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As Planning Board Chairman Richard Colandrea pointed out, the presentation by Board of Education member and Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairman Richard Falkin, represented only "a conceptual review" in accordance with the Land Use Act. The Planning Board, he said, is not required to take action on the project. However, an impending Board of Education referendum, scheduled for Dec. 12, made the presentation necessary.

Falkin was accompanied by Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland and two other members of the Board of Education, Ken Faigenbaum and Steven Fischbein. Falkin gave the Planning Board an overview of the proposed improvements, reviewing the project's details with several large diagrams of the targeted work areas.

Falkin told the board that the existing field at the Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School has not been used "for about eight years." He said the field, as originally designed, suffers from an upgrade, which will be removed. The repositioning of a nearby walkway, along with what Falkin called "proper drainage" and new bleachers and backdrop, will also be included in the work.

The two baseball fields between the Thelma L. Sandmeier School and the Edward V. Walton School will also benefit from grading and drainage work. A walkway between the fields will be rerouted to allow for the construction of a soccer field that Falkin said would be available for use by the township's recreation leagues.

A tennis court will be added in front of Jonathan Dayton High School. As for Meisel Field, the board expects to reposition its two baseball fields and redo the existing cinder track, turning it into a six-lane, all-weather track. Bleachers will be replaced, along with the field house. A new soccer field, with lights, will also be added. The track and field area is also targeted for work, so Dayton "can have its first home track meet in about 10 years," Falkin said. Right now, Dayton's track team holds all its matches at its competitors' facilities.

The entire project is estimated to cost about \$3.4 million. Falkin said that some part of the total cost will be picked up by the state and the county, although the board has not, as yet, had any indication as to what that amount will be. He did note, however, that the board has asked the county for

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— Richard Falkin, chairman
Buildings and Grounds Committee

\$700,000, and the state for a full 40 percent reimbursement on the project. The county, he pointed out, has approved the project.

In regard to who owns what, Falkin said the tennis courts in front of Dayton belong to the Board of Education, and the remaining areas discussed — the areas of Meisel Field — are county property.

"We have an interesting agreement with the county concerning the use of the fields," Friedland told the Planning Board. According to Friedland, the agreement, written in the 1960s, places responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of the fields on the then-Regional Board of Education.

"We've asked the county to commit funds to the fields, knowing that we have an agreement, and that we use the fields most of the time," Friedland said. He pointed out that the agreement gives the Board of Education first right to use the fields, and an impending new agreement is expected to be agreed upon after the December referendum, which will provide finan-

cial assistance with the Meisel track portion of the project. Renovation of Meisel Field in its entirety is expected to cost about \$1.6 million.

"It's my understanding that the county's commitment is only to the playground and the track," Mayor Clara Harelik, a member of the Planning Board, said. She indicated that the cost of such work would total approximately \$325,000.

"We recognize that Meisel is used heavily by the Board of Education," the mayor continued, "and we want the kids to have a good facility. But other people in the township use it too."

Harelik suggested a cooperative effort between the Board of Education and the Township Committee, calling such an arrangement "beneficial" in terms of approaching the county "for the dollars we need for improvements to that property." She also cited the importance of Meisel Field to the success of the annual Take Pride in Springfield celebration, one of the township's biggest events.

Project could raise taxes

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education took its conference meeting on the road Monday night to discuss its Field and Track Rehabilitation project in the larger venue of the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorium.

The board mailed approximately 7,000 postcards to township residents announcing the meeting. The card also listed, in addition to Monday night's gathering, seven other meetings through Nov. 21 at various locations throughout the district.

The meetings have been scheduled to provide the public with information about the project. Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland and Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairman Richard Falkin hosted Monday's kick-off event, with Friedland supplying a slide presentation as Falkin indicated, through the use of charts, the specific locations of the proposed improvements.

In the question-and-answer period, Friedland spoke on several issues, including the problem of geese faces at Meisel Park. He said the board has explored the use of trained collie dogs to keep the birds in check, at a potential cost of about \$5,000. Another option would involve the construction of a fence around the Meisel track, which would then be strung across with a number of streamers to inhibit flight.

Friedland, who referred to the Meisel track as a "disgrace" as its image popped up in the slide presentation, later exhibited several samples of state-of-the-art track surfaces. He recommended the use of what he called a "composition solid" surface, which he said will last longer than tracks with thinner running surfaces laid over cushioning. "Composition solid" surfaces are manufactured, top to bottom, with the same durable material.

Friedland told the gathering that the potential five-year bond the board hopes to use for the project would result in a tax impact of approximately \$23 per quarter, based on the project's current estimate of \$3.4 million. But he added that "a certain amount of money from the county" could potentially decrease that figure. A referendum will be presented to township voters on Dec. 12.

Sparky and Co.



Doing their part to help prevent fires are Edward V. Walton School students, from left, Neil Torman, Hunter Betz, Anthony Casese, Jessica Condon and Sam Pollock. Springfield Fire Department firefighters and Sparky the Fire Prevention Dog paid a visit to the Springfield elementary school during Fire Prevention Week last month to discuss fire safety tips with the children.

GOP controls borough in 2001

By Kirsten Matthew
Managing Editor

Mountainside voters returned Republican incumbent Thomas Perrotta to the Borough Council and added their nod for Republican newcomer Bill Lane in Tuesday's General Election.

Perrotta was the top vote-getter with 2,045 votes, or 59.7 percent, with Lane garnering 1,892 votes, or 55.3 percent. Democratic unsuccessful Steven Brochner and John Shackelford tied, with 1,140 votes each, or 33.3 percent.

A Democrat has never been elected to the council or mayor's office in the borough's 105-year history.

Of 4,743 registered Mountainside voters, 72 percent — or 3,420 voters — turned out to cast their ballots in Tuesday's General Election.

"It was a great turnout. We're happy to be able to serve Mountainside again," Perrotta said of the choice by voters to return an all-Republican council to the table in January. He said he looks forward to forging ahead on the borough's infrastructure project, maintaining the borough's many services and continuing to monitor the tax base. Perrotta, a Wall Street bond trader, has lived in Mountainside nearly all of his 34 years.

Lane, a five-year Mountainside resident, said he was excited about the outcome Tuesday and will support the

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Thomas Perrotta



Bill Lane

District	Thomas Perrotta	William Lane	Steve Brochner	John Shackelford
1	223	209	112	102
2	203	183	118	111
3	234	219	118	128
4	224	214	115	109
5	283	255	148	155
6	200	188	112	118
7	257	244	180	184
8	181	165	131	130
9	240	215	106	105
Total	2,045	1,892	1,140	1,140
*Incumbent			Results are unofficial	

Zoo field trip turns treacherous as bus driver nods off

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Carol Worswick was sitting the closest and saw it all.

Worswick watched in disbelief as a Vogel Bus Company driver fell asleep at the wheel of a school bus Oct. 19, during a return trip from the Bronx Zoo with a group of Deerfield School students. Her 6-year-old son was sitting directly behind the driver.

"I saw the man's eyes closing and I

thought, 'This isn't really happening,'" Worswick said. "I was sitting in the first seat, diagonally across from him. His head bobbed twice — the first time he jerked his head back up, the second time it just fell."

Worswick described the driver's hands as at "10 and two on the wheel." She said the vehicle, which was traveling along the New Jersey Turnpike at the time, drifted toward the right-hand lane as a tractor trailer

driver in that lane "was laying on the horn."

"I was shaking him," Worswick recalled of her efforts to revive the driver, whom she described as being between 30 and 40 years old. "He didn't wake up easily, and he wasn't started by me shaking him."

"Right before Carol tried to wake him, we were veering into the lane with the truck," said Maureen Goense, whose 6-year-old daughter

was also on the bus. "The truck driver was next to us, laying on the horn, and we jumped."

According to Worswick, Goense and Sue Wells, another Deerfield parent, the driver refused to pull over after waking up. All three parents recalled that they had to tell the driver that the children were sick in order to get him to stop driving.

"He wouldn't listen to us, he wouldn't pull over," Wells said. "We

had to tell him the children were sick. He said, 'I'm not pulling over, we're almost home.' We weren't near Mountainside. We were up on the Turnpike, by the Continental Arena."

Goense referred to the driver's attitude, after pulling over, as "arrogant and indignant." Claiming that he had not been asleep, Goense quoted him as saying, "You think I have time to sit on the side of the road? Mountainside's going to pay for this."

Wells confirmed Goense's "pay for this" comment, describing the driver as "nasty," and adding that she heard him "say something like, 'Wait and see what I have for them next.'"

Wells also stated that when the driver finally rose from his seat, his pants were "open in a V-shape."

Worswick's husband, Scot, is well-known to the district's students as Deerfield's officer-on-parade at Dees-

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Democratic incumbents prevail in Springfield Township race

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Democratic incumbents Roy Hirschfeld and Gregory Clarke were returned to their seats on the Springfield Township Committee Tuesday night in the first general election of the new century.

Hirschfeld was the top vote-getter with 3,795 votes, with Clarke garnering 3,704 votes. Republican challengers Kevin Scholles and Florence Farone finished with 2,047 and 2,014 votes, respectively. Independent Gary Butler, a write-in candidate, received 24 votes in a first-time effort.

Democrats also held the lead in the presidential voting, with Al Gore taking 4,153 votes to George W. Bush's 2,228. In the race for New Jersey Senate, Democrat Jon Corzine of Summit came out on top with 3,240

votes. Republican Bob Franks from Berkeley Heights tallied 2,870 votes.

In an acrimonious Congressional race, Springfield voters again favored the Democrats, with 3,294 votes going to Maryanne Connelly and 2,597 going to Mike Ferguson.

All results are unofficial until the rest of all absentee and provisional ballots to the Union County Board of Elections. An official tally is expected in about one week.

The re-election of Hirschfeld and Clarke keeps the five-member all-Democratic Township Committee intact. Both men will begin their third terms in January. Democrats have held each seat on the committee since their sweep in the 1998 election.

"I'd like to thank the people of Springfield," Clarke, a former mayor



Gregory Clarke



Roy Hirschfeld

District	Greg Clarke	Roy Hirschfeld	Florence Farone	Kevin Scholles	Gary Butler
1	212	218	149	155	0
2	177	188	128	122	3
3	132	136	92	96	2
4	206	211	129	127	0
5	198	194	148	147	0
6	366	366	197	215	0
7	290	289	124	127	3
8	281	302	108	112	0
9	378	390	172	174	5
10	388	404	197	206	3
11	421	430	155	149	2
12	244	239	159	160	2
13	230	243	144	143	2
14	181	185	112	114	2
Total	3,704	3,795	2,014	2,047	24
*Incumbent			Results are unofficial		

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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 our community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Monday
• The Mountainside Planning Board meets for a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Friday
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., hosts a creative dramatics workshop for children in kindergarten to third grade 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.

Saturday
• The Veterans of Foreign Wars, 7683 of Springfield hosts memorial services for Veterans Day at 11 a.m. at Veterans' Park on Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road.
• VFW members, the American Legion Post 228, the Springfield Elks 2004 Color Guard and the Springfield Fire Scouts Troop 73 will participate.
• The public is welcome to attend.

• The New Jersey Pottery Guild sponsors a pottery show from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Transide Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road. Mountainside Admission is free.

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

• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross conducts an adult CPR and defibrillator training course from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. The cost is \$40.

For more information call the Red Cross at (908) 232-7090.
Tuesday
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its luncheon video series at noon with episode three 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.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets for a regular meeting, called the "Senior Citizen Meeting," in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. The time is still to be announced.

• The Mountainside Board of Education meets for a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

Wednesday
• The Jonathan Dayton High School PTA hosts its annual Building Basket Bonanza at 6:30 p.m. at the school, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

The event benefits Project Graduation and the scholarship fund. Admission is \$10 and includes sandwiches, dessert, coffee, tea and soda. Tickets will be on sale through tomorrow from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the school. For more information call Debbie at (973) 467-4248.

• The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield hosts a work night at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House, 37 Church Mall. The group will put together health kits for Church World Service. For information call Lillian Bucher at (973) 376-0210.

Upcoming events
Nov. 16
• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a training course in basic first aid from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. The cost is \$30.
For more information call the Red Cross at (908) 232-7090.

Nov. 18
• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct training courses in adult CPR from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and adult/infant/child CPR from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and community first aid and safety from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. The costs \$30, \$45 and \$60, respectively.
For more information call the Red Cross at (908) 232-7090.

• The Mountainside PTA will host its second annual holiday craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

Approximately 40 crafters will display and sell items such as handmade jewelry, doll clothes, crocheted and knitted items, handmade candies, baked goods and a variety of holiday and seasonal items.

Admission is free. Breakfast and lunch items will be on sale in the cafeteria. For more information, call Lauren at (908) 232-6964 or Chris at (908) 232-6774.

Nov. 19
• The Rosary Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Central Avenue, Mountainside, will host a pancake breakfast after the 9:30 a.m. mass in the all-purpose room.
Tickets will be sold in advance after all masses. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

• The Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host a play at 2 p.m. by the South Street Players called "The Diaries of Adam & Eve."

Admission will be free by ticket only. Tickets are available at the circulation desk.

Nov. 20
• 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 public hearing on the field and track rehabilitation referendum is planned.

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

Nov. 21
• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a work session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. This meeting date had to be changed.

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

Nov. 23
• Thanksgiving Day.

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, 07059, no later than Nov. 3.

For more information call (908) 542-0753.
Nov. 27
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

• 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 Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. This meeting date had to be changed.

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

Nov. 29
• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet for a special meeting to re-examine the master plan at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

On-going
• 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.

STUDENT UPDATE



Justin Katz

Katz enrolls at RIT
Springfield resident Justin Adam Katz has enrolled for the fall 2000 semester at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.
Katz, a June 2000 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, is majoring in film and animation. He is the son of Sharon and Jeffrey Katz of Springfield.

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Student of the month

Jonathan Dayton High School senior Ali Puliti has been named September's student of the month. A tennis team member and member of the National Honor Society and French National Honor Society, Puliti is a peer leader, a class officer, a Key Club member and a volunteer at the Children's Specialized Hospital.
As president of the senior class, Puliti is working hard for all members of the class.

Farrell named a scholar

Ryan Farrell of Springfield, a freshman at Wesleyan University, has been named an AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of his exceptional achievement on the college-level AP examination.

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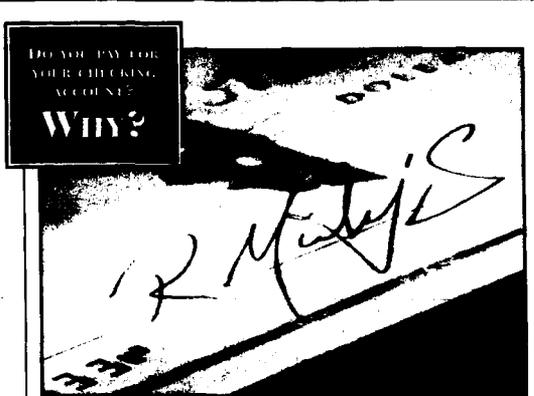
SCHOOL LUNCHES

The following is the lunch menu for Springfield's schools for the remainder of November:

- Elementary schools**
Today and tomorrow: N.J.E.A. convention — school closed.
Monday: Hot dog on bun, baked beans, applesauce, milk.
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, 1/2 slice pizza, carrots, fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Meatballs, hero roll, grape juice, pineapple, milk.
Nov. 16: Spaghetti meat sauce and bread, green beans, chilled peas, milk.
Nov. 17: Pizza, tossed salad, peaches, milk.
Nov. 20: Cheese steak on bun, potato rounds, fresh fruit, milk.

- Nov. 21: Chicken patty on bun, mixed vegetables, peaches, milk.
Nov. 22: Early dismissal — No lunch served.
Nov. 23 and 24: Thanksgiving recess — School closed.
Nov. 27: Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, orange juice, apricots, milk.
Nov. 28: Hot dog on bun, potato salad, pineapple, milk.
Nov. 29 and 30: Early dismissal — No lunch served.
Cold Sandwich: Monday, salad; Tuesday, bologna; Wednesday, chicken salad; Thursday, turkey; Friday, tuna.
Middle school
Today and Friday: N.J.E.A. convention — school closed.

- Monday: Cheese steak on a roll, mixed vegetables, fruit juice, sweet pineapple.
Tuesday: Chicken patty on a bun, garden salad, fruit juice, peaches.
Wednesday: Meatball hero, potato rounds, fruit juice, mixed fruit.
Nov. 16: Spaghetti/meat sauce, lettuce, tomato, cheese, fruit juice, banana.
Nov. 17: Nacho with cheese, carrot sticks, fresh juice, peas.
Nov. 20: Rib-B-Que on a bun, green peas, fruit juice, sweet pineapple.
Nov. 21: Chicken patty on a bun, garden salad, fruit juice, peaches.
Nov. 22: Early dismissal — No lunch served.



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House with a hidden past

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the second part in a series about some of the area's various historical locations and incidents.

"The House Between the Mountains," or the Sayre House, overlooks Sayre Pond on Springfield's Carriage Road. The fieldstone house was built in the 18th century by Isaac Sayre, who emigrated from the then faraway land of Southampton, Long Island in the 1700s.

According to accounts, Sayre arrived at the location rather than specifically seeking it out. Bumping around pre-Revolutionary New Jersey in a mule-covered wagon, Sayre had been searching for a homestead site at the time the mountain-top location caught his eye.

Sayre was born in Southampton. According to a published genealogy, he operated a tavern near Summit during the Revolutionary War, at which Gen. George Washington sometimes stopped. It wouldn't be the only time Sayre would encounter the general.

In the hardest of pioneer traditions, Sayre used his covered wagon for shelter as he cleared the mountain-top location and built a log cabin. The land was suitable for farming, and Sayre found himself prospering, and married shortly thereafter. When the Sayre's first son, Isaac Jr., married, Sayre and his sons constructed a house across the road for the couple.

Sayre's initial achievement, the log cabin he shared with his bride Jane Swamee, vanished long ago. But the stone house built by Sayre and his boys stood through the War of Independence and beyond, and has continued to stand into the 21st century.

Although it also served as a trading post with local Indians, Sayre family members lived in the structure for over 200 years. Its last resident, Nellie Charlotte Sayre, died in 1954, having lived her entire life — 84 years — in the house.

Isaac Jr.'s bride, Elizabeth Roll, was considered the neighborhood beauty. She was also, by accounts, a superior hostess, providing food and shelter, along with the occasional party and dance, for American scouts patrolling the area during the Revolutionary War.

Many continental soldiers made their quarters in the region of the Say-

Gen. George Washington sometimes stopped by.

re house. In 1780, during the Battle of Springfield, the area was particularly useful for the view it offered of the approach of enemy troops. Elizabeth provided the American soldiers with the comforts of home.

"Isaac Sayre's house was the resort of many of these foot-sore scouts, and there they found a welcome," a family genealogy read. "His wife, it is said, could not do too much for them. To her last day she recounted the fact that she had entertained Gen. George Washington, and encouraged his men as they came to her mountain home, never turning them empty away."

Elizabeth's social skills became somewhat legendary in the area, stories of Washington's visits passed down through the years, and were written about more than 150 years later by historian Robert V. Hoffman. Washington had reportedly been encamped in the area at the time Elizabeth was also said to have helped care for refugees hiding in nearby woods during the summer of 1777.

"The House Between the Mountains," as the Sayre homestead became known, continued to serve as a social hotspot for a number of years after the Revolution. But the party ended abruptly in 1831 when Elizabeth's nephew, Baltus Roll, was murdered, reportedly for a large amount of money he was said to have kept concealed in his Mountside home.

The nephew's death devastated Elizabeth; she retreated to the safety of her home, and although she occasionally received close friends as guests, the days of Sayre House as a social center and a heroic refuge were over. Elizabeth died on Sept. 26, 1850, at age 96. The Sayre's son, Anthony Swamee Sayre, lived in the house until his death at the age of 92.

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Nina Petrilli, a student at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield, learns about stranger danger and other safety issues last month from Yellow Dino Safety Program representative Brenda Zofrea. The Springfield Board of Education sponsored the event.

Lawyer sentenced after stealing \$471K

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A Summit lawyer who once represented a Springfield municipal official was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in a Morristown courtroom Friday. The attorney was further directed to finish paying back \$471,000 he had taken from his clients.

State Superior Court Judge Theodore Bozonich directed David B. Biunno to restate the remaining \$337,000 he stole from his former clients, Biunno, 52, had returned \$134,000 after pleading guilty to theft March 27 — six days after his arrest. Bozonich further ordered Biunno to start his sentence in a state prison.

"This defendant has pled guilty to theft by failure to make required disposition, second degree," said Bozonich in his sentencing statement. "He has no prior criminal history but there is no excuse for breaching the trust of his victim clients. He has expressed remorse for these impulsive actions but a period of incarceration is necessary to further deter criminal activity."

Biunno admitted to taking the money over a five-year period. He said the funds, which were intended to cover clients' real estate closing fees, liens and mortgages, went instead for his own use.

The state Attorney General's Office started an investigation on Biunno after receiving complaints from the state Office of Attorney Ethics last year. Biunno voluntarily surrendered his right to practice law in December but was subsequently disbarred. He was a former state investigator and a deputy attorney general in the 1980s.

His last most public matter was as defense attorney to former Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment member Ralph DeVino in 1997-98. DeVino was accused by the Union County Prosecutor's Office of asking for and accepting a bribe from a prospective shopping center tenant. Biunno's defense was that DeVino was seeking a finder's fee.

The jury found DeVino guilty on March 17, 1998, and he was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Ross Anzaldi to serve two concurrent eight-year prison terms.

Township prevails in truck center case

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Township of Springfield has triumphed in its battle over truck parking. Attorneys for both the township and the Springfield Truck Center met to hear Judge Edward Beglin Jr.'s decision on the matter in Union County Superior Court Friday morning. Beglin upheld his earlier decision, preventing the business from parking Penske trucks across the street from its Morris Avenue location.

Max Sherman, attorney for the center, filed a motion Oct. 13 asking Beglin to reconsider the ruling. Beglin said he had carefully reviewed township ordinances dating from 1955, 1968, 1974 and 1977, and was confident in not having erred in his judgment.

Sherman argued that the 1955 township ordinance stipulated that there should be "parking sufficient for customer use." Township Attorney Bruce Bergen disagreed, claiming the defendant's intentions were somewhat different.

"Both references cited by Mr. Sherman in the 1955 and 1968 ordinances referred to customer parking," Bergen said. "But we're talking about parking Penske trucks — trucks that have been sold and are waiting to be picked up."

Trucks parked across the street from the center, on what has been called the Lyons' property, have brought a number of tickets and summonses to the center in recent years. In January, the two factions decided to take their differences to Superior Court. Beglin presided over the civil trial, issuing his ruling Sept. 27.

Although the center will not be permitted to park their trucks in the desired location, the township will not prevent them from making truck sales. "When this case went to trial in January, one of the stipulations both sides had was that the township wouldn't try to stop the sale of trucks," Bergen said. "I felt it would be wrong for me to say, 10 months later, that we'd back off that stipulation."

Beglin said the ordinances indeed seemed touchy on the subject of truck sales, but did not stand in the way of the township's decision to let the sales of vehicles proceed.

The business, which dates back to the 1930s, has gone through a number of transformations. It served, at one time, as a service facility with gas pumps — a fact mentioned by Sherman, who assured both Beglin and Bergen that the filling station concept would not return. The issue of a filling station was not addressed in the trial, a point Beglin was clear to make in regard to his ruling. "I'm reluctant to put into a judgment anything beyond what the trial contained."

Sherman said he does not know yet whether his client intends to appeal.

Mountainside veteran honored

World War II United States Army veteran Capt. Leon M. Greenburg of Mountainside will be among 231 state residents honored in a special award ceremony today at 10:30 a.m. at the Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton St., Somerset.

Major Gen. Paul J. Glazar, the Adjutant General of New Jersey, will present the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, the state's top military award, to those state residents who are combat veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Lebanon, Grenada, Somalia, or the Persian Gulf War.

To be eligible for the Distinguished Service Medal, recipients must currently be a resident of New Jersey and

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EDITORIALS

Roses and thorns

Roses — to Mountanside and Springfield Fire Department personnel for their Mutual Aid assistance in the Oct. 23 pre-dawn Summit fire that took firefighters from 12 towns four hours to extinguish. At least nine tenants were left homeless, but no lives were lost.

Thorns — to whoever was responsible for burning the Garden Club's fall display in front of the Post Office on Halloween night.

Roses — to the Mountanside and Springfield police detectives whose investigation resulted in the Oct. 19 arrest of the suspect believed to have been plaguing Mountanside, Springfield and Hillside in connection with a series of car-jackings. According to police, a man identified as Terrance Meggett of Irvington was "only stealing high-end vehicles — Jaguars, Mercedes and BMWs," which he would then deliver to chop shops.

Roses — to the students and administration at Jonathan Dayton High School for the small incident rate reported in the annual Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse Incident Report. The 1999-2000 school year saw only 11 incidents, none of which were firearm or substance abuse violations. Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland attributed the low number of incidents to the small size of the school and the high degree of school spirit among the student body. "In a small school, when the students are involved in athletics and clubs, you have a better chance of reducing alienation," Friedland noted. We agree.

Thorns — to the factions' inability in reaching a teachers' contract settlement in the Springfield School District. The two sides have met 10 times since March 28 without seeing eye-to-eye on the contract's major points, including salary, insurance and terms and conditions of employment. The lack of a teachers' contract has resulted in the postponement of a number of Back to School Nights, upsetting some of the district's parents. We sincerely hope a settlement can be reached Monday, so the situation doesn't hurt the quality of students' educations.

Roses — to the Springfield Township Committee for beginning the jitney bus negotiation process with NJ Transit before the contract expires in March. Even if the negotiation results in no grant renewal, we encourage the committee to find a way to continue this essential service.

Honoring veterans

Veterans Day has lost some steam lately. Major conflicts of the early and mid 20th century required massive numbers of troops and were followed by a deactivation of millions of veterans who rejoined society under the bright, boisterous spotlight of flag-waving hoopla. But conflicts today are more sophisticated, smaller and more reliant on technology. The television stars of Desert Storm were smart bombs and Exocet missiles. The Kosovo engagement was fought without American ground troops. And the perpetrators of major terrorist attacks such as those aimed against the World Trade Center and the USS Cole are hunted by the FBI.

Make no mistake. The U.S. Armed Forces remain unequalled, proven again and again to be brave, willing to sacrifice and able to travel anywhere and confront all threats. But the emphasis in warfare today leans more toward weapons than troops.

There were times when the able-bodied of every community became uniformed soldiers, kissed loved ones, traveled overseas, slept in mud and defeated armies attempting to dominate the world or overrun their smaller neighbors. Engagements then were fought by gunpowder and the muscle power of troops. When Joseph Stalin was once informed that the Vatican opposed one of his actions, he derisively asked, How many divisions does the Pope have? Today, he might ask for an inventory of an adversaries' nuclear stockpile.

Veterans Day is one of our few national holidays that honors living Americans. On that day, the veteran next door — the shoemaker, the nurse, the school teacher, the doctor — elevates and expands to join a greater, more abstract alliance, the American Armed Forces. They become living representatives of those throughout our history who have set aside their comforts and careers to defend the freedom, liberty and tranquility of our homeland.

And on Veterans Day, we citizens also grow beyond our normal boundaries and join the community of all American citizens who have lived safe and protected throughout our history.

No formalities exist for Veterans Day. There are no special foods, no patron saints, no traditions. Just hometown parades and a ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. But your part should be to be a good citizen and honor those who have fought to keep democracy alive. Fly a flag. Take your children to a parade and explain its meaning. Don't click away when the evening news takes you to Arlington Cemetery. Find some way to somehow express your appreciation to our veterans.



THE BIG CONVENTION — Deerfield students Christine Bennett and Nora Kinney explain their Marsville project to Mountanside Board of Education member Richard Kress at the New Jersey School Boards Convention in Atlantic City last month. The board invited 14 Deerfield students to attend the annual convention as student presenters.

The sports world is a repository for lies

Who lies in America? There's not enough space here to list every vocation and avocation with a practitioner in the fib biz, although people in some fields — dare I say whom? — are much more skilled at pulling the truth taffy than others. Did you see Yankee pitcher Roger Clemens hurl the bat fragment in the direction of catcher Mike Piazza during Game Two of the World Series? Clemens said he thought he had the ball.

Except for politics, the sports world is the biggest repository for lies in the nation. In fact, sports fibbers are probably even worse than political fibbers, because kids watch sports and kids play sports. An easily impressionable group, and they're getting lessons in assault and lying from people who are supposed to be playing by the rules. The Clemens lie, weak as it is, isn't the worst of it. The worst part is, the majority of the fans are participating

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

in the lie. In their bloody desire to win at all costs, a large percentage of Yankee fans are willing to say he didn't do it.

Come now. I was at Game Two. I saw the incident live. There was no question in my mind then that he meant to do it. I was positive. I still am. I wanted to smash him for his stupidity right then and there, and I'm a Yankee fan.

But the nation's win-at-all-costs thinking has created a denial about the incident that, to my mind, is just as bad as the incident itself. Although he didn't throw it exactly at Piazza, the force of the toss and the proximity of

the missile to the target was plenty close enough to establish a deliberate act. The umpires thought so too, apparently, but they didn't toss Clemens out.

A splintered bat fragment makes for a neat weapon. It's a little bottom-heavy, so it's not quite as good as a javelin or maybe a harpoon, but it's ugly enough to make a distinct statement. And make no mistake, this was a statement.

The gargantuan lie going on here isn't exclusively a Yankee thing, although I'm sure many people believe it is. Sports fans in general are liars. Human beings, to put it nicely, are susceptible to lying by their very nature, and sports gives them the opportunity to lie in ways that are usually harmless. Claim that you're safe when you're really out; claim that the ball is fair although it's really foul; claim that you weren't the last one to touch the ball before it went out of bounds.

The lies in sports are usually harmless. This one wasn't.

Personally, I don't care if Clemens and Piazza kill each other. That's their business. One of my concerns, being in the stadium, was that the incident would touch off a physical conflict among some of the fans. I've lived too long now to allow my life to end by being trampled in a brawl. Fortunately there were enough non-baseball fans in attendance — enough cast members from "Ally McBeal" and enough movie stars and enough disinterested high rollers at \$5,000 a seat — to ensure that such a thing wouldn't happen. And it didn't.

But the lie is poisonous. It doesn't only make Yankee fans look dirty, it makes athletes, sports fans and human beings in general look even dirtier than usual. Above all, it gives kids a lousy perspective on competitiveness. It makes "first" a thing to aspire to, no matter how you have to go about it. Win win win. Lie lie lie.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Answers needed in terrorist attack

To the Editor:

The deadly terrorist attack on USS Cole raises troubling questions. We know now that the terrorist threat in Aden was taken seriously enough that our embassy there was closed only days before the attack on the Cole. Then why was the Cole permitted to enter the inner harbor there for refueling in the face of the same threat? Are the lives of American sailors on a non-combat mission considered less valuable than those of civilian State Department employees? The Clinton-Gore administration apparently considered it important to have U.S. Navy ships refuel in Aden, thus showing confidence in Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

As reported on Oct. 14 by *The New York Times*, "The American hope was that the plan...would help Mr. Saleh in his effort to lead Yemen away from its reputation as an often violent, anti-Western, former Soviet satellite state, in favor of warm ties with the United States."

Good grief! Have we witnessed yet another application of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's guiding principle with respect to U.S. military forces, "Why do we pay them if we don't use them? Is it yet another example of Secretary of Defense Bill Cohen's apparent greater concern with luxurious personal travel accommodations at taxpayer expense with the lives of military personnel for whom he is ultimately responsible?"

Although they will surely find someone at a less exalted level than themselves to blame, are President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore completely clueless about prudent dispatch of military forces? Has political correctness become so much a requirement for promotion to senior military positions that even members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are no longer willing to risk telling their civilian political leadership what it needs to know, as opposed to what they think it may prefer to hear?

We need some answers and we need them in a hurry.

Robert B. Ardis
Mountanside

We aren't the ones to convince

To the Editor:

I was delighted at the support of the historic district concept that Joe Lugara expressed in the Oct. 19 edition of the *Echo Leader*. On the other hand, I felt the implication that things were being held up by a reluctance on the part of the Environmental Commission to provide the Springfield Township Committee with requested information was unfair.

Our commission first discussed the district in question and the need of protecting its present character at our March meeting. On March 26 we organized a walk through the area to which were invited members of the Township Committee.

We then organized a joint meeting with members of the Environmental Commission, Historical Society and Beautification Committee at which it was agreed we should collect as much relevant information as possible and then request a meeting with the Township Committee to see if it would support the project.

Our commission spent a good deal of time on the preliminary steps, but finding a time when the Township Committee would agree to meet with us was the

most difficult job of all. Failing efforts to arrange a meeting date, we put together packets of the information we had gathered and presented it to committee members at an August meeting so they would be able to go over it by the time a joint meeting was agreed on.

The joint meeting finally took place on Oct. 2. Linda McTeague from the Union County Office of Historic Preservation had very kindly offered to be present to explain the various steps which should be taken in setting up a historic district and to answer any questions which the Township Committee, the township administrator or the township attorney might have. Ms. McTeague emphasized the importance of initially getting the area listed on the State Register of Historic Places and the need to hire a consultant to accomplish this.

The issue now is that the Township Committee must decide whether it is interested in backing this project. If so, the means of paying a consultant must be addressed. The Township Committee is well aware of what area it is being discussed. Township Attorney Bruce Bergen casually mentioned to me that he would like lot and block numbers, but I was not given the impression that there was an urgency to this and, in any case, these could have been readily obtained by him at the engineer's office.

In any case, the exact delineation of the area, if the project is pursued, would ultimately depend on findings of the consultant as to their eligibility and then by the Township Committee's decision about how much it is willing to include.

In my most recent conversation with Mayor Clara Harelik, she stated that Bergen, who has now been provided with lot and block numbers since Oct. 11 as well as the names of property owners, told her he was concerned because most of the property we designated was in the area designated for housing. When I assured her this was not the case she said she would have him call me directly. At the time of this writing he has not done so.

I am glad Mr. Lugara feels the situation is urgent, but it is not the Environmental Commission that needs to be convinced.

Eleanor Gural, chairperson
Springfield Environmental Commission

Cooperation necessary for success

To the Editor:

The Mountanside School District is currently conducting a census to assist the Board of Education and administration in developing accurate data regarding future student enrollment and facility needs.

Volunteers will be in neighborhoods throughout Mountanside in the next few weeks. The volunteers will have an ID so that you can be assured that the information you are providing will only be used by the Board of Education for the stated purposes.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in helping to make this census a success.

Chief School Administrator Gerard A. Schaller
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Healthy hands



Springfield Board of Health visiting nurse Judith Francis-Ingram, back row, speaks to students at St. James the Apostle School Kinder Academy about the importance of hand-washing. Learning about the prevention of spreading germ-related illnesses are, from left, second row, Jessica Nieto, Brielle Mayes, Brianna Perdomo, Keside Azu, Dylan Hardy, Erin Brown, Justine Quow; and first row, Jessica Loricka, Michael Tanelli and Jimmy Fischer.

Chaperones say children were traumatized by bus incident

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field. He was called by parents on the bus, and arrived on the scene with Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller. State Police also arrived. They determined, on the scene, that the driver had not used alcohol or drugs. Schaller was not available for comment at press time.

An unnamed spokesperson for the Roselle-based Vogel Bus Company declined to put the Echo Leader in touch with the owner of the business, saying only, "The driver did not fall asleep. That's the only comment you'll get."

One Deerfield parent, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she contacted Vogel after the incident, and was told by the owner that "it wasn't my business" whether the driver was administered a drug or alcohol test. Vogel supplies the buses the district uses to transport its students on a daily basis.

The incident disturbed some of the

Staff member is honored

Head baseball coach and assistant football coach Lou Della Pia has been named September's staff member of the month at Jonathan Dayton High School. He is also the advisor to the Alternatives Club and works with special education students.

Briechle earns honor

Jonathan Dayton High School social studies teacher Richard Briechle has been named to "Who's Who Among American High School Teachers" for the year 2000.

children, despite the care taken by the chaperones to keep things low key. "We tried to keep the atmosphere as stress-free as possible," Goense said. "I didn't make a huge issue in front of my daughter, but she knows there was a problem with the driver." Wells said the incident made it difficult for her daughter to get to sleep later that evening.

"Some of the kids were traumatized," Worswick said plainly. "Many of them didn't have their parents on the bus, so when they saw Dr. Schaller and my husband Scott — who the kids see every day — they were hug-

ging them. It was a good thing they came."

Both Goense and Wells feel strongly that the lack of male chaperones hindered their ability to get the driver to cooperate earlier. "He treated us as a bunch of crazy women," Wells said. "I think if there had been some fathers there, he would have reacted differently."

"I feel strongly that, if there had been a dad there, he wouldn't have taken that attitude," Goense said. "I was shocked. What's more important than the lives of our children — of all of us?"

Perrotta, Lane top vote-getters

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borough's trend for shared services. "I'm looking forward to serving Mountainside," Lane said.

Brocner, a five-year perennial candidate, joked about the tie between him and Shackelford, his running mate. "I usually come in dead last," Brocner said. "Although he wasn't sure if he would run again, Brocner admitted that "I think we really have to rethink our strategy."

Shackelford said he was hoping for a larger percentage of votes. "The Republicans came out in full force and they supported their boys 100 percent," he said. "We'll give it the old college try again in November."

In the presidential race, Mountain-

side voters gave 1,985 votes to Republican Gov. George W. Bush and 1,321 votes to Democratic Vice President Al Gore.

In the U.S. Senate campaign, Republican Rep. Bob Franks of Berkeley Heights came out on top with 2,206 votes over Democratic nominee Jon Corzine of Summit's 1,012 votes.

Mountainside residents gave 2,066 votes to 7th Congressional District Republican nominee Michael Ferguson and 1,076 votes to Democratic nominee Maryanne Connelly.

In the race for Union County Clerk, 1,687 borough voters cast ballots for Republican nominee Eric Urbano of Scotch Plains. Democratic incumbent Joanne Rajoppi of Union received

1,373 votes.
In the contest for three seats on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Mountainside residents gave 960 votes to Democratic incumbent Chester Holmes of Rahway, 1,094 to Democratic incumbent Alexander Mirabella of Roselle Park and 1,043 to Democratic incumbent Deborah Scanton of Union.

Republican nominee Al Dill received 1,911 votes. Republican challenger Esther Guzman-Malcolm of Roselle received 1,674 votes and former Cranford Mayor Wally Shackelford received 1,950 votes.

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St. Teresa's renovates

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the 11th part in a series about the various religions and houses of worship.

The only Roman Catholic parish in Summit, St. Teresa's of Avila sits in Gothic splendor on Morris Avenue, right in the middle of downtown Summit. The church has been there since 1924, set back on a hill and at first glance resembles a European castle or cathedral in grey stone.

The inside is just as beautiful as the outside, with the central main altar under a domed ceiling with carved stained glass windows overhead and all along the sides of the sanctuary. Two smaller altars flank the main one, the one on the left is dedicated to the Blessed Mother and on the right, to the church's namesake, St. Teresa of Avila.

Pastor of the church, the Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Harahan, said, "Actually, there are three churches in one, the first church was a small stone church, which is directly behind the main structure, used as a sacristy, and then there is the Memorial Hall, moved across the street when this building was built in 1924; all are part of our busy parish," said the priest.

The monsignor was modest; there are 2,700 families registered as members which by far makes the church the largest parish in Summit. Harahan has been pastor for four-and-a-half years with the help of two associate pastors, the Rev. Thomas Blind and the Rev. Patrick Flannery, as well as several other priests in residence, who assist with the large church family. There are no less than eight Masses every weekend, which includes the Spanish Mass, celebrated by both the pastor and the Rev. Sean Cuneen and the Rev. William Reilly.

He cites the capital campaign as an important accomplishment during his ministry in 1998, when the church raised \$4.7 million. "This is being used to upgrade all of the buildings and to provide better service and accessibility for the people of the parish, as well as handicap access. We are building an elevator for that, and currently redoing the steps to the entrance of the main sanctuary," said Harahan.

The Memorial Hall across the street, which is used for the Family Mass every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., is being renovated and this will also be wheelchair accessible with a ramp to be added.

Harahan has been a priest for 26 years and is as busy as any corporate executive as a monsignor in the large Roman Catholic family parish. "There is not enough time to do everything that needs to be done, but mainstream life is like that too, nowadays," said the priest, philosophically, "and the capital campaign enabled us to look to our needs and respond to them and then plan for the future."

He noted that last year, the parish was able to put a new state roof on the main sanctuary and repaint the outside surface of the stone cathedral, and he was happy that work was progressing on the steps which had been deteriorating.

"One of the interesting things we are also doing is to restore the back sacristy, the old stone original church,

to be used as a sacristy/meeting area, connected to the main church, it goes back to the 1800s," he said.

The original church school has been closed since 1962 but the building, part of the campus, is used for religious education for children in pre-K to ninth grade. To date, there are approximately 1,100 children attending and it is growing.

The pastor made a special announcement when he said, "Actually, we are planning to open a parish school beginning with a pre school in the very near future, but upgrading is very important now for the religious classes that are held there. That must be finished first."

Harahan was the second of five children and had wanted to be a priest since high school. "I always had good experiences, both in parochial schools and with my contact with clergy growing up, who were very supportive and affirming," he said.

In 1996 he was appointed by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick of the Newark Diocese to become the 11th pastor of St. Teresa of Avila, and has been fielding all the duties that go with that appointment ever since. He even finds time to be an enthusiastic member of the Summit Interfaith Clergy Association.



Photo By Jeff Grank

The Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Harahan presides over the largest parish in Summit at St. Teresa's of Avila Roman Catholic Church. With 2,700 registered families, the church is in the midst of a renovation project and will open a parish school in the near future.

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Departments make numerous arrests

Mountainside

- A Roselle resident identified as Eric Hudson, 45, was arrested at the Echo Book rest area on Route 22 East Saturday for driving with a suspended license. A computer check revealed two previous license suspensions.
- A man identified as John Webster, 29, of Plainfield, was arrested by borough police on Route 22 West on the Scotch Plains border Friday for driving while intoxicated, possessing a controlled dangerous substance and for operating an uninsured vehicle.
- A man identified as Frankie Noel, 30, of Plainfield, was arrested by Piscataway police Nov. 2 on a contempt of court warrant out of Mountainside. A Manalapan resident identified as Rochelle Rivera, 22, was stopped for speeding on Pembroke Road and later arrested for having a suspended driver's license.
- Suspects identified as Tyrone Douglas Jr., 31, of East Orange, and Marilyn Dillard, 33, of Plainfield were both arrested Nov. 1 and charged with theft by deception for allegedly stopping payment on checks issued to the Municipal Court for payment of fines.
- A Plainfield resident identified as Raymond Brown, 31, was arrested by borough police on Route 22 West near the Scotch Plains border Oct. 26 and charged with driving with a suspended license. He was released on \$250 bail and given a court date of Nov. 16.
- A man identified as Aaron Freeman, 23, of Newark, was arrested on Justin Place Oct. 25 and charged with being a suspended driver. On the same day, a Newark resident identified as Scott Ellsworth, 23, was arrested by Newark police on an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside in the amount of \$500.

Springfield

- A woman identified as Linda Ramos, 22, of Newark, was arrested by township police at a Route 22 West establishment Oct. 27 and charged with shoplifting.
- An Independence Way resident reported the theft of a wallet from the

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Morris Turnpike ShopRite Oct. 19
The wallet contained \$145 cash and one credit card.

- A Summit Road resident reported the theft of a wallet containing \$200 cash, a driver's license, Social Security card and five credit cards from a Morris Avenue address Oct. 18

Yee appointed chaplain

U.S. Army Capt. James Yee, a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, was recently selected by the U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains Accession Board for an appointment to the Army Chaplaincy. An induction ceremony was conducted earlier this month at the Fort Dix chapel in which Yee took the Oath of Execution from Col. Salimi Wirosemito of McGuire Air Force Base. Yee became only the sixth

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Muslim chaplain to serve the U.S. Army, but the first West Point graduate appointed to this position. His parents, Joseph and Fong Yee, continue to reside in Springfield.

New principal appointed

Gail Buchbinder has been appointed principal of the religious school at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield. Buchbinder has many years of experience as a Jewish educator, most

recently as Religious School Director of Beth El Synagogue, East Windsor.

Buchbinder attended Rutgers University, Hebrew University and McGill University, and holds a degree in Hebrew studies. She and her children Seth, Sarah and Evan, live in East Brunswick with their dog, Bandit. An accomplished calligrapher and crafts-person, she is looking forward to integrating art into the curriculum, and infusing the school with the love of "doing Jewish."

Karp joins Bruno Group

Springfield resident Beth Karp has joined the Bruno Group public relations firm in Clifton as an account executive in its grants and research department.

Karp was previously employed as a development officer at the Somerset House for temporarily displaced children, as a special events coordinator for the Garden State Cancer Center and as a paralegal with various law firms and corporations.

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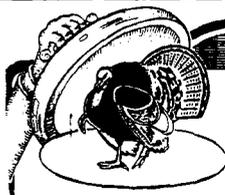
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Susan Alleyne

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Leroy Branco

"Although I am not a veteran, I think the best of them. They did a wonderful job and we should honor them on this special day."



Earl Rothlein

"I am not a veteran, and I am 91 years old, but I come every year to the Disabled War Veterans fund. Of course we should celebrate Veterans' Day."



Carolyn Gleason

"It is a holiday that is good because the veterans should be honored for their dedication. I think it is an important holiday and a very good thing."

Democrats maintain control in Springfield

(Continued from Page 1)
and current Planning Board member, said, "They've recognized what we've been doing — and I stress 'we,' the Township Committee — to help the town."

Clarke said he would like to "fix the responsibility for the brooks and streams" in the township. "No one's caring for them and they're getting clogged up. You don't get elected with that kind of thing, but that's the way I am, that's what I want to see worked on."

"I'm not surprised," Scholla, who

last ran in 1997 with Tom Ryan, said of his defeat. "In '97, we had an aggressive approach. We out-campaigned them and we lost. This year, we took a more relaxed approach and the same thing happened. It's a little discouraging; people vote down the line rather than look at the candidates." Scholla could not say yet whether he intends to run again next year.

Butler, who said previously that he did not have time to get a petition together, said, "I would have liked to have had more time to plan my cam-

paign." He described his campaign as having "limited scope," but promised that "things will be different next year."

Hirschfeld, like Clarke, is a former mayor. Described previously by Clarke as an "idea man," Hirschfeld is responsible for writing the grant that

Foothill Club of Mountainside to take bus trip

The Foothill Club of Mountainside will take a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. on Nov. 17. The cost will be \$75 per person and will include the Miracle of Christmas, the Christmas Waiver Show, and dinner at the Plain and Fancy Restaurant.

provided the jitney bus service from Duffy's Corner. He was also the moving force behind the Farmer's Market. Farzone was defeated by incumbent Sy Mullman last year.

Hirschfeld and Farzone were not available for comment at press time.

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Sanford Gelwang

Sanford Gelwang, 73, of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 4 at home.
Born in New York City, Mr. Gelwang lived in Newark and Springfield before moving to Boynton Beach in 1997. He was a verified public accountant with Rich Gelwang Lantz of Edison for 35 years. Mr. Gelwang received a bachelor's degree from New York University in 1950 and became a certified public account-

ant in 1952. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Mr. Gelwang was a member of the Men's Club of Temple Beth Am and B'nai B'rith of Springfield.

Surviving are his wife, Mollie, three sons, Peter, Joel and Stuart, a brother, Daniel, a sister, Shirley Simels, and seven grandchildren.

Grace G. Karl

Grace G. Karl, 94, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Summit, died

Nov. 4 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center, Berkeley Heights. Born in Springfield, Mrs. Karl lived in Summit for 28 years before moving to Berkeley Heights 14 years ago. She was a salesperson at Kregge's department store, Summit, and before that, she was a caterer/worker at Summit High School.
Surviving are three daughters, Marilyn Cusano, Joan Rilto and Ruth Carroll, two sons, Donald J. and Robert, 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.



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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor

This has been a banner year for football in Union County.

As many as eight area teams qualified for the North Jersey, Section 2 state playoffs and of the 17 football-playing schools in Union County, 11 made the grade.

Three of the four non-area schools in the county that qualified include Westfield in Group 4, Scotch Plains in Group 3 and New Providence in Group 1. Plainfield did not make the grade in Group 4 after qualifying every season from 1996-1999.

The eight area teams that qualified include Elizabeth, Union and Linden in Group 4; Hillside, Summit and Roselle in Group 2 and R. Park and Brearley in Group 1.

Defending champion Elizabeth is the favorite to win Group 4. The top-seeded Minutemen are 7-1 with five shutouts. They will host eighth-seeded Westfield (5-3) this weekend, a team they defeated 41-6 in Westfield two weeks ago. Westfield made the state playoffs two years ago for the first time since 1981, but as a Group 3 school. The Blue Devils are in Group 4 playoffs for first time in 19 years.

Hillside and Roselle made the playoffs for the second time in the past three years after long layoffs. Linden and Hillside last won a playoff game in 1985, the only season in which both won playoff championships — Linden in Group 3 and Hillside in Group 2 that year.

Summit qualified for the first time since 1995 and for the first time as a member of the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference. Roselle Park qualified for the first time since 1996 and Brearley for the first time since 1997. The Bears won their final three games to qualify after a 1-4 start.

Elizabeth qualified for the sixth consecutive season and Union for the fifth straight year. Elizabeth has won two of the past three North 2, Group 4 titles and has the second most in the section with five. Union has captured the most titles in the section with 10.

Union defeated Linden 20-13 in Union two weeks ago and will be facing the Tigers for the second time in the playoffs. In a battle of 8-0 teams, Union won 10-9 overtime in Union in the 1987 North 2, Group 4 semifinals. It was cold.

Hanover Park defeated Roselle 51-14 in East Hanover in the 1990 North 2, Group 2 final.

WEEK NINE PLAYOFF GAMES
 North 2, Group 4
 8-Westfield at 1-Elizabeth
 6-Linden at 3-Union
 North 2, Group 2
 8-Roselle at 1-Hanover Park
 7-Monville at 2-Hillside
 6-Summit at 3-Pequannock

WEEK EIGHT SCORES
 Friday, Nov. 3
 Elizabeth 14, Shabazz 0
 Hillside 33, Bound Brook 0
 Hanover Park 35, Summit 22
 Immaculata 49, Roselle Park 0

Saturday, Nov. 4
 Linden 21, Plainfield 13
 New Providence 42, Rahway 13
 Johnson 35, Dayton 8
 Brearley 16, Roselle 12
 Gov. Livingston 29, Manville 0

JR's Playoff Picks for Week Nine
 Elizabeth over Westfield
 Union over Linden
 Hanover Park over Roselle
 Hillside over Monville
 Summit over Pequannock
 Cedar Grove over Brearley
 R. Park over Mountain Lakes

Last Week: 8-1
 Season: 68-17 (.800)

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



Photo by Milton Mills

Dayton High School junior running back Ibin Raheem (No. 10) tries to push Johnson senior free safety Kevin Kolmos (No. 88) out of his way en route to yardage during last Saturday's Mountain Valley Conference-interdivision varsity football contest at Meisel Field in Springfield. Johnson won the game 35-8.

North 2, Group 2 quarterfinals: 6-Summit (5-4) vs. 3-Pequannock (7-2) Saturday at Pequannock at 1 p.m.

The high school football playoffs are set to kick off around the state of New Jersey this weekend.

As many as eight area teams qualified in North Jersey, Section 2. Elizabeth, Linden and Union made the grade in Group 4; Hillside, Summit and Roselle qualified in Group 2 and Roselle Park and Brearley made it in Group 1.

The semifinals are the weekend of Saturday, Nov. 18 and the finals the weekend of Saturday, Dec. 2.

Here's a look at how North 2, Group 2 shaped up:

- NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 2, GROUP 2**
 8-Roselle (4-4) at 1-Hanover Park (7-1)
 7-Monville (6-3) at 2-Hillside (7-1)
 6-Summit (5-4) at 3-Pequannock (7-2)
 5-Dover (6-2) at 4-Caldwell (6-2)

Roselle at Hanover Park is tomorrow night at 7, while the other three matchups are Saturday at 1 p.m. at the higher seed.

Pequannock is the defending champion, but Hillside is probably the best team in the section. The Comets are 7-1 and have won three straight since their only loss — a 16-6 setback at Immaculata (8-0), the top seed in Parochial, Group 3.

Hillside has scored over 30 points in seven of its nine games and has shut out its last two opponents. The Comets have not won a playoff game since present head coach Jim Hopke's senior season of 1985. Hillside defeated Madison 13-12 in the sectional final that year for the school's only playoff championship. The 1983 team lost to Butler 16-8 in the North 2, Group 2 championship game.

Summit appeared in the sectional final four years in a row from 1992-1995, winning in 1993 and 1994. The Hilltoppers are making their first appearance since 1995, which was their last season as a member of the National Division of the Watching Conference.

— JR Parachini

Football games this weekend

The Gov. Livingston and Dayton high school football teams will be playing in consolation games this weekend.

Here's the local schedule:

- NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 2 PLAYOFFS**
 Tomorrow at 7 p.m.
 Group 4
 6-Westfield at 1-Elizabeth
 6-Linden at 3-Union
 Group 2
 8-Roselle at 1-Hanover Park

- Saturday at 1 p.m.
 Group 2
 7-Monville at 2-Hillside
 6-Summit at 3-Pequannock
 Group 1
 7-Brearley at 2-Cedar Grove
 6-R. Park at 3-Mountain Lakes

- CONSOLATION GAMES**
 Saturday at 1 p.m.
 Group 3
 Rahway at Parsippany Hills Millburn at Cranford
 Group 2
 Johnson at Boonton
 Gov. Livingston at West Essex
 Group 1
 Dayton at Whippany Park

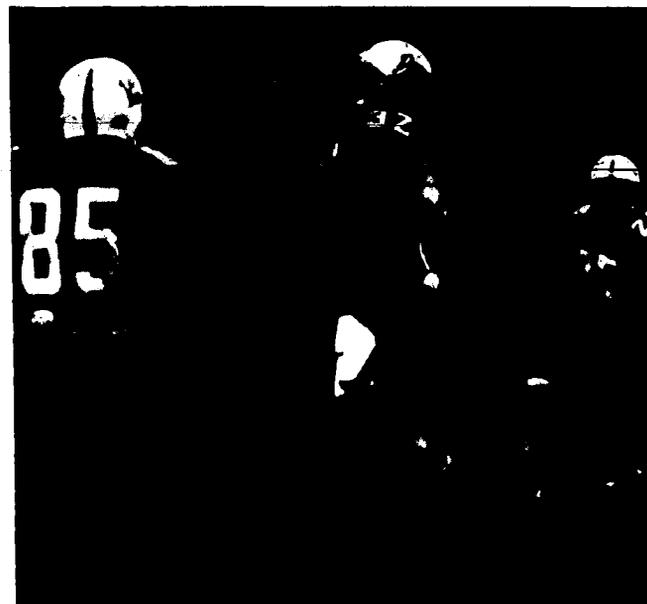


Photo by Milton Mills

Dayton sophomore running back Joe Kahoonei (No. 32) caught a five-yard touchdown pass from senior signal-caller Kahl Goforth during last weekend's game against visiting Johnson. Dayton (0-8) is still seeking its first win of the season and the weekend is scheduled to play at Whippany Park (2-6) Saturday at 1 p.m. in a North 2, Group 1 consolation contest.

Dayton finishes up very strong

Bulldogs gain winning season

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

After a slow start to begin the season, the Dayton High School boys' soccer team made some adjustments and played solidly the rest of the way bringing the Bulldogs to a final record of 9-8-2.

Although Dayton did not qualify for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs, the Bulldogs managed to post a winning season.

After a 5-0 loss at Bound Brook put them at 1-5-1 back on Sept. 28, the Bulldogs found their bite, winning eight of their next 12 matches to finish up strong.

"We really picked it up well and stayed in every game," Dayton head coach Felix Fabiano said.

High School Boys' Soccer

Dayton split two Union County Tournament games, first beating Summit 3-1 at home in a preim-game before being ousted by top-seeded and eventual champion Scotch Plains 4-0 in a first rounder at Scotch Plains.

Senior midfielder Carmine Santarella, who was Dayton's leading scorer this year, scored one goal and had one assist in the win over Summit.

"Even though we were shut out against Scotch Plains, we played very well and it gave us confidence that we can play with the big guys," Fabiano said.

Dayton relied heavily on the play of Santarella, a 20-goal scorer who should garner some votes for the All-County team.

Carlos Soto, an All-Conference senior forward who was also looked upon for his offense, scored eight goals and had seven assists.

In goal, the Bulldogs depended on senior Jeff Stapfer, a converted basketball player who sparked the team with four shutouts.

Earlier in the season Fabiano had sophomore Michael Nitolo minding the net, but then he had to put him at another position.

Dayton also received outstanding play from captain Dara Mirzhangary, Dar to Ruggiero, Mo Abdelaziz, Andrew Tithe, Marc Einstein, Joe Bianco, Sergey Khorochevsky, Nick Komanecky, Roman Lukin, Louis Soto and Ted Young.

It helped that the Bulldogs played four midfielders, four forwards, two defensemen and a sweeper and a stopper alignment.

"That's because we used a system of alternating our forwards," Fabiano said. "It also made our defense tougher."

With 15 years at the helm, the coach has seen his squad develop over the past four years.

"When the co-op with Brearley broke up, eight of my 16 players went there and we had to start from scratch," Fabiano said.

With much of his team being seasonal players and not having a lot of experience, the coach felt it took time to gel and put things together.

"A lot of the players were playing for the first time and it also didn't help that we had no junior varsity team," Fabiano said.

Having passion for the sport and showing good teamwork is what the coach's philosophy is.

"If you have discipline on and off the field, you can do anything," Fabiano added.

Also being in shape and knowing what your job is and how to perform it are attributes the coach seeks.

"You may not be the scorer or the star, but you can be a great team player," Fabiano said.

Having only one senior on the roster for next season, the Bulldogs will be a little green and inexperienced.

"They will need time to adjust and it might take some time, but we'll step up to the challenge and hope for the best," Fabiano said.

Dayton's first win was a 1-0 whitewash of Manville as Santarella scored off an assist from Ruggiero. Stapfer made 22 saves for the shutout.

Dayton won three games in a row in beating Oratory 3-0 at home, Brearley 1-0 at home and Summit 3-1 at home. Santarella scored twice and Brad Shortall once in the win over Oratory, while Carlos Soto scored unassisted and Stapfer made seven saves in the victory against Brearley.

Dayton also defeated Manville 3-1 at home, Oratory 4-1 at home, Roselle Park 3-0 on the road, South Amboy 3-2 on the road and Summit 2-1 on the road.

Santarella scored two goals and Carlos Soto one against Manville, Santarella and Abdelaziz scored two goals against Oratory and Santarella had a hat-trick in the triumph over Roselle Park.

Santarella scored his final two goals of the season in the win over South Amboy and Carlos Soto scored unassisted. Matt Schachtel and Abdelaziz scored in the season-ending win at Summit.

Dayton's ties were at home against Roselle Park and at home against Bound Brook, both by 3-3 scores. Against Roselle Park on Sept. 12, Carlos Soto scored two goals and Nitolo made 19 saves. Against Bound Brook Oct. 24, Santarella scored his second hat-trick of the season.

Summit sticks one state playoff team

The Summit High School field hockey team, co-Union County Tournament champions, saw its season come to an end Monday when it was defeated at second-seeded Ridge 2-0 in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals in Basking Ridge.

The third-seeded Hilltoppers, one of the top teams in the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference, finished an outstanding 2000 season with an overall record of 14-3-5.

High School Field Hockey

Summit ousted sixth-seeded Delaware Valley 3-2 last Friday in the quarterfinals in Summit.

Senior left wing Katie Ardington scored the game-winning goal 7:56 into the second half. Liz Sheridan and Libby Getzendanner also scored for the Hilltoppers.

Summit's 13th win of the season was a 3-1 victory over Parsippany Oct. 31 in IHC-Hills Division action in Parsippany. Katie Romanovsky, Ardington and Sheridan scored for the Hilltoppers.

Summit tied Oak Knoll 2-2 in this year's Union County Tournament championship game to gain a share of the county crown. Summit was last county champs in 1995 when the Hilltoppers shared the UCT title with Kent Place after the two teams battled to a 2-2 draw in the championship game.

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The Mountainside Recreation Department will be sponsoring a 5th grade co-ed team and a 6th grade co-ed team in the Garden State Basketball League for the 2000-2001 season.

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