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Township wants \$300K in grants

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee focused its attentions Tuesday night on Assistant Township Engineer Sam Mardini.

Mardini appeared before the committee to present his recommendations for an upcoming Community Development Block Grant application. The grant is provided by the federal government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mardini pointed out that the township is limited in the amount of funding it can receive, due to the fact that applicants must fall into low- and middle-income ranges.

"Springfield is very small that way," Mardini said. But he added that Springfield has still netted around \$700,000 in previous block grants, despite the restriction. Grant money, the engineer explained, is most often used for two purposes: To eliminate slum blight and for the removal of handicap barriers. Mardini said the township has been successful in getting money by focusing their concerns on handicap-accessibility issues.

Mardini's recommendations covered six areas, beginning with a handicapped-accessible elevator and bathrooms for the new fire headquarters scheduled for construction on Mountain Avenue. Although he hopes to receive \$150,000 for the project, Mardini has requested \$200,000.

Renovations to the Hershey Building on Mountain Avenue — including a new roof and upgraded bathrooms — also was proposed, at a request of \$40,000. The township acquired the building last year for use by the Department of Public Works, whose current facility is located on nearby Center Street.

Mardini also has turned his sights toward what he called "phase two" of the Morris Avenue street light project. A number of lights and light poles have already been installed on the north side of the street, near Duffy's Corner; Mardini's \$28,000 request would provide the south side, in the area of Mountain Avenue and Caldwell Place, with six pieces of similar lighting fixtures.

The public library was also given the nod for grant dollars. A recent grant enabled the institution's Board of Trustees to hire a consultant to review its facilities, in order to improve factors of accessibility and space. The \$27,000 requested by Mardini would give the Board of Trustees the opportunity to hire an architect to prepare schematic plans for such improvements.

Mardini has doubled last year's request for a salary for the township's senior citizen's bus driver to \$14,700, and has allotted \$10,000 for 100 watertight sanitary sewer manhole covers. Mardini said last year's manhole cover installation has resulted in some improved conditions.

In response to Township Committeeman Gregory Clarke's question as to whether the township should pursue the manhole cover issue even if the grant money is not received, Mardini said that they should. "Even if we can't replace every cover, if we can at least replace those in the lowest areas, we can reduce inflow," he answered.

An introduction to amend the township's land use ordinance received a pair of "no" votes from the committee — from Clarke and Mayor Clara Harelik. If passed at its final hearing on Nov. 14, the ordinance would increase the number of residential units on the Stella property behind the Methodist Church near Black's Lane from 16 to 17. Both Clarke and Harelik flatly disagreed with the notion of increasing the units.



SWEET VICTORY — Crossing the finish line Saturday morning after running in the first annual Mountainside PAL Cop Trot are winners, Davis Gates, above, and Lauren Youseef, below, both of Westfield. Of the 241 runners who competed in the three-mile race, 50 were Union County Police Academy cadets. The event raised more than \$13,000 for the Mountainside Police Athletic League.



Photos by Barbara Kozubik

Progress mad teachers' contracts Settlement possible by Nov. 13

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

In Springfield, the issue of teachers' contracts is still not settled, but the two sides have been meeting.

The factions last met Oct. 19, under the eye of mediator Joel Wiensblatt of the Public Employee Relations Committee. The meeting marks the 10th time the sides have gotten together since March 28. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 13.

"We're getting closer together," Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland said. "We made good progress at the last session, and hopefully by the 13th we'll wrap it up."

Friedland said the Board of Education is looking to create a multi-year contract. Although he declined to give specifics, he referred to the contract's "major points" as salary, insurance, and terms and conditions of employment.

In regard to "conditions of employment," Friedland spoke of the number of class periods worked by teachers, class coverage, and stipends for running clubs and other activities. As a new and important issue, the superintendent also cited the 100 hours of Professional Development Standards now required by the state. The training, which would occur every five years, would affect the contract in several key areas, including salary, additional work time and tuition reimbursement for teachers.

Springfield began the new school year without a contract. The previous

three-year contract was, in Friedland's estimation, "a good length."

"We'd like a multi-year contract," he said. "If you put a contract together that only ends in June, then we'd have to go right back to the drawing board. Multi-year contracts are always more difficult."

Friedland spoke of the necessity of being able to project "into the future" for multi-year contracts, stressing that "there's a lot more to compromise on between what you'd like to have and what you need to have. The teachers have been working hard with the board to hammer out the details."

The lack of a teachers' contract has resulted in the postponement of a number of Back to School Night, a fact that has disturbed some of the district's parents. Friedland explained that the teachers sent a memorandum to the Board of Education stating they would not attend. He referred to their handling of the situation as "professional."

Friedland expects to either reschedule Back to School Night as an evening activity, or to incorporate it as part of the school day, allowing district parents to finally take part in the orientation program.

Kenilworth and Roselle Park were the other Union County school districts to begin the 2000-01 school year without a teachers' contract. The Borough of Mountainside will see its teachers' contract expire at the end of the 2000-01 year.

Mountainside needs a few good volunteers

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

In an unusual request, the Mountainside Board of Education at its Monday night meeting requested volunteers to conduct a resident survey among all the households in the borough.

The influx of kindergartners this year, with 84 new children registering, caught the Board of Education off guard, and everything pertaining to the school system is based on incoming children and the school population, school officials said.

At least 50 volunteers are needed to do this survey, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said. "We will be seeking out information about future incoming students and it is vital to our school planning."

Board of Education member MaryBeth Schaumburg is in charge of the survey. She also is the board's liaison to the PTA, and this was the first place the board looked for volunteers. "The survey is just a short questionnaire. For example, we will ask if the family has young children, their ages, and what year they will be coming into the school system," said Schaumburg.

Well suited to the project, Schaumburg also is on the Long Range Planning Committee, involved with the forthcoming school district expansion. "I am working with the PTA in this capacity, but we need many other people to volunteer also."

A mail survey had been taken last year, according to Schaller. At that time, a questionnaire was mailed to every resident of Mountainside. "The response was impressive for a mail survey, with about 20 percent response, but in order for the information to be valid, we need as close to a 100 percent return as possible," said Schaller, "so we are following models in neighboring communities where physical surveys were done."

The Board of Education is planning a block-by-block survey, asking the volunteers to cover their own block area, door-to-door. Senior citizens are welcome, as are any other concerned residents. Volunteers can choose their own time and go whenever it is convenient for them. Schaumburg stresses that the time needed for each encounter will be short.

For those interested in helping with this project, call either Schaumburg at (908) 789-6452, or Schaller at (908) 232-8828.

No rest for the weary on Route 22

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Westfield asked, and Mountainside obliged.

A rest stop along Route 22 East in Mountainside has been causing troubles for both municipalities: litter for Mountainside and burglars and litter for Westfield. Earlier this month, the Westfield Township Council passed a resolution requesting the state Department of Transportation to shut down the stop, and asked the borough for its support. Now Mountainside has followed suit, passing its own resolution Oct. 17.

"It's a garbage dump," Acting Borough Administrator and Police Chief James Dobbie said of the stop. "We've put in numerous calls to the

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Photo by Bill Gross

The trash-ridden Route 22 East rest stop along the Mountainside/Westfield border has been causing both municipalities problems for years. At Westfield's request, the Mountainside Borough Council passed a resolution Oct. 17, requesting that the rest area be shut down by the state Department of Transportation.

Library feels pinch of space crunch

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Times and technologies are changing. The Springfield Public Library recognizes that fact, and has addressed it by tapping a consultant to review its facilities.

Lushington Associates met with the library's Board of Trustees Oct. 12 to review its findings. According to Library Director Susan Permahos, the board has not reached any decisions in regard to the recommendations made in the study — nor is it committing itself to what she called "the expansion word." The consultant was hired through a Community Development Block Grant.

"Our building is over 30 years old," Permahos said. "Libraries have changed drastically since then. We have 31 computers right now, plus we have CDs and videos — all the new formats."

Permahos admitted the library is "feeling the pinch" in certain areas, especially in regard to storage areas. The use of computers and computer instruction also have created issues involving noise and privacy.

Two surveys concerning the library's facilities were

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Springfield Public Library

made available to the public. "We had one survey within the library, and the other we sent out with the tax bills," Permahos said. Of the mailed surveys, about 500 were returned, a response the director called "excellent."

Although the library is still in the process of evaluating the surveys, Permahos said quiet study space and more computer space were two of the more frequently mentioned issues. In regard to computers, Permahos pointed out that it might be prudent to cut down on the library's book collection to make wider use of the Internet.

"We want to reuse the existing space," she said. "See CONSULTANT, Page 12

Meeting dates are sought for 2001 Town Planner

Any Springfield organization of club interested in posting their 2001 events in the Echo Leader's Town Planner calendar should send their information to Town Planner, P.O.

Box 3109, Union, 07083.

This is the third year the Town Planner calendar is being distributed to Springfield households. It is supported through advertising from

Springfield businesses and includes listings of government meeting dates and times and community events.

The deadline for submission is Friday.

A report compiled by a hired facilities study consultant describes the Springfield Free Public Library's adult library as "cluttered and crowded," with computers and book stacks placed in the reading room, lessening the amount of quiet study space. The library's Board of Trustees has not yet reached a decision regarding the recommendations, which include expansion.

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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 Westfield Regional Health Department sponsors a pneumonia vaccination program at 7 p.m. at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St.

The program is open exclusively to residents of Mountaintop, Springfield, Fanwood, Garwood and Westfield. The vaccine will be available to those that have not been vaccinated for pneumonia with the past 10 years. It is geared to the senior population — those 65 years old and older, and those with chronic illnesses.

Interested residents must contact the Health Department for information, registration and appointments by calling (908) 789-4070.

The Springfield Hadassah meets at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Dr. Guest speaker Bill Weiss, a former newsmen with the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times, will talk about the rise of the Catskill resorts and the resulting affects on the Jewish middle class. The public is invited.

Friday

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. for a special meeting at Jonathan Dayton High School. The chamber will co-host a senior citizens breakfast following the meeting.

Jonathan Dayton High School's Volunteer Club co-hosts its first senior citizen breakfast at 9 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The breakfast is open to any senior citizen free of charge.

Gov. Christine Whitman will be the guest speaker at the event. A trained group of thespians called the Mental Health Players will depict realistic situations concerning health, healing and mental wellness. Interested participants should RSVP by calling (973) 376-1025, ext. 5118.

The Republican Club of Mountaintop hosts its annual dinner dance from 7 to 11 p.m. at L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountaintop. Admission is \$50 per person, which includes a cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by a filet mignon and chicken piccata dinner. There will also be an open bar. For reservations, call Rosemarie Graziano at (908) 233-7129.

Saturday

The Springfield Recreation Board hosts a Halloween celebration at Chisholm Community Center on South Springfield Avenue. A parade through the park for infants, toddlers and kindergarten through fifth-grade students begins at 11:30 a.m.

Costumed visitors will receive a free gift. The celebration includes pumpkin picking, face painting and a costume contest. For more information, call the Recreation Office at (973) 912-2227.

The Mountaintop Newcomers Club hosts a Halloween Party from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Community Room at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. Participants in the membership activity should dress up in costume. The cost will be \$4 per child. RSVP by calling Suzanne Streeter at (908) 522-1379.

A dedication ceremony of the memorial to Ann Conti, a longtime Mountaintop resident and Union County Surrogate Judge, takes place at 2 p.m. at Constitution Plaza in Mountaintop. The public is invited to attend.

Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintop, continues its family programs with a free, guided deserted village tour at 2 p.m. Along with learning about the history of this local treasure, participants will see a demonstration of apple cider pressing and a display of various artifacts

recovered during archeological excavations around the site.

Sunday

The Governor Livingston High School Highlander Band participates in the Pageant of Champions band competition at 1 p.m. at the high school.

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The Ebony Brass Sextet jazz chamber ensemble performs at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at 2 p.m.

Admission to the concert is free by ticket only. Tickets may be picked up at the circulation desk. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

Tuesday

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues 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.

Wednesday

The Springfield Planning Board meets for a regular monthly meeting in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Upcoming events

Nov. 2

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its luncheon video series at noon with episode two of "New York."

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

Holy Cross Church, 639 Mountain Ave., Springfield, will host guest speaker Prof. Anthony Coletta from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Coletta, a professor of education at William Paterson University, will present "Understanding your child's learning style and temperament: encouraging self-esteem, self-control and successful academics."

There is no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted. For more information and to register, call (973) 379-4525, ext. 15.

Nov. 4

The Westfield/Mountaintop Chapter of the American Red Cross will host a "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" certification course from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the chapter house, 321 Elm St., Westfield.

The course is intended for individuals who have a duty to respond to an emergency as part of their job. Interested individuals should call (908) 232-7090.

The Township of Springfield's Cable TV Committee along with the Springfield and Union chambers of commerce will sponsor a children's musical concert for the schools and the community at 1 p.m. at the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorium. Eddie Coker, a well-known children's songwriter, will perform.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 per child. For ticket information, call the Chamber of Commerce at (908) 352-0900.

Nov. 5

Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Social Action Committee, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will host a brunch and lecture. Guest speaker Prof. Eugene Lieber will speak on "The Black Experience: From Africa, to Slavery, to Freedom."

A suggested donation for admission is \$3. For more 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, NJ 07081.

Nov. 6

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. A discussion with the architect of the field and track rehabilitation project is planned.

Nov. 7

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

Nov. 8

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

Nov. 9

The Mountaintop Planning Board will meet for a regular monthly at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Nov. 10

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host a creative dramatics workshop for children in kindergarten to grade 3 at 10:30 a.m. Laurie Hardy, of Youth Stages, will give the audience a fun-filled hour of creative dramatics using music, acting, props and imagination to tell the story of "Stone Soup."

Pre-registration is required by calling (973) 376-4930.

Nov. 11

The Our Lady of Peace School Association will sponsor its annual craft fair and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Our Lady of Peace school gymnasium, 99 South St., New Providence. Admission fee is \$1 for adults and children are free. Interested crafters should call Lynn Winfield at (973) 983-7899.

Nov. 12

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Nov. 13

The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivet Ave.

Nov. 14

The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive session at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

The Mountaintop Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

Nov. 24

The 10-year reunion of the Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 1990 will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange. Tickets are \$100 per person and must be purchased in advance by sending a check made payable to the JDRHS Reunion Class of 1990, 159 Old Stirling Road, Warren, NJ 07059 no later than Nov. 3. For more information, call (908) 542-0753.

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.

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Dr. Dooley Retires to Pursue Passion for Flying

For more than 35 years, Charles E. Dooley, Jr., M.D. has served the health care needs of the residents of Westfield and surrounding areas with great warmth, compassion and professionalism. At the end of October 2000, Dr. Dooley will be retiring from his private practice at 261 Orchard Street, Westfield, New Jersey to pursue his "hobby" as a corporate jet pilot.

As one of the prominent internist-cardiologist physicians on the medical staff, Dr. Dooley was very active at Overlook Hospital, where he helped establish the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. He is also a Past President of the Overlook Hospital Medical Staff (1979-1981). He served as President of the Union County Professional Standards Review Organization and a Board member of the New Jersey Foundation for Health Care Evaluation.

Dr. Dooley received his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from Notre Dame University. He is a graduate of the Seton Hall School of Medicine, class of '61. He served his residency at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, completed his residency in internal medicine at Jersey City Medical Center and completed a Fellowship in Gerontology at Georgetown Medical School in Washington D.C. Board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, he also served on the faculty of Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons as an instructor of internal medicine.

Dr. Dooley was fortunate to be able to combine his medical career with his skills as a proficient corporate jet pilot. Since serving as a pilot in the U.S. Navy, he has remained active in aviation with multiple type ratings in propeller and jet aircraft. Dr. Dooley founded the first Jet jet ambulance service at Tebboro Airport in 1978, where he performed as a volunteer and flight physician. He has served as a Federal Aviation Administration designated regional Medical Examiner for general aviation, corporate, and commercial airline pilots.

The transition from the Doctor's office to the cockpit is nothing new for this jet set physician. Dr. Dooley will be pursuing the completion of his training as a flight instructor in the Falcon 50-FX corporate jet with Flight Safety at Tebboro Airport.

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Other planning boards may hear Stop and Shop case

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment's public hearing series over the proposed Stop and Shop supermarket may be nearing an end. That end, depending on completion of the cross examination and comment phases, may come at the Dec. 19 meeting.

James Segreto, attorney for Springfield Supermarkets LLC, said he will have traffic expert Doug Nye and engineer Hudson Cabot present at the upcoming Nov. 21 hearing. They will be available for cross examination by opposing attorneys Steve Barcan, James D'Elia and Eric Wasser.

When the opposing attorneys and the public are finished with the exper-

ts' testimony, the opposing attorneys and Segreto may give final statements. The board may offer the public a last opportunity to speak before deliberating on Springfield Supermarkets' plan to replace the Saks Fifth Avenue store at 95 Millburn Ave. with a Stop and Shop.

The board's word on the application, however, may not be the last. Segreto noted at the Oct. 17 hearing that his client may have a hearing looming before the Essex County Zoning Board in Newark.

"The applicant has put the application before that county's planning board for consideration," said Segreto. "Matters where the county board has jurisdiction will be brought up then."

The Millburn Planning Board also will have a say about the supermarket. The Saks store itself is within Springfield and Union County; the site crosses 30 feet into Millburn. The applicant's proposal includes adding a traffic light and widening Millburn Avenue, an Essex County road.

Either side also may consider appealing to the courts. The state Supreme Court, for example, ruled last summer that Springfield's zoning variances issued to Saks in the 1950s are valid. The bench then ordered the township Planning Board to resume the hearings.

Segreto's comment came while Barcan was cross examining the applicant's planning consultant Frank Mileto. Barcan was questioning

Mileto about tractor trailer and delivery trucks using a driveway on the proposed supermarket's east side when the attorney presented a letter from the Essex County Department of Public Works. The August 1999 letter to the Millburn Planning Board stated that the current and planned eastern driveway violated county code regulations.

"This letter quotes a county code whereby 'No driveway may be located within 10 feet of a side property boundary line,'" said Barcan to Mileto. "Can you, as a planner approve of an application which is in violation of county regulation?"

Segreto then made his comment before Mileto would reply. The driveways between the present Saks site and of neighbor Coldwell Banker are

separated by a chain link fence.

Barcan, who represents Springfield and Millburn ShopRite owner Village Supermarkets, also questioned Melissa Mintz about the volume and pattern of trucks entering the supermarket's loading docks. Mintz, a Stop and Shop/Royal Ahold operations executive, said she expects up to five tractor trailers and 30 smaller trucks on average making deliveries between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Mintz said she did not expect truck congestion to occur at the supermarket docks or lot. She qualified her remarks as she has been moved from Stop and Shop's Boston operation region to New York. Stop and Shop is returning to the New York-New Jersey area since Ahold bought them.



Fall back...

As we return to Eastern Standard Time this weekend, readers are reminded to turn their clocks back one hour before retiring to bed Saturday night.

Red Cross Motor Works Program now at seniors' service in Mountainside

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

If you're over 65 and live in Mountainside and need to go to the doctor and don't have a ride, your problems are solved.

The Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross launched its Motor Works senior citizen transportation program Oct. 10. The new service will take seniors from both communities to local medical appointments.

"It's strictly medical," said Maureen Kaufmann, administrative assistant for the Red Cross. "We're looking to expand to larger areas — to eventually cover area hospitals and therapy centers."

The program is served by two Ford Windstar vans. Seniors are picked up at home; unless otherwise notified, the van will pick them up from their appointments in one hour. For medical or dental appointments lasting longer than one hour, Kaufmann said passengers may call to summon their return ride. Service is "curb-to-curb."

Although handicapped-accessible vans are not yet available, riders are offered "elbow-assists" on and off the vehicle.

The program is currently averaging 20 to 30 trips per week, Kaufmann said. "But it's only our second or third week. The numbers are definitely increasing," she added, pointing out

that the idea for the program generated by a senior citizens' survey provided by the borough last year.

Funding is generated through the Donate Your Car program. "If you have a car you want to get rid of, you can call us and we'll make it possible to have it appraised," Kaufmann said. Additional funding for the program will perhaps result in the acquisition of handicapped-accessible vehicles.

"We took a look at how many seniors did not have access to transportation, especially in a suburban area where public transportation is not readily available, and we decided to do something about it," said Dennis Kinsella, executive director of the Westfield/Mountainside chapter and one of the developers of the Donate Your Car program. Kinsella said Motor Works now joins the chapter's Handyman program as another senior

service. The Handyman program provides help with minor repairs in carpentry and plumbing, along with household chores, for those over 65.

Riders wishing to make use of Motor Works must provide two days' notice. The service is available Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information call the Senior Citizen Help Line at (908) 232-7709.

Domestic violence awareness heightened across area

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The "day" became a week, and then a month.

The year 2000 marks the 19th consecutive year of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The October event evolved from the first Day of Unity, established in 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Day of Unity eventually expanded into a week's worth of awareness, and now represents a full month of activities.

The first full month of awareness was in October 1987. That year, the first national toll-free hotline opened, followed in 1989 by the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation. Legislation has been passed every year since.

On Nov. 3 and 4, the word on domestic violence will come to Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield through the "Rachel Shabbat." Held for the second year in the township by The Rachel Coalition, the event is one of many going on throughout the country on behalf of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"We're asking the clergy to either provide a sermon on the subject of domestic violence, or to have a speaker from the Rachel Coalition Bureau come in," said Lois Kaish, a Springfield resident and member of the coalition. Established in 1997, the coalition covers what it calls the Metro West region — all of Essex County, along with Springfield and Summit in Union County.

"We're making an effort in the Jewish community to make people aware of domestic violence," Kaish said. "And there are always initiatives in federal government to help make people aware." According to Kaish, the Shabbat was pushed back to the first week of November due to the number of Jewish holidays in October.

Recent crime statistics for the township show that the number of domestic violence incidents dropped to 101 between 1998 and 1999. The figure represents a decrease of 17 incidents.

The Rachel Coalition also offers a 24-hour crisis intervention hotline, along with a "Safe House," operated under the supervision of the Va'ad of Metro West. Counseling, transition planning, referrals, and access to legal and medical aid are also available.

Temple Beth Ahm's presentation on Nov. 3 will be made by Janet Berger, a trained volunteer from the Rachel Coalition Speakers Bureau. A sermon on the subject will be offered the following morning. Temple Beth Ahm is located at 60 Temple Drive.

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In Mountainside, although the bulk of crime figures for last year were down, domestic violence showed an increase of 10 incidents between 1998 and 1999. The increase brought the number of the incidents in the borough to 28.

"We're presently in the stages of creating a Domestic Violence Response Team," said Detective Lt. Todd Turner of the Mountainside Police Department. Turner pointed out that a state mandate requires such teams to consist only of volunteers, and not police officers.

"The volunteers would meet with the victims at the Police Department at the time of the incident," Turner said. "They tell the victims what counseling is available and where it can be obtained."

Pneumonia vaccination program available

The Westfield Regional Health Department will be sponsoring a Pneumonia Vaccination Program today at 7 p.m. at the Westfield Municipal Building, 423 E. Broad St. The program will be open exclusively to residents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Springfield and Westfield.

The pneumonia vaccine will be available to individuals that have not been vaccinated for pneumonia within the past 10 years. The inoculations

are specifically geared to the senior population, 65 years old and older, and individuals with chronic illnesses.

Anyone interested in obtaining the pneumonia vaccine must, without exception, contact the Health Department at (908) 789-4070 for information. Appointments will be scheduled at the time of registration. All individuals participating in the program, who are Medicare- or Medicaid-eligible, must present their cards when registering.

Cops nab theft suspect

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Irvington man was arrested by borough police Oct. 19 in connection with a number of car thefts.

Terrance Meggett, 20, of Adams Street, had been plaguing "Mountainside, Springfield and Hillside," said Detective Lt. Todd Turner of the Mountainside Police Department.

The department became aware of Meggett's identity through a June car theft after his fingerprints were processed through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System. The suspect also was identified in a photo lineup by witnesses in connection with an Oct. 8 theft of a vehicle parked on Cornell Parkway, near the Loews Theaters.

Meggett was initially arrested Oct. 18 by Hillside Police for auto theft. According to Turner, he also was wanted in Springfield for a pair of carjackings in Echo Plaza. Meggett allegedly attempted to strike the female owners of the vehicles with a metal pipe and a crowbar when they encountered him attempting to break in.

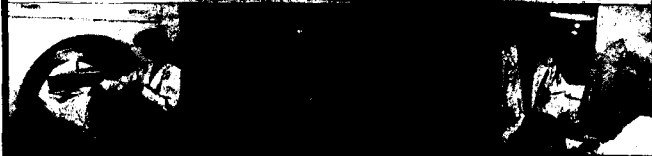
Turner described Meggett as "only stealing high-end vehicles — Jaguars, Mercedes and BMWs," which he would then deliver to chop shops.

"The average car thief uses the car for joyriding," Turner said. "This time, the cars weren't recovered; they were being parted out." Turner said the suspect stole vehicles that were accessible to the highway. Meggett admitted he made \$600 to \$800 per vehicle for vehicles retailing from \$40,000 to \$80,000, according to police. All were daytime thefts, according to police. Another suspect is still being sought.

Turner credited Detectives Judd Levenson and John D'Andrea of the Springfield Police Department with assisting in the investigation. D'Andrea, Turner said, provided "expert fingerprint comparison."

Meggett is being held in Union County Jail in lieu of \$7,500 bail out of Mountainside, \$30,000 out of Springfield and \$10,000 out of Hillside.

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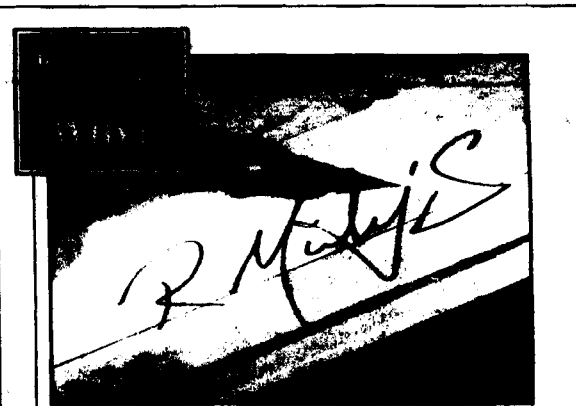
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EDITORIALS

Roses and thorns

Roses — to two Springfield residents who have both made a difference in the lives of others.

The *Echo Leader* congratulates Boy Scout Brett Bielory, who, in earning his Eagle Scout badge, channeled his energies during the past year toward reaching out to help the impoverished Navajo Indian Nation of Ganado, Ariz. Bielory initiated a food, clothing and medical supply drive on the nation's behalf, coordinating the manpower and shipping rates for his unique Eagle Scout project. No such effort has ever been made before on Ganado's behalf and we acknowledge Bielory's efforts as an innovative and profound advance toward helping humanity.

The *Echo Leader* would also like to recognize the efforts of Jonathan Dayton High School social studies teacher Barry Bachenheimer, who has brought a new curriculum idea into the district this year. The social studies elective course gives Dayton sophomores and seniors a chance to tackle current political issues by writing and debating on the merits of their own bills. We see Bachenheimer's educational enterprise as a groundbreaking step toward building youth involvement in democracy and promoting individuality among student peers.

Thorns — to those responsible for the recent trash rash in Mountainside.

Last week, the Borough Council passed a resolution requesting that the state Department of Transportation close the Route 22 rest stop on the Mountainside/Westfield border. The trash-strewn rest area had become so polluted with garbage that the neighboring town of Westfield approached the borough about it. We submit that the state needs to take a more active role in maintaining its highway property within local municipalities.

The borough's recent Clean Communities Weekend uncovered yet another trash debacle in the area of Glen Road, near Vassar Road. Democratic candidate for Borough Council John Shackelford reported to the council during its Oct. 17 meeting that while cleaning along the roadside, participants encountered industrial waste, metal strips and condoms among the debris. He also mentioned having seen a rat "scurrying from the area."

While it remains unclear where the line of demarcation for private property and borough property begins and ends and who is to blame for the problem, we suggest that, in this case, Mountainside's building and code enforcement officers and health officials step in to investigate the matter promptly. While the 15-foot right-of-way areas on either side of Glen Road are technically owned by the borough, traditionally property owners have always been responsible for any mowing or upkeep along these strips. Mayor Robert Vigilanti was right when he reminded residents last week that the borough's property ordinance must be adhered to.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 688-9898, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Infocourse hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



Safe, sound squibs for safer sweets

In several days, we can put on masks and partake in that horrifying holiday called Halloween. But beware of the bearded bands of people, though few they are, who ruin the sincerity of the holiday by tricking children into taking tainted treats.

The National Confectioners Association and the Chocolate Manufacturers Association have established some safety tips to make this year's Halloween void of contaminated candy.

Give or accept wrapped or packaged candy only. Have your children save their sweets for safety inspection by an adult or responsible sibling. Accompany small and elementary-school age students on their travels for trick-or-treating, and send grown-up girls and boys in gargantuan groups for guarded safety.

Make sure your children depart for this devilish day during daylight and, in case of delay, fetch a flashlight for the dark duration of the day. And lastly, and most soundly, stay in well-known areas and near or next to the neighborhood.

"To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

—Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa, 1994



HOT TO TROT — Walkers set off on the opening stretch of the first Cop Trot Saturday at Deerfield School in Mountainside. Proceeds from the three-mile race/walk benefited the various programs of the Mountainside Police Athletic League, which focuses primarily on the borough's youth.

Photo By Barbara Kokalski

CANDIDATES

Steve Brociner

Once again, I offer my fellow citizens of Mountainside the opportunity to elect a representative to the governing body who will offer an independent perspective and a fresh point of view unencumbered by party allegiances and irresponsible fiscal practices.

Mountainside property taxes are going up. This year, the effect of "business as usual" in Borough Hall will show up on the tax bill of every resident, attributable to an increase of more than \$238,000. In addition, bonding of \$5.7 million to pay for an extensive program of belated road and sewer repairs will result in progressive tax increases for at least five

years to come. We need to apply solid businesslike management by providing regular budget appropriations for upkeep of borough facilities and infrastructure, rather than bonding for emergency repairs after the fact.

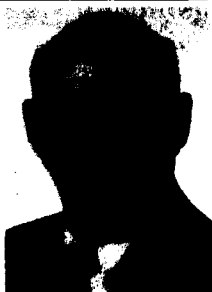
We are always being told that we have the lowest "effective tax rate" in Union County. No one has yet explained the term "effective tax rate," but in fact, Mountainside's tax rate is not the lowest, and surely the "effective cost" of the new bond issue, on top of the previous bonding for the Borough Hall will be reflected in the "effective check" every Mountainsider will have to write to pay future property taxes.

I want to remind everyone that my issue is not a Democratic or Republican issue. I run on the Democratic line

because another point of view never hurt anyone. In Mountainside, the "loyal opposition" Democrats have been instrumental in demanding more accountability from the governing body.

As a result of our efforts, citizens can find minutes of council meetings in the public library, see televised council sessions on public access competing trash collection service providers. We spearheaded the effort to reduce the high cost of rebuilding Borough Hall, saving residents over \$1 million.

We need fresh voices on council that will halt reckless spending and bring fiscal prudence to our local affairs.



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Bill Lane

I was born in Union County and have lived and worked in the area all my life. Five years ago my wife Doreen and I had the great opportunity to move to Mountainside. Since that time, our family has grown with the birth of our two children.

In addition, we have established strong community ties and developed many lasting friendships. I feel as if I have a vested interest in the future of Mountainside. I believe that I have an understanding of the challenges that face our community and that I can be an asset to the borough by volunteering my time and energy as a member of the governing body.

While Mountainside is a wonderful and vibrant community, we should look to the future and continue to seek ways to improve the quality of life of the residents of our borough.

If elected, I will work to control property taxes through a sound fiscal policy of minimizing municipal expenses and maximizing income and aid from outside sources. In addition, I support the trend of sharing services with our neighboring towns. I would



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also work for the continued increase in services, both recreational and non-recreational, keeping in mind the large senior and growing youth population.

I would appreciate your support on Election Day, and look forward to working with the community for the preservation of the residential character and the future of Mountainside.

Thomas Perrotta

I've had the honor of serving on the Borough Council for the past five years. I consider serving on council to be an awesome responsibility. I want to do everything I can to maintain the lowest tax rate possible so that our senior citizens and others need not relocate because of exorbitant real estate taxes. Mountainside enjoys the lowest tax rate in Union County and I plan to keep the tax rate the lowest in the county through the monitoring of every project brought before the council to insure that we get the greatest value for every dollar spent.

Having said that, I also must focus on Mountainside's infrastructure. The roads, sewers and drainage systems are aging. Mountainside is taking a proactive role in keeping these systems working properly. It is extremely cost-effective to keep these systems well maintained.

Lastly, Mountainside is a beautiful, close-knit family community. I feel extremely fortunate to have grown up in a town like Mountainside. I want my daughter Jessica and all the child-



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ren in town to continue to live in a safe town that has recreation programs for all residents. I feel that these programs not only afford residents opportunities to try new things but also brings the community together. I have thoroughly enjoyed being on the council and hope that I am allowed to continue to serve the people of Mountainside in the future.

John Shackelford

Mountainside's property taxes must be brought under control. They increased this year by more than \$238,000 and will probably increase again next year. My colleague, Steve Brociner, and I will bring our extensive practical business backgrounds to Mountainside's Borough Hall to cut excessive spending and run government efficiently. I've been the owner of successful businesses and have far-reaching experience in management planning and financial control.

If I am elected to the council, I will strive to eliminate all expense allowances and never allow salaries for elected officials. For the good of Mountainside we must restore the volunteer tradition of public service. I will further reduce borough expenses by sharing services with other communities and lower extraordinary leg-

al and engineering fees of around \$350,000 a year by contracting them out on a bidding basis.

And, foremost, the amount that Mountainside is borrowing is outrageous. The mayor estimates that the new \$5.7-million bond issue to finance repair of streets and sewers will increase our debt from 13 percent to as high as 21 percent of the budget in only five years.

Steve Brociner and I will see that Mountainside undertakes large capital improvements, utilizing regional arrangements that will significantly reduce costs. Additionally, to lower capital expenses we will develop long-term maintenance programs on all borough buildings and equipment. Had the fireboxes been properly maintained, \$100,000 would not have to be borrowed to repair it.

New ideas and leadership and lower taxes. Vote for me and Steve Brociner for Borough Council.



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Election guidelines

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.

Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the Nov. 7 General Election:

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

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Roy Hirschfeld

I have had the good fortune to serve the residents of Springfield over the past six years on the Township Committee and as mayor in 1997. During this time, the township government under Democratic leadership has focused on five important themes. These include: Taking Pride in Springfield as a community; improving public safety and roadways in town; enhancing the recreational services and programs in town; controlling the tax rate at the municipal level, and creating new innovative programs for our community.

I, as well as the other committee members, stand firm in our belief that our town comes first, and we will not allow business interests to affect local neighborhoods. At the same time, I helped revitalize the local Chamber of Commerce which has grown to a strong force in town where many business owners support and participate in community programs. We have our July Fourth program

which helps build on the theme of Take Pride in Springfield and we have an alliance with the schools to set up programs such as fairs, DARE, educational programs and concert programs for the community.

The tax rate has been held steady for the past three years despite rising costs, Tropical Storm Floyd damage and increasing wage demands. This was accomplished through seeking out many federal and state grant programs, increasing business revenues and finally hiring a long needed full-time professional administrator.

The recreational programs I have also helped work on include upgrading the pool and establishing programs at the Chisholm Center. I also established the town's policy to evaluate and change the playground equipment to meet all new state safety standards and replace older equipment. We have some of the best ballfields and playgrounds. We also obtained a large county grant for playground equipment and the county agreed to build a new large playground next year at Meisel Field.

This Township Committee also took a strong leadership role to hire an outside professional consultant to help us make the needed changes in our Police Department. We also have hired new police and fire personnel and established within the Fire Department the First Responder Program, which gets an EMT out to your home quickly with lifesaving equipment and special training in these areas. The roadways are paved on a regular basis and we are fixing up the downtown area.

I have taken a leadership role in bringing new and innovative ideas and programs to our town. I wrote the grant from NJ Transit for the jimey for train commuters, which has enhanced property values in town. I also obtained the grant and wrote the program for the new Farmers Market which has been a great success in town. I have also created and produced Springfield's first cable TV program on Channel 36, "Speaking of Springfield." I have also focused the Cable Committee to create innovative children's programs for the town.



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I have taken pride in my town and in my role on the Township Committee. I hope to continue to work for the betterment of the town and serve all residents of Springfield if I am re-elected.

Florence Faraone

I would consider it a privilege to serve on the Springfield Township Committee.

My goal as your committeewoman is to provide a local government that is fully responsive to the needs of all of Springfield families, whether they are senior citizens, young families just starting out, or middle-aged couples with school-age children.

There is a need for a change, and that change is to have a two-party government. An all-Democrat Township Committee is a single-party philosophy, and altogether its members claim independent thinking; there is more than a perception of "rubber stamp politics." This is a necessary change that has to be made.

Springfield residents deserve responsible and proactive people serving on the Township Committee. To be responsive means providing the services which enable our residents to feel safe and secure in their homes and in our community. It means providing services that enhance the quality of our residents' lives. It means working closely with our police chief to help improve internal conditions within that department.

The Township Committee hired a consulting firm to do a new study of the Police Department at a cost of \$48,000. The results of that study found the same problems observed years ago are still evident within the department. The all-Democrat Township Committee is very good at spending taxpayers' money and not resolving the problems. We have to relieve the tension and discontent within this



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department by working with the police chief.

We need to stop wasting the taxpayers' money by churning into our surplus and mortgaging the township by floating bonds due to a lack of strategic planning. Planning is a necessity so that crisis management can be avoided wherever possible. We must be prepared for things such as natural disasters, health problems and better services for our citizens. This is where I can lend some of my experience to the business administrator and to the Township Committee.

When elected, I will work diligently to implement this platform. I believe it can be accomplished within a two-party system for a fresh start. Your vote on Election Day will bring a voice for your interest into the Township Committee.

Kevin Scholla

I have lived in Springfield all my life. I went through the public school system, participated in community programs, and enjoyed many wonderful times in the township. Now it's my turn to give something back. I want to serve the town in which I grew up. I want to make it an even better place. I feel the best way for me to do this is by serving on the Township Committee.

Currently I am employed as a news/sports anchor for WRNJ Radio, an ABC affiliate in Hackettstown. I feel my job has prepared me greatly for a position on the Township Committee. Every day I deal with people from all walks of life: elected officials, law enforcement, athletes and the general public. Through these experiences, I believe I have a great understanding of the needs and wants of all people.

I will be your voice in Town Hall. I will be completely committed to listening to your problems and coming up with ways to resolve them. The current leadership is not what Springfield needs. Their tired, old, business-as-usual approach is not working.

All five members of the current governing body are members of the same party. That's never a good thing. This committee needs a watchdog to let the public know what is really going on behind closed doors. When all five members are in the same boat, no one ever questions their decisions. I will. I'll get answers.

Why was the current committee so unprepared when Tropical Storm Floyd ravaged the area? Why didn't this committee obtain defibrillators to help save lives? Why does this committee refuse to have a harmonious relationship with our Police Department? Why doesn't this committee make progress?

If I am fortunate enough to receive your vote in November, I will work toward the following goals: I will establish a hands-on, productive relationship with our Police Department. I understand that our officers are doing their best and they need a commitment that works with them and gives them what they need. Police officers protect and serve us. Our Township Committee needs to support them.

I will spend our township dollars wisely. We have many senior citizens living in this town and we owe it to them to have defibrillator machines available in case of emergency. I will make sure that we are prepared for any natural disasters. We need to have the resources necessary. God forbid a torrential storm or other mishap occurs. I will not raise your taxes.

The public has to give enough money back to the federal and state government. You don't need to be squeezed in your hometown as well. I



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look forward to serving one great township in 2001. Thank you so much.

Gregory Clarke

During the 37 years I have lived in Springfield, I have been active in many community affairs: initiating and chairing recreation programs, serving on the Board of Education and as its president, sitting on the Planning Board for five years, and currently as a Township Committee member for two terms.

Briefly, I sponsored a towing ordinance requiring that taxis be informed of their right to be towed to a place they determine; authored an outdoor safe ordinance, and created a Beautification Committee, with results evident throughout our town. Very recently I sponsored an anti-nepotism regulation and I am currently working on legislation to clarify and mandate maintenance of local streams.

Much of the important work of the committee is on "we" not "I" items. Without consensus, lasting progress is unlikely on heavy issues such as meaningful change in our police functioning, commitment to a new firehouse, and strong input in the budget process, which has resulted in no increase in municipal taxes for three years. For the future, we must focus on our zoning and construction function, our sewer infrastructure problems and our employee contract negotiations.



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As a recently retired resident, I have the time, experience and the interest to invest in true public service. I believe in local depoliticizing whenever possible and basic ethics in government. I have no ambition for higher office.

I ask that you vote for Roy Hirschfeld, a gifted, hard-working idea man, and for me, as a team to continue the progress in "Taking Pride in Springfield."

Gary Butler

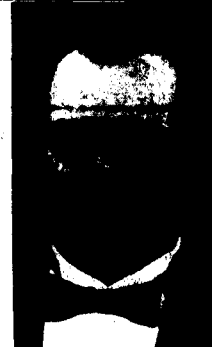
If elected, I pledge to keep the people of Springfield aware and informed about what goes on in Springfield and how the Democratic-controlled Township Committee is spending our money.

I am concerned with the high number of bond issues that are passed each week. There have been two bonds that of Springfield's \$18-million budget, a little more than 10 percent or \$1,800,000 was paid in interest this year on the bonds already approved.

Once the new Fire Department is completed and the Town Hall and Police Department Building is renovated, Springfield's indebtedness will greatly increase. This means our taxes will be going up. Springfield needs someone to keep informed of how its money is being spent and hinder the Democrats' making out of Springfield's credit.

I am concerned with quality of life issues, including excessive noise from landscaping equipment, and other sources that disturb the peace and tranquility within our own homes.

I will work with Springfield's Chamber of Commerce to make our downtown more attractive for shopping. I will push for all police vehicles to be equipped with defibrillators. I have spoken to many police officers



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and they are all in favor of equipping their cars with defibrillators and to be fully trained in their use. The Police Department is always first on the scene of every first aid call and accident.

I do not understand why the all-Democratic committee is opposed to giving our police the equipment they need to save lives when every second counts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EPA practicing common sense?

To the Editor:

Do I see that common sense is rearing its ugly head in the most unlikely of locations — the EPA? It has proposed that cars made after 1996 be allowed to skip the new, tougher emissions inspections.

That is something almost approaching a good idea. Just so we don't get too carried away with this largesse — if it gets implemented, it will not be until 2002. Just as well, give this idea approximately one and a half years to sink in — or get forgotten. Just like those purpose taxes we pay — like the federal excise tax that went to pay for the Spanish-American War and lived on for 103 years after it was over — they never go away.

In the meantime, the EPA forced states like New Jersey to spend hundreds of millions on tests that may be deemed unnecessary.

Speaking of common sense: Where is the common sense, or ethics, involved in Joe Lieberman's running for both vice president and senator in the same election year?

Frank Marchese
Mountainside

Three generations: A tribute poem

To Editor:

Editor's note: Florence M. Gaudinier eighth-grader Christina Leshko, 13, wrote this poem after a recent visit to the pumpkin patch as a tribute to her family, friends and teachers.

There stumbling over pumpkin vines and hay stacks were three generations of women. Three generations of mothers, sisters, and cousins, all strong and beautiful.

My mother — active, creative and loving. Her sister — wild, enthusiastic, and infused with the desire to have fun. Her mother — full of energy and young at heart. Her nieces — two spunky girls almost as sweet as they look, almost. And me — taking two steps back to try to capture a moment like this.

But how does a 13-year-old teen-ager, caught amidst boys, books and friends, capture the essence of this picture? What colors do I splash onto my canvas? Why don't I start with the crisp smell of leaves in autumn. Then add a touch of laughter — children rolling in piles of straw, mixing it in with the feel of fleeces and sheep's wool. Hot apple cider and pumpkin pie run through the veins of the brush.

But the very canvas that holds these colors, these brushstrokes together, is the three generations of women, all strong and beautiful.

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Freedom church thrives

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the ninth part in a series about the various religions and houses of worship in Summit.

The medium-sized red brick church sits on Broad and Orchard streets with a tower reaching upward and a beautiful interior. It is the Wallace Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, organized in 1923, and its proud pastor is the Rev. Denison D. Harrield Jr.

"We are part of the A.M.E. Zion Church which was started in 1796 in New York City," he explained. "For years, we were a part of the Methodist Church, but at that time, there was segregation and slavery in America and two groups broke off. It came out of the dissatisfaction in the John Street Church in New York City as we were unable to take communion with the white members," said the minister. History tells us that the leadership of the movement at the time was the Rev. James Varick, where the street is still named after him in Lower Manhattan. Worshipers left and formed their own church, according to Harrield, and Varick was ordained as the first Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion denomination.

"We became known as 'the freedom church' because of the background, and we are still called that. It is still a predominantly black Methodist body but we accept everyone," said the pastor. Smiling, he said, "If God is your creator, you're welcome here."

Headquarters of the denomination are in Charleston, N.C., but churches of A.M.E. Zion are spread throughout the world. The Rev. Harrield has been pastor in Summit for 11 years. "I love

the place," he said. His background is amazing. He modestly said he served in the Air Force as an intelligence officer for eight years, reaching the rank of captain. He almost stayed in, but decided to try civilian life and worked for New York Telephone Company. After five years, he was again an executive, but about this time, he felt a call to the ministry. He is a graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C., and of New York Theological Seminary.

He gave up a high-paying job to serve God. "It balances out," he said. "God provides for your needs and enables you to prioritize and manage what you have. He takes care of you; He really does. I've had three careers, but now I am fulfilled," he said. He is certain that the other careers prepared him for the ministry — the discipline of the military and the corporate world where he learned management, and getting along with all kinds of people.

"As I look back I can see God's hand in my life as he prepared me for what I am doing now," said Harrield. The church he runs has 237 members, a full-time pastor. He has no assistant, and lives in the adjacent parsonage, with his wife, Tina. They have two children and two grandchildren. He says Tina has a beautiful singing voice and gives that gift to the choir every week and she also teaches Sunday School.

An interesting fact of the chapel is that back in 1925, it had a woman pastor, the Rev. Florence Randolph, who was there through 1946 in an era when women were not in the ministry. She was the second woman ordained in the A.M.E. Zion Church. "We have



Photo By Jeff Orsini

With a large Sunday School and an active family congregation, the Rev. Denison D. Harrield Jr. leads the full-time pastorate at the Wallace Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Summit.

always allowed women in the ministry," said the pastor.

Recently the church has added a chairlift for the handicapped, which comes up from the basement floor. There is a large Sunday School and an active family congregation. "Summit is a very nice town; I believe so much in diversity and I have seen much progress here in Summit," said Harrield. He is an enthusiastic member of the

Interfaith Clergy and never misses a meeting. The church also has an active homeless mission, and collects food and clothing for the needy. Some of the church's good deeds have already come back to them, because they recently received an anonymous donation which enabled the purchase of a brand new beautiful organ. It complements the Good Shepherd stained glass window behind the altar, striking and in many beautiful colors.

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When to give viewers a break with television's top news stories

The USS Cole has a gaping hole in its side. Sailors are dead, sailors are missing and what leads on the local TV news? The Subway Series.

I'm beside myself with joy about the series. I've been hoping for a meeting with the Mets since my baseball baptism. But I like to think I know my priorities.

The question here is, what's news? The Cole is news. The Subway Series is news too, although sports news.

Of course, this is also a question of local versus national news. The national news doesn't lead with the series, although I'm sure they've mentioned it, and will mention it, at some point. The local news practically leads with whatever its whim happens to be. I suppose, if something significant breaks in the Cole story, the local news will lead with it; or maybe they'll lead with the Cole story if they've led too often with the series. This is all bad speculation on my part. I'm not a programming director.

But the fact is, with any kind of news, you can't lead with the same story all the time. You need a change, a break.

Despite the apparent crassness of ranking the Subway Series more important than the Cole, switching their positions is a welcome break psychologically. Diversions are necessary. Without them, we'd all go out of our minds via the express lane.

Let's not forget that news — especially TV news — is show business.

Your news broadcast, local or national, is still a TV show. It's not "The Nanny." Thank Heavens, but it's a TV show, nonetheless, and it has to catch your attention. News shows have ratings, too.

Remember O.J. Simpson? Of course you do. When Simpson took off on his little chase during the NBA Finals, the network split their attention — kind of — by filling the screen

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

with the infamous Bronco, while reducing the game itself to a small

insert. The network didn't want you to miss your chance to see Simpson blow his brains out on live television. Unfortunately he didn't.

That push-and-pull between real drama and entertainment is exactly what's happening now with the Cole and the Subway Series stories. From a news standpoint, and from a show business standpoint, it's the perfect combination.

I don't want anyone to think for a moment that I'm making light of the situation on the Cole. What happened to the Cole is a national disaster, and the government has to work quickly and alertly to bring the organizations or individuals responsible for its attack up to the bench for some quality punishment.

The attack on the Cole should affect the psychology of anyone with

even a small brainpan. Any American citizen should have a knife in their teeth against the attackers. But unless there's truly breaking news, or even a hint in a breakthrough in the investigation, the nation should be provided with a break here and there. And maybe the TV news people aren't entirely wrong by letting the Yankees and Mets give the nation a good breather.

Granted, not everyone's a sports fan. But remember, back during the Gulf War, how the Giants and Buffalo Bills put on such a spectacular show in the Super Bowl? For some, anyway, it relieved the tensions of the conflict. That's one of the purposes of entertainment. It's a demonstration of entertainment at its most valuable.

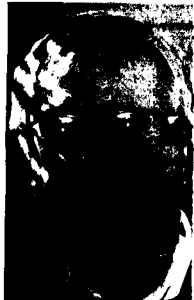
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Frank Deodene

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Amy Roth

"It's really very exciting, to have the two New York teams playing. I wish they could both win."



Karen Driscoll

"It's the Yankees. I'm sure."

Correction

The pedestrian who was struck by a vehicle Oct. 12 on Mountain Avenue should have been reported as being a resident of Edgewood Avenue in the Oct. 19 edition. The driver was an Avon Road resident in Springfield.

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 Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday, October 4, 2000.

Application # 3-2000-S
 Applicant: Pinnacle, Communi-
 ties
 Site Location: Wilson Road and
 Shunka Road
 Block 3701
 For: Preliminary Site Plan
 and 2 Variance for
 construction of 96
 lots.
 Was: Denied

Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and is available for public inspection.

Robert C. Kingspach, Secretary
 U2181 ECL Oct. 26, 2000 (810.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING BOARD
 Take notice that the following decision was made at a Special Mtg of the Planning Board held on Thursday, October 19, 2000.

Application # 9-2000-S
 Applicant: Church of St. James
 The Apostles
 Site Location: 48 South Springfield
 Avenue
 Block 1402
 For: Preliminary & Final
 Site Plan Approval for
 Construction of a new
 Church
 Approved

Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and is available for public inspection.

Robert C. Kingspach, Secretary
 U2182 ECL Oct. 26, 2000 (810.25)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING BOARD
 Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, October 17, 2000.

Application # 2000-18
 Applicant: Steven Finkas
 Site Location: 305 Babuloff Way
 Block 1105
 For: A side yard variance for an A.C.U. unit.
 Was: Approved

The resolution memorializing the decision will be adopted at the regular Board of Adjustment meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 and will be available for public inspection in the office of the Board of Adjustment.

Robert C. Kingspach, Secretary
 U2183 ECL Oct. 26, 2000 (86.50)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1285 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on November 6, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. on the following applications:

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 Run M. Rees, Secretary
 U2185 ECL Oct. 26, 2000 (87.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION ORDINANCE NO. 2000-10
 THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, AS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 98-24, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER XXVII, PARKE, POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO ESTABLISH FEES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS CONCERNING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

BEIT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I - AMENDMENTS
 The Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Springfield, Section 806.7, Affordable Housing (AH) Zoning Districts, Paragraph (E) Development criteria for AH-C Zone, is hereby amended as follows:

(A) Paragraph (3) shall read as follows: Units shall be for low and moderate income households in the zone shall be available exclusively to senior citizens. All other units shall be available exclusively to persons who are 55 years of age or older.

(B) Paragraph (2) shall be amended to change 18 units per acre to 17 units per acre.

SECTION II - RATIFICATION
 Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III - SEVERABILITY
 If any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION IV - REPEAL
 Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

I, Tara Rowley, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey held on Tuesday evening, October 24, 2000, and that said Ordinance shall be identified for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Committee to be held on November 14, 2000, in the Springfield Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m. At which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

Tara Rowley, Deputy Township Clerk
 U2300 ECL Oct. 26, 2000 (87.50)

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Ethel Mersky

Ethel Mersky of Summit died Oct. 10 at home. Born in Newark, Miss Mersky lived in Irvington before moving to Summit. She was president and controller for the New Jersey Savings League of Newark for many years and retired in 1978. Miss Mersky graduated from New Jersey College, now Rutgers University. Miss Mersky was married to Dr. Hadasah of Springfield, the Ruth Estrin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research, the Valerie Fund of Maplewood, the Summit Jewish Community Center, the Sisterhood Jewish Community Center, the Summit Area Association for Gerontology...

cal Endeavors and the Simon Weisenthal Center in Los Angeles. She also was a member of the World Jewish Congress, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and founding member of the IDR Memorial Park. Miss Mersky was a member of the Summit Taxpayers Association and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Nellie Miranti

Nellie Miranti, 91, of Union, formerly Elizabeth and Springfield, died Oct. 14 in Rumelt, Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights. Born in New York City, Mrs. Miranti lived in Jersey City, Elizabeth and Springfield before moving to...

Union 10 years ago. She was a dressmaker for many years and worked in the garment district in New York City before retiring many years ago.

Jack A. Mayers

Jack A. Mayers, 91, of Springfield died Oct. 14 in the Inglemorr Nursing Home, Livingston. Born in Newark, Mr. Mayers lived in Maplewood for 25 years before moving to Springfield eight years ago. He owned and operated Mayers Industrial Lithographers, Hillside, for 25 years and retired in 1980. Earlier, Mr. Mayers had been a sales manager for the mid-Atlantic states with Remington Rand Corp., Newark, for 20 years.

He had been chairperson of the Service Corp. of Retired Executives and a member of the New Jersey Business and Industry Education Committee, Trenton, where he helped to set up training courses for Union County teachers to understand American business. Mr. Mayers was president of the Hillside Industrial Association and a founder of the Newark Committee for Better Schools, for which he was named "Newarker of the Week" in 1966 by Prudential Insurance Co., Newark. He also was an organizer of the community forums at Temple B'nai Abraham, Livingston, and director of the War Bond drives from 1943 through 1945. Mr. Mayers was a member and past president of the Men's Club and chairman of numerous committees, all at Temple B'nai Abraham. Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Freda; two daughters, Claire Nierenberg and Sandy; and four grandchildren.

Helen E. Napier Helen E. Napier, 93, of Springfield died Oct. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Hopewell, Mrs. Napier moved to Springfield 50 years ago. She was a member of the Milltown Women's Club and the Women's Guild of the Community Congregational Church, Short Hills. Mary E. Barned Mary E. Barned, 83, of Mountaine-side died Oct. 18 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Forest City, Pa., Mrs. Barned moved to Mountaine-side 50 years ago. She was a member of the Mountaine-side Women's Club. Surviving are two daughters, Vanessa Johnston and Melissa Benner; a brother, Herbert Jones; three sisters, Katherine Stratford, Agnes Pentecost and Alice Jones; six grandchildren and two granddaughters.

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Stephen Zakamarok Stephen Zakamarok, 59, of Advance, N.C., formerly of Mountaine-side, died Oct. 14 in Forsyth Hospital in North Carolina. Born in Ukraine, Mr. Zakamarok lived in Irvington and Mountaine-side before moving to Advance four years ago. He was a dental technician for C&S Procelain Studio, Maplewood, for 25 years and retired in 1996. Mr. Zakamarok served in the Army from 1960 through 1967. Surviving are his wife, Carla; two daughters, Tayna Fugaro and Milena; four brothers, Walter, Kazimir, Joseph and Adam; two sisters, Tanya and Stanislaw Pawlowska, and two grandchildren.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor
 Needless to say, there are a lot of big games this weekend involving area teams that are seeking state playoff appearances.

Elizabeth and Union should garner two of the eight spots in North 2 Group 4. Union has a big game at home tomorrow night at Linden. A Union victory might guarantee the Farmers a home game in the first round. A Linden victory will probably clinch a playoff berth for the Tigers.

Linden also has a game next weekend — the playoff cutoff date — at home against Plainfield, while Union will be off.

Hillside is on its way in North 2, Group 2 and has games remaining this weekend at home against Roselle Park and next weekend at Bound Brook.

Roselle Park, even if it loses this weekend to Hillside and next weekend to undefeated Immaculata, should gain entrance in North 2, Group 1. It will be close.

Summit, Roselle and Johnson are battling for berths in North 2, Group 2. Summit, at 4-3, will play its eighth and final game that counts toward a possible playoff berth Saturday at home against Mount Olive.

The good news for Summit is that Mount Olive is a Group 3 school. The bad news, as far as power points goes, is that Mount Olive is winless at 0-6.

Rahway suffered a big blow as far as its hopes in North 2, Group 5 by being shut out at home by Ridge 45-0 last Saturday.

It was reported here last week that only 7 teams remained undefeated in North Jersey, Section 2. Now make it three.

The four that lost last weekend included Phillipsburg (Group 4), Mendham (Group 3) and New Providence (Group 1) Friday night and Morrisown (Group 4) Saturday. Morrisown also suffered a forfeit victory in the middle of last week for an NISIAA rules violation concerning a disciplinary matter. The Colonials winning streak was reduced to and ended at 31. They went on to lose to Seton Hall Prep 23-20 in overtime, the first time they lost on the field since falling to SHP 41-20 in October of 1997.

Here's a look at who is still undefeated in North Jersey, Section 2:
 Group 2: Hanover Park (6-0),
 Group 3: Cedar Grove (6-0),
 Verona (6-0).

WEEK SEVEN GAMES
 Friday, Oct. 27
 Linden at Union, 7:00
 Saturday, Oct. 28
 Roselle at Rahway, 1:00
 Johnson at Gov. Liv., 1:00
 R. Park at Hillside, 1:00
 Dayton at Brearley, 1:00
 Elizabeth at Westfield, 1:30
 Cranford at Irvington, 1:30
 Mount Olive at Summit, 1:30

WEEK SIX SCORES
 Friday, Oct. 26
 Seton 20, Union 16
 R. Park 38, Bound Brook 0
 Brearley 35, Manville 14
 Saturday, Oct. 21
 Linden 40, East Side 0
 Ridge 45, Rahway 0
 Hillside 32, Johnson 8
 Roselle 19, North Plain 14
 Gov. Livingston 42, Dayton 0
 Plainfield 41, Cranford 35
 West Essex 42, Summit 24

JR's Picks
 For Week Seven
 Union over Linden
 Roselle over Rahway
 Johnson over Gov. Liv.
 Hillside over R. Park
 Brearley over Dayton
 Elizabeth over Westfield
 Irvington over Cranford
 Summit over Mount Olive
 Last Week: 7-3
 Season: 52-16 (.765)

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



Photo by Milton Mills



The Summit High School football team, sparked by the play of junior quarterback Keith Schroeder, above, and junior running back Matt Williams, left, will be looking to — hopefully — clinch a state playoff berth with a win at home over Mount Olive this weekend. The Hilltoppers (4-3) will host the Maurauders (0-6) Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Talock Field in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play. Although Mount Olive is winless, the fact that it's a Group 3 school will help Summit gain a few more power points with a victory. Summit, which is coming off a 42-24 conference loss to West Essex last Saturday in North Caldwell, is scheduled to play at Hanover Park next weekend, but that contest will not count towards the playoffs because it's Summit's ninth scheduled game. The Hilltoppers are attempting to make the state playoffs in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 for the first time since 1995, which was their last winning season and last season as a member of the National Division of the Watching Conference.

UCT field hockey final: Summit vs. Oak Knoll

This year's Union County Tournament field hockey championship game has a Summit flavor to it to say the least as fourth-seeded Summit will face third-seeded and defending champion Oak Knoll Saturday at Kean University at 7 p.m.

Oak Knoll edged second-seeded Kent Place 3-2 and Summit stopped eighth-seeded Governor Livingston 3-2 in three overtimes last Saturday in Summit in semifinal-round competition.

Molly Bate's second goal from five yards out with 3:40 remaining in the second half lifted Oak Knoll to another UCT final.

Libby Geizendanner converted a penalty stroke with 3:46 remaining in the third overtime to send Summit to the title contest.

Summit improved to 9-2-4 with its semifinal victory, while Oak Knoll moved to 13-1-3. Summit last won the UCT when it shared the crown with Kent Place in 1995.

OL, which began the week at 3-9-1, is to be credited for making it to the semifinals after blanking visiting Roselle Park 3-0 in the first round Oct. 11 and then mopping top-seeded and host Johnson, which was 8-1-1 at the time, 1-0 in Clark on Oct. 17.

In the win against Johnson, Ali DiVito scored the game's only goal, her score coming in the first half. OL goalie Katrina Blasi made 31 saves to post her second shutout of the season, the first coming in the victory over Roselle Park.

Summit in UCT girls' soccer semifinals

The Summit High School girls' soccer team will play top-seeded and undefeated Cranford in the Union County Tournament semifinals Saturday at Union High at 7 p.m.

Summit, the fourth seed, defeated fifth-seeded Kent Place 2-0 in the quarterfinals last Saturday at Roselle Park. Nicole Fotaides and Jana Lee scored for the Hilltoppers, who improved to 12-3.

Springfield Junior Baseball League accepting registrations Saturday
 The Springfield Junior Baseball League will be accepting registrations for the 2001 season at the Chisholm Community Center on Springfield Avenue Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will require:
 1. Completed registration form, available at time of registration.
 2. Check for registration fee of \$45 payable to: Springfield Junior Baseball League, Inc.
 3. Separate check for work commitment of \$25 payable to Springfield Junior Baseball League, Inc. — check must be postdated to June 1, 2001 for deposit up to July 1, 2001.
 4. Copy of birth certificate for first-time registrants.
 Registrations after Saturday may be mailed to: Springfield Junior Baseball League, Inc., P.O. Box 444, Springfield, N.J. 07081. Registrations received after Jan. 31, 2001 will be subject to a \$25 late fee.
 Registration forms will be distributed through area schools and will be available at the Chisholm Community Center and the Sarah Bailey Civic Center located on 30 Church Mall in Springfield.

Summit football seeking 5th win

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor

Summit will be seeking a fifth win for the first time in five years and a shot at making the state playoffs.

Governor Livingston is seeking a second consecutive win for the first time this year. Dayton will be seeking to win its first game of the year and, again, this weekend's opponent will not be an easy one.

Week Six of the high school football season could be a very interesting one for local teams Summit, Governor Livingston and Dayton.

Summit, coming off a 42-24 loss at West Essex, is 4-3 and a win over an 0-6 Mount Olive team at home Saturday just might put the Hilltoppers into the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs.

Governor Livingston, which received touchdowns from Rob Findlay, Brian Dressel, Steve Bergeski and Marty Maroney, will try to improve its 2-4 record when hosting a 3-3 Johnson team Saturday in Berkeley Heights.

Dayton, which has been shut out four times this year, will have to play better on defense as well this week against a high-powered Brearley (2-4) offense that has a solid passing game with junior quarterback Richie Sporer. The Bulldogs (0-6) also have games against Johnson and North Plainfield and a consolation game to see if they can get in the win column this year.

Junior quarterback Keith Schroeder, senior running back Mike Nelson and junior linebacker Steve Nye scored touchdowns against West Essex. Schroeder scored on a quarterback sneak in the first quarter, Nelson on a two-yard run in the third quarter and Nye on a 50-yard fumble recovery in the fourth quarter.

Summit (4-3)

(H) Summit 17, Delaware Valley 0
 (H) Summit 27, Dover 21 (3OT)
 (H) Mendham 41, Summit 12
 (A) Morris Hills 27, Summit 0
 (H) Summit 21, Wocquatic 6
 (A) Summit 42, Parsippany 0
 (A) West Essex 42, Summit 24
 Oct. 28 Mount Olive, 1:30
 Nov. 4 at Hanover Park, 2:00
 Record: 4-3
 Home: 3-1
 Away: 1-2
 Points for: 143
 Points against: 137

Gov. Liv. (2-4)

(H) Hillside 18, Gov. Liv. 17
 (A) Gov. Liv. 20, North Plain 0
 (A) Ridge 52, Gov. Liv. 21
 (H) Roselle 35, Gov. Liv. 19
 (A) Rahway 34, Gov. Liv. 32
 (A) Gov. Liv. 42, Dayton 0
 Oct. 28 Johnson, 1:00
 Nov. 4 Manville, 2:00
 Nov. 23 Immaculata, 10:30
 Record: 2-4
 Home: 0-2
 Away: 2-2
 Points for: 151
 Points against: 139

Dayton (0-6)

(H) New Providence 55, Dayton 0
 (A) Manville 7, Dayton 0
 (A) Immaculata 55, Dayton 0
 (A) Bound Brook 40, Dayton 16
 (H) Roselle Park 42, Dayton 8
 (H) Gov. Liv. 42, Dayton 0
 Oct. 28 at Brearley, 1:00
 Nov. 4 Johnson, 2:00
 Nov. 22 at North Plain, 7:00
 Record: 0-6
 Home: 0-3
 Away: 0-3
 Points for: 24
 Points against: 241

Staying relaxed and having fun Summit wins North 2, Group 2

By Jeff Wolfman
 Staff Writer

Stay relaxed and have some fun. That was the advice Summit High School girls' tennis coach Joann LaVorgna had for her team going into yesterday's NISIAA Group 2 semifinal match against North 1, Group 2 winner Leonia at West Windsor's Mercer County Park.

"We don't know anything about them because they are from Bergen County," LaVorgna said Tuesday, four days after her squad captured a second North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship in three years. "Sometimes it's good to go into a match without any preconceptions or ideas about a team."

High School Girls' Tennis

The road to a second North 2, Group 2 title in three years had to go through arch rival Chatham once again. Summit defeated the Morris County power 3-2 in the sectional final last Friday at New Providence. Summit defeated Chatham in the sectional final in 1998 and lost to Chatham in the sectional final in 1999.

Summit won all three of its points at singles. Allison Johnson defeated Maria Papalia 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 at first; Erin Arnold bested Jen Mulligan 6-0, 6-0 at second and Erika Milry downed Emily Scollon 7-5, 6-3 at third.

Megan Lyons and Julie Matheny dropped a 6-4, 6-2 decision to Stacey Tsang and Casey Freund, while Maria Bernett and Meghan End were defeated 6-4, 6-2 by Linden Ramel and Maggie Yurschak.

"Our biggest goal was to get back the title from Chatham, because we lost it to them last year," LaVorgna said. "The Hilltoppers reached the final after blanking Governor Livingston 5-0 in the semifinals."

"We need improvement in our doubles so we don't always rely on our singles," LaVorgna said.

Summit improved to 15-3 on Monday with a 5-0 win over Iron Hills Conference Hills Division rival.

"Right now we are believing in ourselves and playing our best tennis," LaVorgna said.

Summit rounds out its regular-season schedule with a match against Kent Place at home on Tuesday and makeup matches against conference foes West Essex tomorrow and Mount Olive Monday.

"If we win both of those matches we should win the conference," LaVorgna said.

A win yesterday against Leonia would have put Summit in the Group 2 championship match against the winner of the Central Jersey vs. South Jersey winner.

"We've had a season to be proud of and anything else would be icing on the cake," LaVorgna said.

Dayton edged by Mountain Lakes in North 2, Group 1 championship tilt

The Dayton High School girls' tennis team suffered its first loss of the season after a 13-0 start when it was edged by Mountain Lakes 3-2 in last Friday's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship match at Whippany Park.

Dayton advanced to the final after beating Roselle Park 4-1 in the semifinals in Springfield last Thursday.

The Bulldogs also defeated the Panthers 4-1 in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division competition in Roselle Park back on Oct. 13.

Dayton finished second in the Valley Division to Oak Knoll, which won its third consecutive conference championship.

In the sectional final loss to Mountain Lakes, Karen Albert won at first singles and Nicole Oxit and Val Zlotiwy won at second singles for the Bulldogs. In the sectional semifinal win over Roselle Park, Rachel Mandel won at second singles, Albert at third, Christy Dellotacoano and Lillian Pisman at first doubles and Oxit and Zlotiwy at second. Rena Steinbach played well at first doubles, falling to Lisa Casso 6-3, 6-1.

Union County Tournaments

The following is a look at scores at last weekend's UCT contests:

BOYS' SOCCER

Quarterfinals

Sunday, Oct. 22
 at Kean University
 Union 2, Gov. Livingston 1 (PKs)
 Scotch Plains 2, Cranford 1 (2OT)
 Westfield 3, R. Catholic 0
 Johnson 1, Hillside 0

Semifinals

Sunday, Oct. 29
 at Kean University
 3-Johnson vs. 7-Westfield, 5:00
 4-Union vs. 1-Scotch Plains, 7:00

GIRLS' SOCCER

Quarterfinals

Saturday, Oct. 21
 Summit 2, Kent Place 0
 Cranford 5, Scotch Plains 0
 Westfield 3, Union 0
 Union Cath. 5, Johnson 0

Semifinals

Saturday, Oct. 28
 4-Summit vs. 1-Cranford at Union, 7:00
 3-Westfield vs. 2-U. Cath. at Roselle Park

FIELD HOCKEY

Semifinals
 Saturday, Oct. 21
 Oak Knoll 3, Kent Place 2
 Summit 3, Gov. Liv. 2 (3OT)
 Final
 Saturday, Oct. 28
 at Kean University
 4-Summit vs. 3-Oak Knoll, 7:00

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

First round at Union
 Saturday, Oct. 21
 Rahway def. Plainfield 15-10, 15-7
 KP def. Sum. 15-11, 13-15, 15-9
 Dayton vs. Union
 Elizabeth vs. Cranford
 Scotch Plains vs. R. Catholic
 New Providence vs. Johnson

Towns coalesce for rest stop's closure

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DOT to clean it up, and they did — but on one of the calls, rather than clean it up, they just increased the number of trash cans."

Debbie said the area has been a dumping ground mostly for household refuse, a trend that began with a sanitation strike a number of years ago.

Westfield Town Administrator Thomas Shannon approached the borough, requesting the rest stop's closure. The area, Debbie said, "lies in Mountainside, but has immediate access to the backyards of Orenda Circle in Westfield."

"From Westfield's perspective, it didn't seem well-maintained by the state," Westfield Mayor Thomas Jardim said. "It wasn't weeded, it was an

'It doesn't serve anybody any purpose. It affects the quality of life of both our residents.'

— Westfield Mayor Thomas Jardim

eyesore. And there have been some safety concerns."

Jardim said some of the Orenda Circle residences suffered a rash of burglaries about six years ago. The homes back up along the woods by the rest stop. Both Jardim and Debbie said the suspect in the burglaries most likely parked at the rest stop.

"The citizens on Orenda have a concern," Jardim said. "So I was glad to find out that Mountainside was as bothered by the situation as we were."

Debbie said the area has also served as a dumping ground for stolen cars and has been the site of various arrests, including the apprehension of out-of-state individuals with weapons. He said no offenses of a sexual nature have occurred there.

Claire Gray, assistant to Jardim and Shannon, pointed out that both towns wrote to the DOT about the rest stop. Representatives from each municipality subsequently made a visit to the site in the company of Chef Lyseck of

the Department of Transportation. "At first the DOT didn't want to close it," Gray said. "Then, after they listened to us, they told us they were about 99 percent sure that they would."

"If there was any concern, it might have been due to the fact that NJ Transit sometimes parks their buses there, to begin their route," Jardim added. "That's my perception of the hesitancy of the DOT."

"It doesn't serve anybody any purpose," Jardim concluded. "It affects the quality of life of both our residents."

"We see no good use for that rest area," Debbie said. Mayor Robert Vigilanti was unavailable for comment at presstime.

Consultant cites space, lighting, seating problems

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could possibly involve renovation or small expansion down the line. We're trying to plan ahead — we want to be prepared; we want to know where we'll be in 20 years."

Lushington's report described the Springfield Public Library as having circulated more than 129,000 items in 1998, a 9.5 per capita circulation. The number is almost twice the state average of 5.5, suggesting a high level of use. The 21,000-square-foot building currently houses 77,000 books, 1,100 videos, 6,600 audio items and carries 254 magazine titles. The building was constructed in 1969.

The evaluation examines the facility on all counts, from adult and children's services to storage, parking, work areas for the staff, seating and lighting.

The adult library was described in the report as appearing "cluttered and crowded," with computers and book stacks placed in the reading room, lessening the amount of quiet study space. The centralized "glass study pit" of the children's room was cited as an obstacle, reducing flexibility for activities and visibility for staff members. The report suggested moving the pit to the edge of the department.

Another concern involved the lack of zoning for computer use, study and leisure reading in the children's room.

Storage was identified simply as "inadequate," to the degree that "supplies cannot be purchased in bulk to obtain discounts." The permanent collection of the Donald B. Palmer Museum — historical artifacts and other items pertaining to Springfield's

history — are located some distance from the museum space.

The report also identifies a "lack of convenient, dedicated library parking." Calling it "a critical problem" and a "major deterrent to library use," the bulk of library parking is done in the municipal lot off Hannah Street. The lot, which largely serves the Division of Motor Vehicles, has a sign indicating that a portion of its spaces are for library parking only. But, the report adds, no method of enforcement exists. A number of library patrons also park along Mountain Avenue.

As for employee work areas, a service entrance, located in the technical service region, was cited as causing "constant interruptions" of staff functions.

STORK CLUB

Christopher Edward Harriett

An 8-pound son, Christopher Edward, measuring 19 1/2 inches, was born Oct. 2 in Overlook Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harriett of Berkeley Heights. He joins a sister Emily Marilyn.

Mrs. Harriett, the former Betsy Burnett, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Burnett of Springfield. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Harriett of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., formerly of New Rochelle, N.Y.

Mutual aid calls answered

Springfield

A busy day necessitated the assistance of several mutual aid companies Oct. 19. The department responded, along with fire companies from Summit and Millburn, to the scene of an overturned tractor trailer on Route 24 at the Route 78 split at 1:28 p.m. A report of smoke at Linden Avenue and Wabeno Avenue at 2:14 p.m. was handled by Springfield Fire Chief William Gras, while mutual aid companies responded to a medical service emergency and a call for an activated alarm. Fire companies from Union and Cranford assisted on a house fire at Meisel Avenue at 3:45 p.m. The fire, which was caused by contractors using a blow torch, damaged a portion of the house around the building's basement and caused a smoke condition. No injuries were reported.

• Township firefighters responded to a Meisel Avenue residence for a

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smoke detector problem Friday. There were four medical service calls.

• One motor vehicle accident and two activated fire alarms at the Edward V. Walton School were handled Oct. 18.

Mountainside

• The borough's firefighters responded, along with emergency personnel from communities including Springfield, Cranford, Elizabeth and Union, to the scene of a fire on Springfield Avenue in Summit that destroyed three buildings early Monday. The department also provided station coverage at Summit Fire Headquarters.

An oil and anti-freeze spill on Route 22 East was absorbed by the department the same day.



OVERLOOK Hospital Community Health CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

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Overlook Hospital and Atlantic Health System invite you and your family to take advantage of our community health events to become more informed health care consumers.

To register for a program, call us at **1-800-AHS-8580 (1-800-247-8580)**.

All programs are free of charge and held at the sponsoring hospital unless otherwise noted.

Registration is required for these programs.

"You Deserve a Break"
This second annual event for caregivers promotes the valuable role of humor in improving one's physical and emotional health. A wonderful day of rest, recuperation and fun.
Saturday, November 4, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: SAGE, 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights
Keynote Speaker: Paul E. McGhee, Ph.D., author
Co-sponsored by SAGE and Overlook Hospital Foundation

Look Good, Feel Better
Join this free program for women who are undergoing or about to begin chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy.
Monday, November 13
Register with Pathways at (906) 277-3663

Boning Up on Osteoporosis
Hear current information on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis.
Wednesday, November 8, 7 to 9 p.m.
Presenter: Robert Rosenbaum, M.D., internist
Co-sponsored by Hologic and Merck Pharmaceuticals

Bone Density Screening
This screening is performed through a simple heel measurement obtained with a bone density ultrasound machine.
Wednesday, November 15, 10 a.m. to Noon

What to Expect During Chemotherapy
Join Pathways, a nonprofit organization for women diagnosed with cancer, and learn what you can expect during chemotherapy.
Wednesday, November 8, 10 to 11 a.m.
Register with Pathways at (906) 277-3663

Colon Cancer: What You Need to Know
This program will present vital information about colon cancer, focusing on prevention and early detection. Free hemoccult screening kits will be available.
Tuesday, November 14, 7 to 9 p.m.
Presenter: Marvin Lipsky, M.D., chief, Gastroenterology, Overlook Hospital
Co-sponsored by Glaxo

Medicare Coverage for Home Health and Hospice Care
Learn what Medicare will pay if you need medical care at home.
Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m. to Noon
Location: Homecare America, 300 Main Street, Madison
Presenter: Michele Cameron, R.N.
Sponsored by Atlantic Home Care & Hospice

The Bipolar Child
Bipolar disorder is one of the most talked about and misunderstood behavioral disorders of children. Professionals and community members are invited to join us for a full-day seminar on this important topic, including a keynote presentation, luncheon and breakout sessions.
Saturday, November 18, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Presenters: Dimitri Papadou, M.D., board certified psychiatrist and author of *The Bipolar Child*, and Rosalie Greenberg, M.D., board certified child and adolescent psychiatrist
Fee: \$50
Register by calling 1-888-AHS-1400

Coping with the Holidays While You're Grieving
Learn about grief and how to survive the holidays while coping with the loss of a loved one. Presentation followed by a candlelight remembrance service.
Sunday, November 12, 3 p.m. Presentation
4 p.m. Candlelight Service
Presenters: Michele Cameron, R.N., and Judith Manger, L.C.S.W.
Sponsored by Atlantic Home Care & Hospice

Arthritis 2000 - What's New?
Explore advances in treatment and medication, as well as recommendations for nutrition, exercise and feeling better.
Monday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.
Presenter: Richard Wilmut, M.D., rheumatologist
Co-sponsored by The Arthritis Foundation

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