept. 29 in the Daughters of Israel Geriatric Center, West Orange.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Schechtel lived in Maplewood and Springfield before moving to West Orange in 1958. She was a member of the Deborah and Hadassah, both of Maplewood and South Orange.

Surviving are a daughter, Hermine Harmer; a son, Herman; five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Robert Marshall Sr.

Robert W. Marshall Sr., 87, of Summit, an electrical engineer who held radar patents, died Sept. 29 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Bloomington, Minn., Mr. Marshall lived in Summit most of his life. He was an electrical engineer in research, development and integrated circuitry quality assurance for Bell Laboratories in Whippany, Murray Hill and Holmdel for more than 40 years and retired in 1977. Mr. Marshall held patents in various radar and underwater tracking systems. He gra-

duated in 1934 from the University of Minnesota School of Engineering and received a master's degree with honors from Columbia University in 1936, where he was inducted into the Sigma Xi Honor Society.

Mr. Marshall was detailed to Army Air Corps Intelligence during World War II and advised the government on sonar-based submarine detection in the North Atlantic. He also advised the Defense Department on airborne intelligence using the U-2 spy plane during the Cold War. Mr. Marshall was a contributor to several professional journals. He was a member of the International Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the American Society of Engineering Education. Mr. Marshall was a church school superintendent and an elder at Central Presbyterian Church, Summit, a member of the board of development at Princeton Theological Seminary and a former program chairman of the Old Guard in Summit.

Surviving are two sons, Robert W. Jr. and Carlite, and a daughter, Ann Kelsey.

Sister Jane Carroll

Sister Jane Carroll, 78, of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station, formerly of Summit, a Summit school teacher, died Sept. 26

in St. Anne Villa in Convent Station. Born in Montreal, Canada, Sister Jane Carroll lived in Convent Station, Jersey City, Franklin, Summit and Plainfield before moving to Newark.

She entered the Sisters of Charity on Sept. 8, 1941. Sister Jane Carroll was the vice principal of St. Patrick's School, Jersey City, since 1978. She had been principal of Immaculate Conception School, Franklin, from 1966 through 1978 and taught at St. Teresa's School, Summit, from 1959 through 1962. St. Mary's School, Plainfield, from 1948 through 1959 and Sacred Heart School, Newark, from 1942 through 1948. Sister Jane Carroll received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station.

Surviving are three sisters, Pat Kuhn, Eleanor French and Alice Gnecco.

James Rosa Jr.

James Rosa Jr., 59, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Oct. 1 at his summer residence in Forked River.

Mr. Rosa was an employee of the United States Postal Service for 40 years and worked the last eight years of his career as postmaster of the city of Orange before retiring a year ago. He was a member of the National Association of Postmasters and the

Brittany Hunting Club, Lafayette. Surviving are two sons, James M. and Anthony; a sister, Barbara Ball, and three grandchildren.

Marie C. Clark

Marie C. Clark, 60, of Springfield died Oct. 2 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Clark lived in Parsippany before moving to Springfield 25 years ago. She was a receptionist at the Hair Chalet, Maplewood, for 30 years and retired two years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Vincent; two daughters, Cynthia Dotoli and Christina Cautolo; a brother, Frank Palermo, and five grandchildren.

Pauline Sutta

Pauline Sutta, 83, of Cedar Grove, formerly of Springfield, died Sept. 30 at home.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Sutta lived in Springfield before moving to Cedar Grove three years ago.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Norman Sutta, and two grandchildren.

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Thirty-nine Summit High School students, some of whom have already graduated as members of the Class of 2000, were recently named AP Scholar award recipients by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement examinations. Only about 13 percent of the more than 700,000 students who took AP exams last May performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Students take AP exams in May after completing challenging college level courses at their high school. The College Board recognizes several levels of AP achievement. At Summit High School:

Six students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are: Hilary Boller, John Dickey, Alexander Hardy, Meghan Hatfield, Kevin Keating and Charles Santistevan.

Thirteen students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are: Andrew Armstrong, Martha Bell, Spencer Clive, Arlo Faria, Beverly Halpern, Abigail Hunt, Jennifer Kowitz, Ray Malch, Annmarie Nye, Colleen Smith, Sara Stanovsky, Tamara Wood and Kevin Woolford.

Twenty students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by receiving grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. These students are: Adam Allogramento, Paul Bennett, Sarah Bernard, Chelsea Coffin, Henry Goffin, Padma Govindan, Beth Hatem, Charlotte Hodde, Megan Hunter, Lawrence Kiefer, Andrew Larsen, Jeanpaul Le, Samantha McCoy, John Molcon, Jamie Sample, Andrew Schwarzmann, Jeffrey Sparrow, Heather Thompson, Matthew Tsiang and Douglas Williams.

Open house set

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit will host an open house on Oct. 15 for parents and prospective students of kindergarten through 12th grade.

Registration for Lower School prospects (grades K-6) and their parents is at 12:45 p.m., with the program beginning at 1 p.m. Classroom tours and visits with faculty begin at 1:30 p.m., with the program ending at 3 p.m. Registration for the Upper School open house (grades 7-12) is at 2 p.m., followed by the program at 2:15 p.m. Visits and tours are at 2:45 p.m., with the day concluding at 4 p.m.

The Lower School is co-educational, while the Upper School is for young women only.

Guests will have an opportunity to meet faculty representatives, coaches and students, and to tour the nine-acre campus.

For directions to the Oak Knoll campus or for more information about the open house, call the director of admissions at 522-8109.



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Officer injured in foot pursuit

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• A man identified as Anthony Kozak, 21, of South Plainfield, was arrested by borough police Sunday for having a suspended license.

• A suspect identified as Celso Robayo, 56, of North Plainfield, was arrested at Route 22 West at Justin Place Saturday and charged with driving while intoxicated. Robayo posted a \$375 bail. A Parlin resident identified as David Donnamarra, 37, was stopped on Route 22 East at Summit Road for driving an unregistered vehicle. A computer check revealed that Donnamarra was wanted in Morris County for parole violation. He was also found to have a suspended driver's license.

• A suspect identified as Angel Arce of Newark was arrested in Belleville Sept. 28 on a warrant out of Mountainside in the amount of \$600.

• A Newark resident identified as Curtis Frank Rucicuti, 41, was arrested on Route 22 East Sept. 27 and found to be a suspended driver. Rucicuti also had contempt of court warrants out of Newark and East Orange. Bail for Rucicuti's suspended license was \$250. A court date of Oct. 12 was set. A suspect identified as Niel Acosta, 22, of Jersey City, was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

• A Staten Island resident identified as Maria Powers was arrested for having a suspended license and for having a warrant out of Linden. Powers was stopped after running a red light at Route 22 West and New Providence Road and weaving in and out of traffic. A Plainfield resident identified as Romeo Canahual, 20, was arrested at Route 22 East and Central Avenue and charged with driving under the influence. He was held in lieu of \$825 bail.

Springfield

Township Police Officer Scott Brokaw was injured during a foot pursuit Friday.

According to Springfield Police,

two young white males were pursued last Friday night after trying to steal a radar detector from inside a car in the vicinity of Ruby Park. During the ensuing foot pursuit, Brokaw reportedly misstepped, falling and knocking himself unconscious. Police searched for the suspects in the brush between Tooker and Rose Avenues using the Fire Department's thermal imaging camera. The camera, which detects body heat, could not uncover the suspects.

Brokaw has been released from the hospital, and is expected to visit his own physician.

• A burglary at a Mountain Avenue residence Sept. 27 resulted in the theft of numerous pieces of rings, pins, necklaces and bracelets. A small number of other items, including two sweaters, a pair of travel alarm clocks and a Walkman were also reported missing. The front door of the residence was "kicked in," according to a police report, and the house was ransacked. No arrests have been made.

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.

Volunteer groups and families will be assigned to various public sites around town, such as parks, parking lots and vacant properties, to collect litter that has accumulated over the past year. Garbage bags, gloves and necessary tools will be provided by the township. Each year's event nets more than 100 bags of litter and debris.

The program, funded by a grant from the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, is designed to encourage volunteer cleanup of public lands and to educate the public about the need to control litter. Litter originates from several sources — such as motorists, pedestrians, uncovered trucks, illegal dumping and improperly packaged garbage — and can cause problems to people, animals and the environment.

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.

Foundation to conduct schoolwide walk-a-thon

The Mountainside Education Foundation will conduct a schoolwide Walk-a-thon today at Deerfield School to raise money for the Mountainside Education Foundation.

The Walk-a-thon will be con-

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ducted on school grounds. Students are asking people in the community to be sponsors by agreeing to pledge an amount per lap or a flat pledge. Students will average approximately 35 laps with a maximum of 50 laps.

When the Walk-a-thon is over, sponsors will receive an announcement in the mail informing them of the total pledge due based on the number of laps the student completed. Sponsors simply mail in their pledge.

The Deerfield School and the Mountainside Educational Foundation would appreciate the support of all friends, families, neighbors and local businesses to attain its goal.

For more information, call Lauren Alpert at (908) 789-9736.

Hadassah to conduct health program Oct. 18

The Springfield Hadassah Chapter will hold Hadassah's nationally acclaimed youth breast health awareness program "Check It Out" at Jonathan Dayton High School Oct. 18 for female students. On the same day, a program for male students on testicular cancer will be offered.

For female students, the program will feature a speaker who is a breast cancer survivor and a health care provider speaking on the importance of taking responsibility for one's own body as well as the importance of breast self-examination.

Also speaking will be Alice Weinstein of Springfield, a representative of Hadassah, the largest women's organization in the United States. An American Cancer Society video on breast self-examination will also be shown.

Dr. John Siegal of Millburn, a

Jonathan Dayton graduate, will speak to male students about testicular cancer.

Hadassah first introduced the "Check It Out" program in Corpus Christi, Tex., in 1992 and since, then, in schools throughout the nation. Weinstein said that while breast cancer is rare in women younger 30 years old, a lifetime habit of monthly breast self-examination is the key to early detection and that exercises and diet are key to reducing a woman's risk of developing the disease.

Library hosts lunchtime video series Oct. 31

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present the second part in a documentary series titled "New York" in its continuing lunchtime video programs Oct. 31 at noon.

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

Sha'arey to host lecture

Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Social Action Committee and Brotherhood will present a Sunday brunch and lecture Nov. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker Prof. Eugene Lieber will speak on the topic, "The Black Experience: From Africa, to Slavery, to Freedom." Admission is a suggested donation of \$3 per person.

Prof. Lieber is a much sought-after history professor who has lectured extensively at the Jewish Community Center, several temples in the area, the Ethical Culture Society, and many other organizations. He is known for "making history come alive" with his fascinating presentations. This will be his second engagement at Sha'arey Shalom.

Prof. Lieber's lecture will attempt to explain to just what happened centuries ago in Africa, the Middle Passage, shown in the film "Amistad," slavery in the South, and emancipation to freedom.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Nov. 5 Sunday brunch and lecture is open to the public. For additional information, call the temple office (973) 379-5387. Advance reservations are requested. Make checks payable to Temple Sha'arey Shalom, and send to 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081.

Firemen handle many medical calls

Springfield

• An activated alarm sent the Springfield Fire Department to a Bryant Avenue residence at 4:57 a.m. Saturday.

• A police assist at Ruby Field and four medical service calls, including two lift assists, were handled by the department Friday.

• The department answered a variety of calls Sept. 28, from an activated fire alarm at Town Hall to an unidentified substance on the roadway at Cambridge Terrace to a heating problem. There were three medical service calls.

Three medical service calls and one

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call for a water leak at a Henshaw Avenue residence kept the department busy Sept. 27.

• Two activated fire alarms, including one at Town Hall, and one medical service call were handled Sept. 26.

• Firefighters responded to a South Springfield Avenue residence for a medical service call Sept. 25. A call for an activated fire alarm at Town Hall was answered at 11:20 a.m.

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• An activated alarm sent the borough's Fire Department to a Route 22

West business Oct. 2. The alarm was cleaned and reset.

• The department contained a spill from a motor vehicle accident Sept. 29, after a car struck a pole on Route 22 East. Firefighters severed the vehicle's battery cable. No injuries were reported.

• One call for an activated smoke detector at a Grove Lane residence was answered Sept. 27. Firefighters cleaned and reset the device.

• A spider activated a smoke detector at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 4:16 a.m. Sept. 26. The spider and spiderweb was cleared from the detector and the device was reset.

Dayton hires a new athletic director

Kevin Murphy is the new dean of students and athletic director at Jonathan Dayton High School.

He graduated from Ursinus College, with a bachelor of science in psychology and a minor in biology and athletic training. During that time, Murphy was involved in student management as a resident assistant. While earning his master's degree in human services and administration at Rider College, he served as resident director of a 300-student residence hall. Throughout his coaching career at Rider and Drexel, Murphy's players have ranked Top 20 for National GPA in Women's Basketball. He was awarded Most Successful Coach for America East, and Drexel earned

most wins in their American East Division history. Murphy is very proud of the fact that 100 percent of his players have earned their degrees.

During his free time he likes to spend time with his wife and two sons. He also likes to play sports whenever he has the opportunity.

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Report indicates need for improvement

(Continued from Page 1) cautioned, however, that some of the details in the report may require union negotiations.

The report covers every aspect of the department's operations, from patrol functions and criminal investigations to records management to human resources. Its suggestions apply not only to the Police Department's management, but to the responsibilities held by the Township Committee.

Buracker interviewed over 30 department members of all ranks. In the report's "executive summary" chapter, the queried officers cited the department's positive characteristics as good pay and benefits, good officers, an affection for the community and a low workload.

On the negative side, officers cited a lack of management at the top, and

an inability to communicate with the police chief. "A lack of accountability for everyone" was also described, as was a lack of incentive to do good work.

Other management concerns involve the abuse of sick leave — described in the report, by an anonymous source as a "farce." Officers also asked for a reduction in department "specialists" who produce very little work, consistency in matters of discipline, and an assurance that the chief of police "answers to someone." Lastly, officers suggested the appointment of a permanent mayor. Under the township's current structure, a new mayor is appointed every year by the Township Committee.

At the policing level proper, officers expressed dissatisfaction with the

department's "minimum requirement" of five radar tickets a month, an overabundance of forms to complete for arrests, and a lack of training other than that required by the county and state.

Other department responsibilities recommended by Buracker include, in part, the "easy retrieval" of automated crime and workload data; officers working in plainclothes in unmarked vehicles when appropriate; the use of cell phones by officers on patrol, and the development of an "equipment committee" to determine specific equipment needs. Several recommendations concerning records management, community policing and human resources management are also included.

Buracker suggests "encouraging" police officials to work periodic

weekend and evening shifts, and recommends contacting all victims of unsolved crimes with investigation updates at 30-, 60-, and 90-day intervals. Monthly reports to the Township Committee have also been targeted for upgrade, to include year-to-date workload, graphics to reflect crime trends, and records for sick leave, injury leave and amount of overtime for officers. Buracker's report even takes pains to recommend the use of file folders, rather than envelopes, for the filing of police records.

While the report admits that some of the negative observations made by the department's officers have been heard in other Police Department studies, the "nature and intensity" of the Springfield Police Department's comments indicate a need for improvement.

Referendum preparation begins this month

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installed for the entire facility, to extend the hours of operation, allowing the district to establish a genuine "community" field. A shot-put and javelin area also will be created. Meisel Field is considered part of the Union County park system.

Jonathan Dayton's tennis courts, the only such current facility with lights in the township, will be

increased in number from four to five, enabling Dayton's tennis team to run five matches simultaneously. The courts have already proven fairly busy, with numerous students playing after sunset. Other improvements will be made at the Edward V. Walton School, Thelma L. Sandmeier School and Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School fields.

The board's schedule of events

kicked off yesterday, with an interviewing of bond counsel by its Finance Committee. The week of Oct. 16 will bring The Tarquini Organization, the board's choice for architect and planner, to the table for a review of both the athletic fields project as well as the district's long-range plan. Bond counsel also will be appointed at that time.

Preparation of the referendum

question will begin the week of Oct. 23 followed by two public meetings on Nov. 6 and Nov. 20. Tarquini will be available to answer questions from the public on Nov. 6. The final stop, the referendum itself, will be presented Dec. 12.

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Visit from Mr. R.E. Cycle



Matthew Lebowitz of Edward V. Walton School in Springfield assists Mr. R.E. Cycle with his recent assembly program about the importance of recycling. Mr. R.E. Cycle is sponsored by the Springfield Department of Public Works to raise awareness about the township's Clean Communities Program.

New plan to maintain character of borough

(Continued from Page 1) ming pool as the only true piece of recreation completely under the borough's jurisdiction. He recommended taking a closer look at the plan's goals and objectives in regard to recreation. "There's an increase in recreational needs," Diako admitted. "This is a very critical, touchy area. We should establish a goal to get as much recreational use as possible out of our school property."

In moving through the Master Plan, Diako also focused his attention on the notion of retaining Mountain-side's "character" of single-family residences, calling it "a keystone of our planning" and "profoundly in accord with the history of the borough."

The board was in general agreement on the matter of retaining the single-family characteristic. Board member Frederick Picot, however, disagreed with the notion of tying with a suggested amendment to the borough's land use ordinance. An amendment would protect against single-family residences from being converted into multiple-family residences after a homeowner's death.

"I'd just leave it the way it is," Picot said. "Why punish people for the possibility that their house might become a two-family house after they die? I feel the board is trying to stop something that hasn't occurred yet."

Another objective, involving the classification of all streets by function," was described by Diako as "a carry-over from Master Plans from years ago, when the borough was in development."

"In the 1950s, that type of goal was very valid," Diako said. "But we're not widening any streets or creating new ones. To create new streets you'd have to buy up properties, and I don't see that as realistic. This isn't a priority-type goal. We're an established borough."

Zawislak agreed. "The streets are pretty much set in their ways," he said. "I think the goal should say 'maintain these streets as they are.'"

On the basis of Picot's concern regarding steep slopes, Zawislak suggested amending the goal to allow for "special consideration for steep slopes and critically environmental sites." The Planning Board will resume its examination of the Master Plan at its next special meeting, scheduled for Oct. 24.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

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Believe it or not, the first weekend of October brings us to the halfway point for area teams as far as their first four games toward a possible state playoff berth are concerned.

Elizabeth (4-0) and Union (3-1) are already there and are on their way to claiming two of the eight spots once again in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4.

Elizabeth has outscored its first four opponents by a 92-2 count and has three consecutive shutouts. The defending North 2, Group 4 champs have not yet given up any points on defense.

After falling at Elizabeth 18-0 in a game that was closer than the score indicated, Union has rebounded nicely with convincing home wins over Newark East Side 48-7 and over Kearny 49-0.

Elizabeth and Union will have much tougher tests the next four weekends as both will embark on three-game road stands starting this weekend and then play their eighth game at home.

Elizabeth has consecutive road games at Irvington this weekend, at Linden Oct. 14 and at Westfield Oct. 21 after having the weekend of Oct. 21st off. The Minutemen will then host Shabazz on Friday night, Nov. 3, which is the playoff cutoff weekend.

Union has consecutive road games at Plainfield this weekend, at Westfield Oct. 14 and at Shabazz Oct. 20. The Farmers will then host Linden on Friday night, Oct. 27 and then get the playoff cutoff weekend off.

Hillside is 3-0 for the first time since 1994. The Comets posted their second consecutive convincing victory last Saturday when they bested Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division arch rival Roselle 32-14 at Arminio Field in Roselle.

Hillside outscored the Rams 26-8 in the second half after the game was knotted 6-6 at intermission. The Comets are attempting to make the North 2, Group 2 playoffs for the second time in three seasons.

Although Roselle Park was bested by New Providence 10-0, the Farmers gave a solid effort and are a much-improved team.

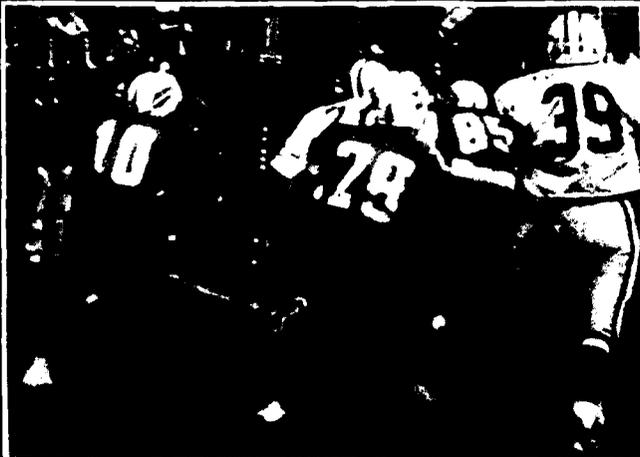
WEEK FOUR GAMES
 Friday, Oct. 6
 Brearley at Ridge, 7:00
 Dayton at Bound Brook, 7:00
 Roselle Park at Manville, 7:00
 Saturday, Oct. 7
 Rahway at Hillside, 1:00
 Immaculata at Johnson, 1:00
 Roselle at Gov. Livingston, 1:00
 Union at Plainfield, 1:30
 Elizabeth at Irvington, 1:30
 Linden at Scotch Plains, 1:30
 Shabazz at Cranford, 1:30
 Weequahic at Summit, 1:30

WEEK THREE SCORES
 Thursday, Sept. 28
 Linden 37, Cranford 7
 Johnson 40, Manville 7
 Immaculata 55, Dayton 0
 New Providence 10, R. Park 0
 Rahway 22, Bound Brook 6
 Friday, Sept. 29
 Hillside 32, Roselle 14
 Ridge 52, Gov. Livingston 21
 Brearley 14, North Plain 13
 Morris Hills 27, Summit 0
 Union 49, Kearny 0
 Elizabeth 35, East Side 0

JR's Picks for Week Four
 Ridge over Brearley
 Bound Brook over Dayton
 Roselle Park over Manville
 Hillside over Rahway
 Immaculata over Johnson
 Roselle over Gov. Livingston
 Union over Plainfield
 Elizabeth over Irvington
 Linden over Scotch Plains
 Shabazz over Cranford
 Summit over Weequahic
 Last Week: 8-3
 Season: 28-9 (.757)

TERRIFIC THIRTEEN

1. Elizabeth (4-0)
2. Union (3-1)
3. Linden (2-1)
4. Hillside (3-0)
5. Roselle Park (2-1)
6. Rahway (2-1)
7. Johnson (2-1)
8. Summit (2-2)
9. Roselle (1-2)
10. Gov. Livingston (1-2)
11. Brearley (1-2)
12. Cranford (0-4)
13. Dayton (0-3)



Photos by Bob Lora

SEARCHING FOR FIRST WIN — The Dayton High School football team is still searching for its first win of the season and its first points. The Bulldogs (0-3) are scheduled to play at Bound Brook (1-2) tomorrow night at 7 in Bound Brook in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play. Above, running back Ibin Raheem (No. 10) follows the blocking of Aljay Vigilante (No. 28) and John Laurencelle (No. 85) in Dayton's season-opener vs. visiting New Providence. Below, Raheem tries to escape the clutches of a New Providence defensive lineman.



Going for third win



Photo by Milton Mills

The Summit High School football team, sparked by the play of junior split end Matt Williams, will seek to snap a two-game losing streak when it hosts Weequahic Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Tatlock Field in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play. The Hilltoppers, after getting off to a 2-0 start for the first time since 1993, have since lost at home to Mendham 41-12 and at Morris Hills 27-0 last Friday. Summit (2-2) has road games at Parsippany Hills on Oct. 13 and at West Essex on Oct. 21 and then returns home for a game against Mount Olive on Oct. 28. The Hilltoppers will then go back on the road for a game at Hanover Park on Nov. 4.

Oak Knoll wins another crown

Zawacki, Slonaker capture second consecutive titles

The best girls' tennis in the county is being played in Summit, specifically at Oak Knoll, Summit and Kent Place.

Sophomore Tory Zawacki sparked Oak Knoll to its second consecutive Union County Tournament championship last Friday as she defeated Summit senior Allison Johnson 6-3, 6-2 in the first singles final at Tamaques Park in Westfield.

UCT Girls' Tennis

Oak Knoll won four of the five flights, with Kent Place winning the other. Oak Knoll out-pointed Summit 88-68, with Westfield third with 53 points and Kent Place fourth with 47.

Only players from Oak Knoll, Summit and Kent Place reached Friday's final competition.

In the finals, Oak Knoll players defeated Summit performers in all three singles flights and bested Kent Place at second doubles, while Kent Place defeated Summit at first doubles.

Zawacki, last year's NISIAA Singles Tournament champion and the favorite to win again this year, received a tough challenge from Johnson, one of the best first singles players in the Iron Hills Conference and among North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 teams.

Oak Knoll senior Leigh Slonaker defeated Summit's Erin Arnold at second singles for the second consecutive year, this time posting 6-2, 6-0 victories. Slonaker bested Arnold 6-4, 7-5 last year. Like Zawacki, it was the second consecutive UCT title for Slonaker.

Oak Knoll senior Laura Demoreuille defeated Summit's Erika Mitry at third singles, posting 6-3, 6-1 decisions.

Oak Knoll's second doubles team of Natalie Pregibon and Allison Newhouse was victorious of the Kent Place tandem of Ashley Lane and Jackie Altieri 6-2, 6-2.

Kent Place was sparked at first doubles by Suzi Goldtender and Rachel Rosenhal as they won the championship over Summit's Megan Lyons and Julie Matheny 6-3, 6-1.

Summit victorious over Hanover Park

Summit High School soccer teams began the week on a winning note Monday as they were victorious over Hanover Park in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division action.

The girls' team, among the best in the conference and in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2, improved to 6-1 with a convincing 5-1 victory at home. Jana Lee scored two goals and added an assist for the Hilltoppers, while Karen Jann, Andrea Posada and Liz Essig also scored for Summit, Essig netting her first varsity goal. Jann and Posada also had one assist each.

High School Soccer

Summit defeated Mount Olive 3-1 last Thursday to move to 5-1. Jann scored in the first half and Posada and Lee in the second half.

Summit has conference games scheduled at home against Dover tomorrow against Mendham Tuesday and at Morris Hills Thursday.

Upcoming: Oct. 6 Dover, 4:00; Oct. 10 Mendham, 4:00; Oct. 12 at Morris Hills, 4:00; Oct. 18 at Governor Livingston, 4:00; Oct. 20 at Parsippany, 4:00; Oct. 24 at West Essex, 4:00; Oct. 26 Mount Olive, 4:00; Oct. 30 at Hanover Park, 4:00.

The boys' team received two goals and an assist from Steve Dionne in beating host Hanover Park 4-2 in East Hanover.

Matt Starter scored Summit's third goal and Matt Auster also scored for the Hilltoppers as they improved to 2-3 with the conference triumph.

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Kent Place hosted stellar Sports Day

The Kent Place School in Summit showcased its new athletic facilities and amenities along with superb athleticism during a Sports Day held at the school on Sept. 23.

Four home games were scheduled on Sports Day, two of which were Colonial Hills Conference games.

Although intermittent rain caused the cancellation of the girls' tennis match against Westfield, the volleyball, soccer and field hockey teams were all able to play their games respectively in the fieldhouse, new soccer field and upper field.

Kent Place emerged victorious in two sports and tied in another.

Kent Place volleyball won its match against Summit. Though not a conference match, the school's played against one another as local Union County rivals.

The soccer team beat a physical Bayley-Ellard squad 5-0. Kent Place controlled the first half and scored all five of its goals during that time.

After exhausting a 10 minute, sudden-victory overtime, Kent Place field hockey ended their game against Mountain Lakes in a 1-1 tie. The team played extremely well, with the lone goal coming from senior Megan Parkinson with five minutes to play in the first half.

"This was an extremely successful Sports Day," Kent Place athletic director Deb Malmgren said. "With the addition of the new athletic field we are able to support several sporting events at the same time which is necessary with our conference schedule. We are looking forward to continued success on the playing fields and tennis courts this fall."

In addition to the three games played that day, the Kent Place Boosters Association held the grand opening for the concession stand, selling various refreshments to fans and bystanders at the new athletic field.

Kent Place athletic teams enter the 2000 sports season following what was the most successful year in KPS athletics history. As new members to the Colonial Hills Conference in 1999, both the field hockey and soccer teams are defending conference champions.

Despite the graduation of key players from both squads, the coaches and athletes are confident about the strength of this year's teams. The tennis team, under the leadership of new varsity coach Lou Castelli, is excited to be playing its season at home this year on the new tennis courts after spending all of last season on the road.

Volleyball is off to a strong start as well and hopes to improve on its third-place finish in last year's conference race. Look for all four varsity programs to compete in this year's Union County tournaments.

For more sports highlights and athletic schedules, visit Kent Place on the web at www.kentplace.org or call the athletic hotline at 908-273-0900, ext. 376.

Summit (2-2)

(H) Summit 17, Delaware Valley 0
 (H) Summit 27, Dover 21 (3OT)
 (H) Mendham 41, Summit 12
 (A) Morris Hills 27, Summit 0
 Oct. 7 Weequahic, 1:30
 Oct. 13 at Parsippany Hills, 7:00
 Oct. 21 at West Essex, 1:30
 Oct. 28 Mount Olive, 1:30
 Nov. 4 at Hanover Park, 2:00
 Record: 2-2
 Home: 2-1
 Away: 0-1
 Points for: 56
 Points against: 89
 Shutouts: 1
 Overtime: 1-0

Gov. Liv. (1-2)

(H) Hillside 18, Gov. Liv. 17
 (A) Gov. Liv. 20, North Plain 0
 (A) Ridge 52, Gov. Liv. 21
 Oct. 7 Roselle, 1:00
 Oct. 13 at Rahway, 7:00
 Oct. 21 at Dayton, 1:00
 Oct. 28 Johnson, 1:00
 Nov. 4 Manville, 2:00
 Nov. 23 Immaculata, 10:30
 Record: 1-2
 Home: 0-1
 Away: 1-1
 Points for: 58
 Points against: 70
 Shutouts: 1
 Overtime: 0-0

Dayton (0-3)

(H) New Providence 55, Dayton 0
 (A) Manville 7, Dayton 0
 (A) Immaculata 55, Dayton 0
 Oct. 6 at Bound Brook, 7:00
 Oct. 14 Roselle Park, 2:00
 Oct. 21 Gov. Livingston, 1:00
 Oct. 28 at Brearley, 1:00
 Nov. 4 Johnson, 2:00
 Nov. 22 at North Plain, 7:00
 Record: 0-3
 Home: 0-1
 Away: 0-2
 Points for: 0
 Points against: 117
 Shutouts: 0
 Overtime: 0-0

