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## Committee seeks renewal for jitney

### Grant also sought for historic district

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee tackled two subjects at its executive session Monday night: the jitney bus and the potential historic designation of Church Mall and Black's Lane.

In regard to the jitney, the committee approved a motion to allow Township Administrator Richard Sheola to apply for a grant renewal for the service, which departs every business day from Duffy's Corner, taking commuters to the Short Hills Train Station. The grant renewal, like the original grant, is for three years. The current grant expires in March 2001.

The committee spent a considerable period debating the jitney's value to the community, with Committeeman Steven Goldstein, one of the biggest boosters of the service, as well as a frequent rider, leading the charge. Committeeman Gregory Clarke cast the motion's only dissenting vote.

Clarke stressed the jitney's regular ridership — a number said to stand around 40 — and its limited clientele, as reasons to snuff out the service. He pointed out that the township's original estimate for the jitney was about 40 riders.

Goldstein, however, was convinced

of the potential for those numbers to increase. "If you looked at your business after only two years and decided to close it down, that's ridiculous," he began. "The reality is, people who want to be close to the city and don't want to pay Short Hills/Millburn prices will be moving here."

### Historic district

Eleanor Gural, chairwoman of the Springfield Environmental Commission, was in attendance Monday night to exchange ideas and opinions with the committee on the subject of historical designation for the Church Mall/Black's Lane area.

Gural presented the committee with a packet containing cost estimates for hiring consultants to look at the area. The two potential consultants requested fees of \$6,000-plus and \$8,000.

Gural said a grant of \$2,500 for consulting services is available through the state Department of Environmental Protection. Consideration for the grant, whose deadline is Dec. 1, is dependent on a matching grant from the township, which the committee decided to provide. Committee members also agreed to provide the balance for the consulting fees.

## Taking command



Photo By Melissa Mills

Taking a moment to consult the program for a memorial service at Springfield's Veterans Memorial Park are, from left, Commander Bill Smith of American Legion Post 228, Vice Commander Sal Gibaldi of VFW Post 7683 and Raymond Schramm of the legion's Color Guard. Veterans, Boy Scouts and local residents gathered at the park on Veterans Day to honor those who served in the nation's armed forces.

## Trio convicted of bank fraud

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Three Nigerian nationals, one of whom attempted to cash a \$50,000 check in Mountainside in 1998, have been convicted of bank fraud.

Charles Rufai, 39, of Mine Hill, Morris County, along with Adagbenga Adewale, 23, and Bumis Owoeye, 40, were found guilty Nov. 6 after two days of jury deliberations. The trio was convicted of the theft of more than \$730,000 from three Union County banks.

Rufai is a former comptroller for the Carver Federal Savings Bank in Harlem. Owoeye was described in a statement from the Union County Prosecutor's Office as a "longtime acquaintance" of Rufai. Adewale is reportedly Rufai's stepson.

The investigation into the activities of the trio began in February 1998, when the assistant manager of Fleet Bank on Mountain Avenue had reportedly been asked by Owoeye to cash a \$50,000 check made out to a fictitious company. One of the bank's tellers took down Owoeye's license plate number, which was turned over to borough police.

Detective Capt. Richard Osieja launched an extensive investigation in which the suspects were discovered to have used the identities of two individuals whose duplicate drivers' licenses were issued through the Division of

Motor Vehicles. The identities were then used to open accounts, deposit checks and withdraw cash and cashier's checks under the names of two fictitious businesses, one janitorial and the other a computer services business.

"It was a complicated scheme, but we found the paper trail," Osieja said. According to the detective, Owoeye opened the Fleet Bank account under the name DB Janitorial. Osieja said Owoeye had also opened an account at a Morris Avenue Sovereign Bank in Elizabeth. Both banks, along with the Union Center National Bank on Snyvesant Avenue in Union, were used to launder money from Carver Federal. According to the Prosecutor's Office, the pair was responsible for the theft of seven checks from Carver.

Evidence presented during the trial proved Rufai had passed the Carver checks on to Owoeye, who would later deposit them by presenting the false credentials on behalf of the fictitious companies. Owoeye would later withdraw some of the money. Bank checks would later be issued to Adewale, Rufai's stepson.

Rufai, Adewale and Owoeye were all found guilty of second-degree theft by deception and conspiracy. The convictions carry sentences of five to 10 years. Sentencing is scheduled for March. Osieja said bail for all three was revoked once the guilty verdict was brought in.

## Edw changes its name

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Residents can at least now say, regarding the controversial Royal Ahold USA supermarket plan, "Edwards, we hardly knew you."

Ahold USA has been converting its 70 Edwards Super Food Stores located across New Jersey to the Stop and Shop brand name. The process, which began in July, has now reached its Union County stores.

The six-month-old Edwards in Elizabethtown, for example, closed Friday night and is scheduled to reopen as Stop and Shop later this week — just one week later. The time was used, explained Stop and Shop Vice President-New York Division Jim Walsh, to change logos, lighting and aisle displays. A similar timetable was followed for the Edwards in downtown Union from Oct. 20 to Oct. 27.

The conversion process is to roll southward, including Linden in December, until the Edwards name vanishes by year's end.

"The company feels very good about the change overall," said Walsh. "What you'll see is more consistency among the aisles. We want to provide our customers a solid shopping experience with good prices, super selection, excellent quality and great service."

The Netherlands-based Royal Ahold, according to its web site, bought the Mayfair Group in 1993. Mayfair's Foodtown stores were renamed Edwards and placed under the wing of its Giant food stores of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Royal Ahold has been purchasing food store companies in the United States since 1977. With its incorporation of 255 Stop and Shop supermarkets, Ahold USA owns 1,063 stores under five brand names.

Royal Ahold's U.S. stores, declares its 1999 financial statements, generate 57 percent of its \$20.3 billion worldwide sales. What was a family-owned grocery store in 1887 has blossomed into nearly 7,000 supermarkets among 23 countries — the fourth-largest food retailer in the world.

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## Expansion plans nearly completed

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

At an early Mountainside Board of Education meeting Tuesday, two members of the architectural firm hired to renovate both the Doerfield and Beechwood schools were on hand to give parents and the school board a presentation of its progress to date.

With only a few parents and teachers in attendance, Linda Andreychik and Allan Kelemen of Jordan, Pease Andreychik & Kelemen Inc. of Raritan took turns delivering updates on the project.

Kelemen displayed elaborate drawings of what Beechwood School could look like in the future. He explained that new spaces would be added: four each, for kindergarten, first grade, second grade and pre-kindergarten.

Several large schematics were displayed, with one drawing clearly showing areas set aside for the new gymnasium and the new media center. An additional entrance/exit door was added near the media center, and many other improvements were included in the firm's plans. See BOARD, Page 10

## Door ajar for more affordable senior housing in Springfield

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee switched its regular meeting time to 3 p.m. Tuesday to accommodate the community's senior citizens.

About 30 seniors from the township's Group Six organization faced cold, rainy weather to voice their opinions on a number of topics, from the Board of Education's upcoming referendum to a resolution creating a

training seminar for the township's supervisory personnel.

The group sat in silence, however, as the committee narrowly passed, by a 3-2 vote, an amendment to the township's land use ordinance. The ordinance will increase, by one, the number of units per acre that may be developed in the Black's Lane/Millburn Avenue area for affordable senior citizen housing. The increase alters the

number of units from 16 to 17 per acre.

Mayor Clara Harelik and Committeeman Gregory Clarke both voted against the amendment. Clarke called the decision "unwise legislation."

"By increasing the density, you're accomplishing something subtle," Clarke said in explaining his vote. "The increase says to a possible developer that he can do 17 units per acre. See SCHOOL, Page 10

## Reaching out

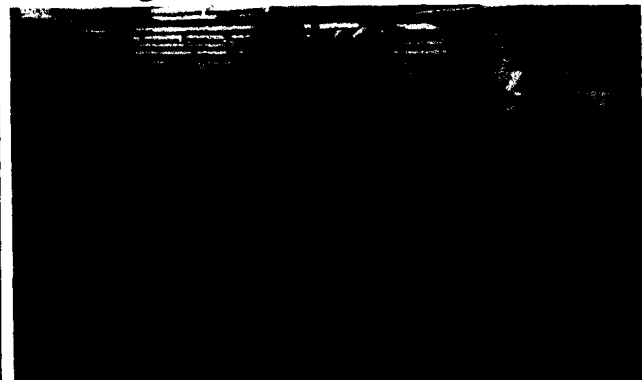


Photo By Melissa Mills

Displaying their outreach efforts to aid the homeless are Springfield Brownie Troop 501 members, from left, back row, Stacey Shewitz and Kristin Kelley, and front row, leader Faith MacDonnell, Emily MacDonnell, Cassie O'Connor, Audrey Belliveau, leader Jennifer O'Connor and Dana Meyerhardt. The troop went on a shopping trip to the Foodtown Monday afternoon to select groceries for their delivery to a local food bank.



Photo By Melissa Mills

Deputy Mayor Steven Goldstein and Mayor Clara Harelik, left, greet seniors, from left, Emma Lampariello and Alice McCord of Group Six to the special senior citizens meeting of the Springfield Township Committee Tuesday afternoon. Committee members voted 3-2 to amend the township's land use ordinance to allow an increase in the number of units that may be developed for affordable senior housing in the Black's Lane/Millburn Avenue area.

## Rare calls add twist to firefighting

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Some years back, the Springfield Fire Department got a call reporting a basement fire. The challenge turned out not to be the fire, but the basement's resident: the homeowner's pet crocodile.

Not all the department's calls are that exciting. The unusual calls — the calls for cats trapped in walls, and for incidents in which pet box constrictors and other reptiles have to be negotiated — are rare adventures, indicative of the many kinds of service provided by the township's firefighters.

But there are other responsibilities of a more mundane nature handled by the department on a regular basis. Although less well-known to the public, and less likely to entertain than the quirky stories, these tasks and skills are no less vital to the township's well-being than the department's more obvious firefighting procedures.

"Over the years, the fire service has become more service-oriented," said Fire Chief William Oras. "In my 25

years, I've seen us progress into handling every type of situation."

As Oras pointed out, developments in technology within the home must be kept pace with through increased firefighter training. Even smoke detectors are not as easily dealt with as before. According to Oras, it was once possible for the firefighter to look up at the ceiling and easily identify a smoke detector by sight. Now smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are practically impossible to distinguish from one another. Understanding the workings of gas and appliances in the home, along with the basic workings of electronics such as oil burners, are also necessities for the firefighter.

In 1997, the Township Committee designated the department as its first responder for medical emergencies, establishing an entirely new set of skills for firefighters. Cardiac emergencies, injuries resulting from auto accidents and various other kinds of illnesses and injuries keep department personnel hopping on a daily basis. For a town-

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**Today**

- The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross conducts 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.
- The Springfield Board of Education meets for a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School to provide information on the referendum to upgrade recreation and sports facilities on school property and at Meisel Park.

**Saturday**

- The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross conducts 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 cost is \$30, \$45 and \$60, respectively.
- For more information call the Red Cross at (908) 232-7090.
- The Mountainside PTA hosts 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 candles, 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) 233-6774.

**Sunday**

- The Rosary Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Central Avenue, Mountainside, hosts 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., hosts 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.

- The Traill Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, continues its Sunday Family Programs with a workshop on kindling kits. Families will learn how kindling kits can be used to start fires easier than crumpled newspaper. Admission is \$2.

**Monday**

- The Springfield Board of Education meets for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave. A public hearing on the track and field rehabilitation referendum is planned.
- The Springfield Environmental Commission meets for its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivet Ave.

**Tuesday**

- The Mountainside Borough Council meets 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 meets for a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
- The Springfield Board of Education meets for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. A public hearing on the track and field rehabilitation referendum is planned.

**Upcoming events**

**Nov. 23**

- **Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23**
- 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. 28**

- The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its luncheon video series at noon with Episode 4 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 will meet for an executive session at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting in 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.

**Nov. 30**

- The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its foreign film festival at noon and 7 p.m. with "Three Lives and Only One Death."

Admission is free, but space is limited to 60 people at each showing. For information call (973) 376-4930.

- The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present an afternoon of music and song with "Grandma's Garden." Admission for the concert is free by ticket only. Tickets must be picked up at the circulation desk. For information call (973) 376-4930.

- The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, will meet at 7 p.m. with an induction of new members beginning at 7:30 p.m. A light supper will follow at 8 p.m. with a holiday program and Christmas songs by the Chansonettes planned. For more information or to become a Rosarian call Flora Sarvello at (908) 654-4328.
- The Springfield Board of Education meets for a conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.

- The Springfield Recreation Department will sponsor a bus trip to see the 11 a.m. matinee of the musical "A Christmas Carol."

Tickets are \$55 per person and includes a continental breakfast at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 8 to 9 a.m. and transportation to and from Madison Square Garden. The bus departs at 9:30 a.m.

- Interested participants should register at the civic center with payment by Nov. 27. For information call (973) 912-2227.
- The Springfield Planning Board will meet for its regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

- The Football Club of Mountainside will meet at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield for its annual Christmas luncheon. For reservations, call Genevieve at (908) 232-3626.

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- 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.

**EVENTS**

**Craft fair Saturday**

The Parent Teacher Association of Mountainside will host its second annual holiday craft fair Saturday at the Deerfield School, 302 Central Avenue, Mountainside.

Crafters are encouraged to book their space now for this popular show. The show will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature a variety of crafts from far and wide.

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

**Hadassah meets Nov. 30**

Paula Gellis, a licensed clinical social worker, will speak before members of the Springfield Hadassah at the group's Nov. 30 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Bah Aham, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.

Gellis' topic will be "stress management in your retirement years." Gellis, who has more than 20 years experience in her field and is in private practice, is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers and the American Society on Aging.

Gellis, an Oradell resident, serves on Hadassah's Northern New Jersey Region Committee for Women's Health Advocacy.

She most recently participated as the social work facilitator at Hadassah's "Check It Out" breast health awareness program at the Bergen County Shelter for women and children.

Most of her professional focus is on working with women, as well as with families of the aged and the aged themselves.

The public is invited.

**Retirees will meet**

The Mountainside Active Retirees meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10 a.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. Mountainside residents and their guests are always welcome.

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# Scouts honor township forefathers

By Joe Lugara  
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A small and obscure Springfield landmark has received something of a facelift from a Kenilworth resident.

The ramshackle but dramatic French-Richards Cemetery, a pre-Revolutionary War graveyard located off Silver Court, sits high on a small hill overlooking the rooftops of the township's industrial district. The privately-owned cemetery is isolated enough to have maintained its nostalgic character. But the same quality of isolation that allowed it to keep its identity has also attracted a number of vandals and beer drinkers over the years.

Matthew Kiefer capped off his Eagle Scout project Sunday with a small Veterans Day service on behalf of the veterans buried at French-Richards. Since discovering the cemetery by accident more than a year ago, Kiefer, a member of Union Township's Troop 85, has been making contacts and mustering manpower in preparation for clearing its grounds of years of accumulated debris. A small army — including 40 scouts,

two Girl Scouts and as many as 20 adults — finally climbed the steep hill to the lonely landmark Oct. 21 to get the job done.

"I was hiking in Kenilworth when I saw the cemetery from the back end," Kiefer recalled of the day he first encountered French-Richards. "I thought, 'What's this?' At our next troop meeting, I talked to someone on the Advancement Committee and they knew about the cemetery and said they thought it would be a good idea to work on it."

The project began with a simple-sounding task: find the owners.

"It took me about eight months to find the family," Kiefer admitted. "I wrote to historical societies, but couldn't find anything through them, so finally I just called the Tax Collector, and that was it."

Kiefer's search uncovered a descendant of the French-Richards family living in Massachusetts. The scout received full permission to work on the grounds after writing the owner.

The project was no small task. With headstones dating as far back as 1742, the cemetery is roofed by trees, a number of which have long since died, depositing large branches on the ground. Several uprooted trees, dramatic enough to serve as set decoration for a horror film, mark the perimeter of the grounds. A disturbingly large percentage of headstones have been tipped over or cracked in half by vandals.

Kiefer contacted the county to provide for the culling away of brush and fragments of dead trees cut down by the scouts. Five garbage bags were filled with various kinds of litter, while volunteers scoured the area retrieving pieces of broken headstones.

"We uprooted the ones we could, and put the broken headstones back together by laying the pieces together on the ground," Kiefer explained. He said that raking was done "in front of the graves only, because we were afraid of erosion," a reference to the tiny hilltop location. Weeds — of which there were many — were



Eagle Scout Matthew Kiefer, left, leads Boy Scouts from Troop 85 of Union in a salute as a Betsy Ross flag is raised over the Colonial-era French-Richards Cemetery in Springfield. After enlisting the help of more than 60 Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and area residents to clean up the ramshackle cemetery grounds last month, the troop met Sunday to honor the buried veterans with a small memorial service.

removed, as were tree stumps that interfered with the headstones. Letters on the cemetery's sign have

also been replaced, and dead trees and brush around the sign have been cleared to make the words "French-

Richards Cemetery, First Burial 1742" more visible to the cemetery's rare visitors.

# Tax rate, infrastructure, recreation are at the top of Lane and Perrotta's 2001 agendas



Bill Lane

By John Celock  
Staff Writer

Last week, Mountainside voters decided to return one member of the Borough Council and select one new member.

Councilman Thomas Perrotta and Councilman-Elect Bill Lane have outlined what they hope to accomplish during the next three years. The two Republicans have placed a stable tax



Thomas Perrotta

base, recreation and infrastructure at the top of their agendas.

Lane, an attorney in Westfield, said he is pleased with the current direction of borough government and would like to continue the progress.

"I hope to continue with maintaining the low tax rate in the community. I also hope to continue with the trend of increased services for youth and seniors," he said.

In the area of youth programs, Lane said he would like to see the borough tailor recreation to the current demographic trends. He said he has noticed that more young families have moved into Mountainside in recent years. Lane, 32, moved into the borough five years ago and has two young children. "We need to make sure that we have services in place," Lane said, noting that he did not have a youth recreation plan in mind at the present time.

In the area of senior citizens policy, Lane said would like to continue the work of the current council in this area. He cited the grants the borough has received from Union County to improve the recreation center and to provide a bus for seniors. He said that while he would like to see increased programming for senior citizens, he is not sure of what other programs he would like to see put into effect.

In addition to looking for more programming for seniors, Lane said he would like to see the homebound elderly in Mountainside studied. Lane also noted that while he does not know what the status of the senior bus is, he would like to work on the program.

"I know that in this last term, there has been a lot of discussion of increased services for seniors. I hope that we will continue with those plans," Lane said.

While Lane is calling for more programs, he said he would like to do this while keeping property taxes

Perrotta said he has identified the infrastructure project as the top priority facing Mountainside in the coming years. He noted that without the previous road crack sealing work and the new project to replace the borough's roads, Mountainside could have faced a crisis.

"It is a large undertaking. I want to see that all roads are addressed. I want to work with Borough Engineer Mike Disko to see what roads are addressed first," Perrotta said.

Perrotta, a bond-trader in New York, said that in his second term, he will also look at overall maintenance plans for borough government. He said this will include storm sewers,

drainage, sanitary sewers and borough buildings.

He said to accomplish this he wants to see more shared services implemented and more grants obtained from the county and state.

In his campaign, Lane said he wanted to make himself accessible to the residents of Mountainside. In order to accomplish this, he plans to make his home and work phone numbers available to residents along with his e-mail address.

"I would say that I want to be accessible. There is a way at Borough Hall for people to leave messages. My home and work numbers will be made available, if that is what is done," Lane said, noting that he finds that most residents prefer discussing issues in one-on-one meetings with council members and not at formal council meetings.

Perrotta, 34, is currently completing his first full term on the council, which he started after an unexpired

term. A 14-year volunteer firefighter and former council president, Perrotta has placed taxes, infrastructure and volunteerism at the top of his agenda.

"I want to continue to attract volunteers to the rescue squad, volunteer Fire Department and the youth programs," he said.

In addition to working on the infrastructure project, Perrotta said he has placed youth and seniors at the top of his second-term agenda. He praised the borough's current programs in these areas and said he would like to talk with borough residents about what they want to see added in this area.

"If people have ideas, we are always open for suggestions," Perrotta said.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### A collective effort

In its quest to pass a public referendum to finance the proposed Track/Field Rehabilitation Project, earlier this month the Springfield Board of Education scheduled eight public meetings at various locations throughout the school district.

Approximately 7,000 postcards were mailed to township residents announcing these meetings, which were scheduled to provide the public with information about the referendum to upgrade recreation and sports facilities on school property and at Meisel Park. Yet turnout at the first several meetings has been poor — less than 1 percent.

We encourage residents to reconsider their reasons for not attending these informative public sessions.

The entire project is estimated to cost approximately \$3.4 million and taxpayers will be asked to vote on whether they want to support this expense. The potential five-year bond the school board hopes to use for the project could result in a tax impact of approximately \$25 per quarter each year, although additional county funding could potentially decrease that figure.

In less than one month, Springfield residents will be asked to make this decision. We believe an educated response to the Dec. 12 referendum can only be accomplished through a collective effort on the part of residents to seek as much information on the proposed project as possible.

The scope of the project targets the need for upgrades at the existing field at Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School, the track and field area at Jonathan Dayton High School, and the two baseball fields between Thelma L. Sandmeier School and the Edward V. Walton School. It also points to the need for an additional tennis court at the high school, a soccer field between Sandmeier and Walton schools and state-of-the-art improvements to the track at Meisel field.

Taxpayers will ultimately be asked to give their approval or disapproval for these upgrades and additions to Springfield's recreation and sports facilities. We suggest that residents attend one of the last three public meetings on the subject to become better informed about such a huge community investment. Meetings are scheduled for tonight at 7:30 in the middle school gym, Monday at 7:30 in the high school auditorium and Tuesday at 7:15 at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

### Immeasurable valor

A field trip to the zoo nearly turned deadly last month for Deerfield students and a handful of parents as the bus driver allegedly fell asleep at the wheel.

If not for the courage of the fearless mothers aboard, the heroic story of their efforts to wake the driver and convince him to pull off the roadway may have ended in tragedy.

We commend these Mountainside moms for their unbridled courage and swift decision in handling the situation that developed with the bus driver that day. His apparent refusal to pull off the side of the road put three parents in the position of having to deal with his unjustified authority and his irate attitude. It's difficult to fathom how unruly the interaction between these mothers and the driver became before they were able to convince him of the seriousness of the situation, but one thing is certain: Their heroic efforts that day went a long way toward protecting the safety and lives of many borough school children.

The three unsung heroes on the bus that day were Carol Worswick, Maureen Goense and Sue Wells. These parents should be recognized by the Board of Education and the Borough of Mountainside for the life-saving measures they demonstrated on that bus.

The valor they showed that day was immeasurable. Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller and Deerfield's officer-on-patrol Scot Worswick should also be praised for their immediate response to the scene. The children were greatly comforted by their presence.

We believe the situation was dealt with in a responsible manner by calling State Police to the scene, off the Turnpike at the Meadowlands. While police determined that no alcohol or drugs were involved, we suggest that the Mountainside School District pursue further investigation into this matter, particularly the training requirements and hiring practices of the Vogel Bus Company. After all, this is the primary transportation provider for the delivery and pickup of the district's students each and every day of the school year.

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—Judith Krug,  
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**LINGERING MEMORIES** — Boy Scout John Cottage plays "Taps" on his trumpet at a Veterans Day memorial service Saturday morning. Members of the Springfield Elks Lodge 2004 Color Guard, American Legion Auxiliary 228, Springfield Police and Fire departments and Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73 gathered at Veterans Park to give thanks to all the men and women who served in the armed forces.

## Bill addresses realities of senior health care

The following remarks were delivered on Oct. 10 by State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco at the S-6/Senior Gold Senate Health Committee Hearing.

Medicine has changed a great deal over the past few decades and much of the progress has been attributed to the emergence of new and more potent prescription drugs. As the medicine cabinet to the world, New Jersey has often been on the frontline of many of these pharmaceutical breakthroughs.

In fact, we as a state are better positioned than most to understand that more Americans are using more drugs for more conditions than ever before.

But what does that mean to New Jersey consumers, particularly those on fixed incomes? It means that all too often New Jersey seniors and disabled are being forced to choose between adequate health care and their budgets, between buying the necessary prescriptions or paying their bills.

In the 1970s, we addressed this issue when we crafted one of the most generous and ambitious programs in

### The Senate Report

By Donald T. DiFrancesco

the country in the form of PAAD. PAAD does a fine job of providing prescription aid to low-income residents, but there may be up to nearly 100,000 people of moderate means without appropriate prescription coverage — 100,000 people who are literally falling between the cracks in the system.

Now, some 30 years later, it is time again for us to come to the aid of our seniors and to offer them a financial safety net. And that is what S-6, the bill before this committee today, seeks to do. It seeks to provide seniors with greater access to the medicines they need at a price they can afford.

The individuals and couples who would be served under Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program are not wealthy, but their income levels

disqualify them for PAAD or any other state-funded prescription plan. That is why Senior Gold picks up where PAAD leaves off with income eligibility for singles set at \$18,588 to \$28,588 and for married couples, at \$22,792 to \$32,791. Income limits would be adjusted upward annually, tied to the increase in the cost of living.

Senior Gold participants would be able to go to the pharmacy of their own choice, and the total cost of a single prescription would be a \$15 copay plus 50 percent of the remaining cost of the drug.

Furthermore, this bill addresses the simple reality that many seniors rely on many different medications a day. Thus, under Senior Gold, prescription costs exceeding \$2,000 a year for single and \$3,000 a year for married couples would have 100 percent of their prescription drugs paid for after paying the \$15 copay per prescription.

I am proud of the fact that once implemented, Senior Gold would become the state's first-ever discount prescription plan for middle-income

senior citizens and disabled and as such, is consistent with the state's ongoing effort to meet the needs of New Jersey's fastest growing population — older citizens.

Gov. Whitman and the General Assembly offered momentum for the Senior Gold proposal this past June when they agreed to a \$25-million dedication in the FY2001 for the purposes of implementing this proposal. Your vote here today would continue the forward motion of this key initiative.

In fact, your approval of S-6 today — here in the Senate Health Committee where the idea for such a plan began last February — would provide a symbolic victory for the health care consumer and an affirmation of the Senate's commitment to improve both accessibility and affordability in the health care system.

A resident of Scotch Plains, State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountainside.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks for fixing our soccer field

To the Editor:

The Recreation Soccer Parents would like to thank the Recreation Department for fixing the Dayton "A" soccer field so our children and visiting teams have a safe field to play on. Thank you.

The Soccer Parents of Springfield Recreation

### Leaf removal system seems unfair

To the Editor:

Well, it's that leafy time of the year again and time to remind yourself of your public duty toward the leaf.

Except for those living on a county-maintained road. Those fortunate folks get to put their leaves in the street and county personnel dispose of them. But that's probably a minority of Union County residents. Now I assume that whether you live on a county road or not, your county tax rate is the same. So a portion of my county tax payment goes to picking up the leaves for those living on a county road — but not mine.

Why is that? Are their leaves better than mine? My leaves must be either mulched or bagged in the biodegradable paper bags.

Doesn't seem very equitable, does it? I wonder if there is a law in the books against intrastate transportation of leaves for county disposal — probably.

Frank Marchese  
Mountainside

### No change merited in voting system

To the Editor:

Our U.S. Constitution stood for a long time. Making changes is a "tricky thing."

Our Electoral College leaves something to be desired; however, the very infrequency of needed change and however much some feel changes are needed, the controversy involved may not be worth it.

Perhaps we should stay with what we have for now until something very important and practical comes along worthy of change.

Joseph Chieppa  
Mountainside

### Thank you on behalf of our children

To the Editor:

Are there enough laws or are there enough bus company guidelines and procedures in place that protect the rights of our children during the critical time when they are out of our care and custody and placed in the care and custody of a bus driver?

In the realm of the entire picture, a school bus driver has a tremendous responsibility. This level of responsibility has to deal with all aspects of the road, whether it be road hazards, road ability to that particular vehicle, weather conditions, other vehicle traffic and of course, the built-in factor of distraction that comes with a bus load of children. So are our children safe when it comes to that outside factor transporting them from point A to point B? When an incident

happens just once and our children's lives are placed in jeopardy, the answer is an obvious and emphatic no.

On Oct. 19, my daughter went on a school trip to the Bronx Zoo with her first-grade class. During the trip back to Deerfield School, one of the bus drivers apparently fell asleep behind the wheel, which then caused the bus to start drifting into the next lane and into the path of a truck.

Each bus had its fair share of chaperones and teachers, as is standard practice on a school trip. Carol Worswick, who was one of the chaperones on this particular bus and a mother of one of the first-graders, noticed the bus drifting, and noticed that the driver had fallen asleep and immediately attempted to wake the driver.

The most amazing thing happened next, whereby the driver refused her pleas to pull over to the side of the road. Through the efforts of first-grade teacher Mrs. Garcia, she was finally able to convince the driver to pull over to the side of the road, and because of the valiant efforts and determination of these two women, the potential for a major catastrophe was thus eliminated and under control. From what was related to me, Mrs. Worswick and Mrs. Garcia remained calm throughout this ordeal and acted in the best interest concerning the safety of everyone on board that bus, including the bus driver.

Our most sincere thanks and appreciation should also go out to first-grade teachers Mrs. Kissenberth and Mrs. Schwingel as well as the parents and chaperones, Maureen Goense, Sue Wells, Sue Boyle, Kelly Allison, Robin Hoy and Denise Preston, who through their sense of leadership, were able to regain a sense of order and comfort those children who were clearly in distress.

It is equally important to thank Sgt. Scot Worswick, the liaison between the Mountainside Police Department and the Deerfield Middle School. In essence, Sgt. Worswick provided the necessary instructions to Mrs. Garcia on how to safely get the bus driver to pull off to the side of the road. Also, Sgt. Worswick's presence when the buses stopped at the Meadowlands was deeply appreciated; I know my daughter was happy to know that he was there. His calmness during a tense situation is a sign of his true character.

All of these people put their character to a test and undoubtedly were responsible for saving the lives of many. Please accept my sincerest thank you as a parent and on behalf of all our children.

Anthony Barbera  
Mountainside

### Thanks for support, encouragement

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Union County for their support and overwhelming vote which re-elected me to the position of Union County Clerk on Nov. 7.

During my public service career, my commitment has been to provide the best possible service to the residents of this county. I pledge a continuation of that mission during the next five years. I am aided by a dedicated, professional staff and together we will continue to bring you new programs and services in a cost-efficient manner.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement.

Joanne Rajoppi  
Union County Clerk



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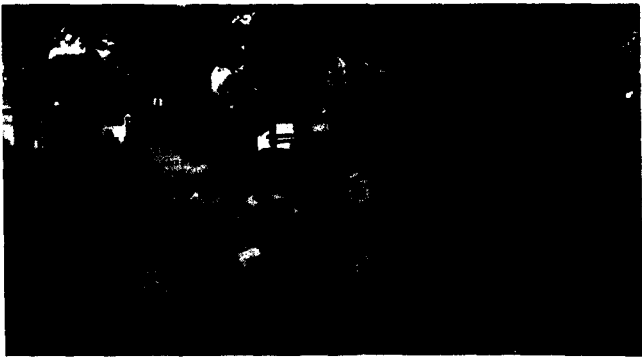
"It is amazing in this day and age, with all of our technology, that we cannot tabulate the voter results within 24 hours."

"It is very close and every vote counts. I think the lesson is to get out and vote."

"It is pretty intense. I never saw one like this before. I think Bush won."

"I think that Gore should have won. He is better for the people."

**Parading for hunger**



Students from St. James the Apostle School in Springfield follow the Halloween Parade for Hunger route outside the school and into the gym where their food donations were collected to benefit the Hillside Community Food Bank. Showing their generosity last month are, from left, Joseph Wightman, Arielle Paredes, Ke'Anu Sims, Daniel Tanelli, Ashley Martinez, Chadonya Justice, Deidra McElroy and Paul Gosolki.

**Hearings to resume Tuesday**

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When Ahold USA bought Stop and Shop, it inherited Saks Fifth Avenue's old Millburn store on 95 Millburn Ave. The original Stop and Shop management bought the property earlier that year for \$12 million.

When Stop and Shop/Ahold Springfield LLC filed site plan applications for a supermarket in 1997, residents on both sides of the Springfield-Millburn border site protested. Residential groups and local officials charged that Millburn Avenue would be swamped with additional traffic.

Supermarket opponents are also charging that noise and air pollution from delivery trucks will affect neighboring residents. This claim was pursued by opponents during cross examination of Stop and Shop/Ahold officials at the Oct. 24 public hearing of the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Village Supermarkets, which owns ShopRite stores in Springfield and Millburn, is among the opposition. Village is one of several groups operating 190 ShopRites under Wakerfern Food Corporation of Elizabeth.

Should Royal Ahold's plan for a Stop and Shop be realized, it would return the name to the Springfield-Millburn area. It had a store and one of its Modi-Mari pharmacies at 778 Morris Turnpike in Millburn.

Stop and Shop, however, retreated to New England in the 1980s; its Millburn stores became a Kings supermarket and a Walgreen's pharmacy. The Kings had moved from its former location next to Saks.

The Springfield Board of Adjustment's Stop and Shop public hearing is set to resume on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

**AT THE LIBRARY**

**Film festival Nov. 30**

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its Foreign Film Festival with movies from around the world, with "Three Lives and Only One Death", Nov. 30 at noon and 7 p.m.

"Three Lives and Only One Death" is a 1996 release of a French film directed by Raul Ruiz. Starring Marcello Mastroianni, in his last film, this movie is a clever, intricate fable that asks us to consider the possibility that life, with all its bizarre twists, is more ironic and darkly funny than any of us can ever realize.

Funding for this program has been made possible by the New Jersey

State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Also funded in part by the friends of the Springfield Public Library.

Admission is free to this performance. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. The Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For information, call (973)376-4930.

**Video series continues**

The Springfield Free Public Library continues with its "Lunchtime Video" series with episode four of "New York." This episode, "The

Power and The People," will be presented Nov. 28 at noon.

In this fourth episode, the forces of capitalism and democracy in New York come to a stunning crescendo, as the city's industrial engine draws in people from around the world — tripling New York's population in less than a single lifetime. Transformed by their experience in the new world, the immigrants in turn transform the city physically, culturally, and in the end, politically.

The last episode in this series, "New York — Cosmopolis," will be shown Dec. 12 at noon.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Charlotte Dickhut**

Charlotte E. Dickhut, 77, of Springfield died Nov. 5 at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Dickhut lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield 36 years ago. She was a secretary with Auto Club Underwriting Agency affiliated with AAAA for four years.

Mrs. Dickhut graduated from Berkeley Secretarial School, East Orange, in 1942. She was a WAVE in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946.

Mrs. Dickhut was a member of the Women's Benevolent Society, First Presbyterian Church, Senior Citizens Group 1 and the Women's Club, all of Springfield. She was a former member of the Maplewood Junior Women's Club.

Surviving is a sister, Elma E. Eden

**Alois Goertz**

Alois Goertz, 67, of Springfield, formerly of Cranford, died Nov. 7 in St. Clare's Hospital, Dover.

Born in Krenz, Germany, Mr. Goertz lived in Cranford before moving to Springfield 12 years ago. He was a roofing contractor with Industrial Roof Maintenance, IRM, Roselle, for the last 40 years.

Surviving are his wife, Hammie, a son, Thomas F., and three brothers, Hans, Franz and Klaus.

**Harry Ades**

Harry Ades of Springfield died Nov. 5 in the Englewood Convalescent Center, Livingston.

Born in New York, Mr. Ades lived in Newark before moving to Springfield 30 years ago. He owned and operated an Esso gas station in Newark for more than 30 years and retired in 1970. Mr. Ades was a member of the East Orange Golf Club.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Gertrude; three daughters, Adrienne Lerman, Barbara Geller and Carole Kaye; 10 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

**Teresa McElroy**

Teresa McElroy, 90, of Mountainside died Nov. 9 in the Mountainside home of her daughter, Maureen Burke.

Born in Drummin County Mayo, Ireland, Mrs. McElroy lived in Newark before moving to Mountainside 17 years ago. She was a member of the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church, Vauxburg.

Also surviving are two other daughters, Ann Hynes and Joan, a son, Owen J., two sisters, Julia Gaven and Nora O'Connor, and seven grandchildren.

**Louise E. O'Farrell**

Louise E. O'Farrell, 89, of Springfield died Nov. 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Reading, Pa., Mrs. O'Farrell lived in Short Hills before moving to Springfield. She was a secretary at Maumain & Co., New York City, for 25 years and retired 33 years ago. Mrs. O'Farrell was a 1932 graduate of the Katherine Gibbs School, New York City.

**Dorothy A. Andrews**

Dorothy A. Andrews, 86, of Linden, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 5 in Union Hospital.

Born in Plainfield, Mrs. Andrews lived in Springfield before moving to Linden two years ago. She worked for many years with Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, and retired in 1979.

Surviving is a sister, June Crews.

**Fred Mancinelli**

Fred M. Mancinelli, 89, of Springfield died Nov. 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Compa Basso, Italy, Mr. Mancinelli lived in Newark and Livingston before moving to Springfield 27 years ago. He was a tool and die maker at Topper Toys, Elizabeth, for 10 years and retired in 1973. Mr. Mancinelli graduated from Coleman's Business School in Newark in 1930.

Surviving are a son, Christopher, a daughter, Mary C. Huber, two sisters,

Anne Galavota and Ida Pesce, and grandchildren.

**Adelaide Foushee**

Adelaide Foushee, 79, a lifelong resident of Summit, who had 98 survivors, died Nov. 2 in the Barbara Chung Hospice Center, Edison.

Mrs. Foushee was a housekeeper in the Glenoid Nursing Home, New Providence, for 15 years before retiring. She was a missionary and member of the Buds of Promise of the Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Summit. Mrs. Foushee also had been a member of the Deer Path Construction Union and Senior Citizens Club, both of Summit.

Surviving are seven daughters, Edna Hayes, Stephany Pulley, Sandra Holmes, Cheryl Dagner, Sheila Mayers, Andrea Johnson and Adrienne Foushee; five sons, Rodney, Mitchell, Kevin, John and Duane Foushee; two sisters, Alçada Mitchell and Rebecca Gayton; 54 grandchildren, and 30 great-grandchildren.

**Jessie B. Hassell**

Jessie B. Hassell, 96, of Summit died Nov. 4 in the King James Care Center, Chatham Township.

Born in Yardville, Mrs. Hassell lived in Madison for 37 years before moving to Summit 23 years ago. She was a volunteer at Overlook Hospital, Summit, served on the board of directors of the makers of Morris County and was a member of the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield. Mrs. Hassell also was a member of the Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit. She was a graduate of the Trenton State Teachers College.

Surviving are a stepson, Burr L. Chase Jr., and a brother, Frank Bowers.

**Paul G. Braswell**

Paul Gardner Braswell of Hampstead, N.C., formerly of Summit, died Nov. 8 in New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington.

Born in Smithfield, Mr. Braswell lived in Summit before moving to Hampstead many years ago. He was a machinist for Mikro-Pul, Summit, for

28 years before retiring. Surviving are his wife, Jean, three daughters, Patricia Sharon Lacock, Susan Ann Taylor and Sharon James, a son, Michael, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Florence Jones**

Florence Jones, 90, of Bridgewater, formerly of Summit, died Nov. 5 at home.

Born in Lawrence, Mass., Mrs. Jones lived in Woodbridge, Summit and Brooklyn before moving to Bridgewater. She was a salesperson for 10 years at Macy's in New York City, and retired in 1972.

Surviving are three sons, Charles, James and John, a daughter, Flo Cross, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Ann Prami**

Ann Prami, 73, of Stirling, formerly of Summit, died Nov. 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Raritan, Mrs. Prami lived in Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights before moving to Stirling a year ago.

Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Henry W. Sr.; two daughters, Pamela Nesto and Cheryl Hague; five sons, Edward Hadley and Henry W. Jr., Jeffrey, Scott and Robert Prami; five sisters, Gloria Smith, Fausta Conroy, Geraldine Brunner, Gerard Sansone and her twin, Patricia Butler; 12 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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**EVENTS**

**SAGE open house set**

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The Nov. 27 open house event includes refreshments and a free blood pressure screening. Anyone with concerns for a loved one who is older may visit during this event to take advantage of SAGE's elder care resources for older adults and their families.

A lighthearted activity that will occur during the event is the announcement of the winner of the SAGE Home drawing. Throughout the month of November, SAGE has been displaying a Plexiglas house filled with cotton balls in front of SAGE, 50 DeForest Ave., Summit. The person guessing the number closest to the actual number of cotton balls in the house will receive a beautiful gift basket filled with surprises.

Entry forms are available at SAGE. For more information about the SAGE Home Care open house event, or for details on the SAGE Home drawing, call Kathy Lyons at SAGE Home Care (908) 273-8400.

**Interfaith service Sunday**

An interfaith service for the Summit community will be conducted on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Special music will be provided by a youth choir assembled for the occasion. The combined youth choirs will sing several anthems, and the congregation will join in prayers, readings and hymns. Pastors, priests, rabbis and other leaders of Summit's religious communities will participate in the service. Everyone is invited to worship.

Refreshments will be served following the service.

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## A special visitor



Great-grandmother Charlotte Pierson, a retired Springfield School District kindergarten teacher, shares an afternoon of Halloween songs and activities with Mrs. Cladek's kindergarten at the Edward V. Walton School. Pierson's great-grandson, Matthew, enjoyed sharing his great-grandmother with classmates last month.

## Fires, odors, squirrel keep firefighters busy

### Springfield

- Two calls for activated alarms were answered by the department Saturday.
- One medical service call and one call for an activated carbon monoxide detector were handled Friday.
- A minor fire in an Evergreen Avenue business resulted in a small amount of smoke damage Nov. 9. One motor vehicle accident, a report of an odor at a Mountain Avenue business and two medical service calls completed the day's business.
- A leaf fire, a report of a gas odor at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center and three medical service calls kept the department busy Nov. 8. There was one motor vehicle accident.
- A brush fire, an oil spill and four medical service calls were answered by the department Nov. 6.

### FIRE BLOTTER

#### Mountainside

- The borough's Fire Department responded to a Stony Brook residence on a report of a gas grill fire Sunday. One call for an activated alarm was also answered.
- A squirrel caused a short in a Route 22/Knollcrest Road transformer Saturday, resulting in a small fire. No injuries were reported. The squirrel was dead on arrival.
- Firefighters performed an elevator rescue in a Route 22 West office building Nov. 9.
- A false alarm sent the department to a Central Avenue church Nov. 8.
- One call for an activated alarm was handled Nov. 7.

## Man struck and killed on Morris Avenue

### Springfield

A township resident was killed after being struck by a car on Morris Avenue Nov. 1.

Robert J. Reed, 49, was struck by a red Plymouth Sundance driven by a Summit resident identified as John Gacina as he attempted to cross Morris near Commerce Bank around 6 p.m. An eyewitness driving behind Gacina at the time of the accident said that the driver and pedestrian appeared not to have seen each other. The witness said she did not think Gacina was speeding. Gacina refused

### POLICE BLOTTER

to provide a statement. Reed was pronounced dead on the scene.

- The console of a 1989 Dodge Daytona was damaged during an attempted motor vehicle burglary on Madison Terrace Nov. 9.
- Newark residents identified as Alterique Davis, Tamika Hinton and Terik Henry were arrested at Echo Plaza Nov. 3 and charged with receiving stolen property. Davis was also charged with being in possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

### Mountainside

- A man identified as Gilbert Cruz, 27, of Union, was arrested Sunday and charged with driving with a suspended license.
- A Newark resident identified as Maurice Thompson, 30, was stopped on Route 22 West Saturday and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was held on \$400 bail.
- A Somerset resident identified as Garrett Daubon, 20, was arrested by borough police Friday after crashing into another vehicle near the Loews Theaters on Route 22 East. Daubon had allegedly stolen the black Mercedes he was operating, and had recently departed a North Plainfield Exxon station without paying for services. Mountainside police received word on Daubon through a report out of North Plainfield.
- A suspect identified as Jesse Castillo, 24, of Clifton was arrested by borough police and charged with driving while intoxicated the same day.
- A suspect identified as Larverde Sepulveda, 60, of Guttenberg, was arrested for driving with a suspended license Nov. 8.



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Offices are closed for Thanksgiving

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Nov. 23 and 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. The newspaper will be published on Wednesday, Nov. 22 instead. We will resume Monday, Nov. 27.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Foothill Club to meet

The Foothill Club of Mountainside will meet on Dec. 7 at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield for its Christmas luncheon. Guests are always welcome.

Hazak receives grant

The Hazak Chapter of Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, in conjunction with Kean University, has received a HEARF grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

This grant will partly fund a lecture series titled "From Generation to Generation" to be conducted at the temple on six Monday evenings from November through April.

Recycling day changed

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, curbside recycling collection for Springfield residents will be made Nov. 27 instead of Thursday, November 23. Recycling pickups in December are scheduled for Dec. 7 and Dec. 21.

New Scout season begins

Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73 has started a new season of activities. The initial outing to get everyone into the "swim" of the program was a canoe trip down the Delaware River.

NEWS CLIPS

of Leader David Berschky and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader John Cottage. Brad Kaston and John Laurencelle are patrol leaders. Sean Gordon is troop guide, Zack Kaston is Quartermaster, Jimmy Cottage is troop scribe and Jason Sayonoff and Robbie Mast are troop instructors.

assess each item and distribute the toys based on each patient's developmental level. Last year, more than 4,000 gifts were donated to 987 children, as well as monetary donations, which allowed special gifts to be purchased for the children.

the East Wing Ambulance Entrance at the hospital's Mountainside facility, 150 New Providence Road. Deliveries must be scheduled. To make an appointment, call (908) 233-1720, ext. 5139.

Toy drive under way

New toys and clothing for infants through teenagers are being accepted at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside now through Dec. 6, as part of its annual holiday toy drive for the hospital's patients.

Advertisement for Janet M. Neigel, M.D., F.A.C.S., in conjunction with Stacy Brody, D.C. and Associates in Female Health Care, P.A. Promoting a series of seminars on women's life issues titled "Timeless Beauty" on Wednesday, December 6, 2000 at 7:30 P.M. at the Neigel Center for Cosmetic and Laser Surgery.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION III - SEVERABILITY. In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J. and when the calendar is called, you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney, and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to this application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield, located in the Annex Building, 23 N. Trent Street, Springfield, N.J.

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(A) Section 264-2(1) shall be amended to insert the following after the words "response time" and the amount of minutes is as follows: (B) Section 264-7 shall be amended to add paragraph (12) as follows: (12) The owner of vehicle who is the victim of a crime shall not be responsible for towing costs as a result of police requested towing for purposes of crime scene analysis or other investigation.

SECTION IV - REPEAL. Any ordinance which is inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed repealed to the extent of its inconsistency. SECTION V - EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. ESTATE OF HELEN H. NAPIER, also known as HELEN E. NAPIER, Deceased. Pursuant to the order of James S. Lagor, Jr., Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 8th day of NOVEMBER, A.D. 2000, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the undersigned under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

PLANNING BOARD. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 185 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on Wednesday, November 29, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the re-examination of the Mountainside Master Plan. Action may be taken. All are welcome to attend and participate.

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## THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini  
 Sports Editor

Do you remember the first weekend of December in 1985? The Kansas City Royals were fresh off their only World Series championship, the Chicago Bears were doing the Super Bowl shuffle almost two months before their eventual whipping of the New England Patriots and Penn State was undefeated and No. 1 in the world of college football.

It was also the last time that Linden and Hillside won in the state playoffs.

That was, until, last weekend. Linden managed to come back on the road against a team it lost to in the regular season on the same field — Union. Linden defeated Union 31-24 Friday night at Union's Cooke Memorial Field in the North 2, Group 4 quarterfinals. It was Linden's first playoff win since beating West Morris 22-7 in the 1985 North 2, Group 3 final. Linden had gone 0-6 in the playoffs between victories, losing in 1986 in Group 3, 1987 in Group 4 at Union 10-9 in overtime, in 1988 in Group 3 and in 1992, 1994 and 1999 in Group 4.

Hillside took care of business at home by beating Montville 33-20 in the North 2, Group 2 quarterfinals Saturday at Woodman Field. Hillside's win over the Morris County school was its first in the state playoffs since beating another Morris County school that starts with the letter M — that school being Madison. Hillside defeated Madison 13-12 in the 1985 North 2, Group 2 final.

The Comets made the state playoffs in 1998 for the first time since that 1985 championship season, falling at Pequannock 34-14 in the quarterfinals. Hillside hosts defending champion Pequannock this weekend in the semifinals.

Elizabeth advanced to the North 2, Group 4 semifinals for the sixth consecutive season and has won seven of its past eight playoff games. The Minutemen blanked Westfield 21-0 Friday night at Williams Field for their sixth shutout of season. Westfield was making its first appearance in the North 2, Group 4 playoffs since falling to Union 14-0 in the 1981 semifinals at Giants Stadium.

Union is 2-6 in the state playoffs since last winning North 2, Group 4 in 1993. Roselle last won in the playoffs in 1998, Summit in 1995, Roselle Park in 1993 and Brearley in 1991.

### WEEK TEN PLAYOFF GAMES Saturday, Nov. 18

As of Monday's press time, all 3 games were scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. at the higher seeds.  
 North 2, Group 4  
 5-Roxbury at 1-Elizabeth  
 7-Montclair at 6-Linden  
 North 2, Group 2  
 3-Pequannock at 2-Hillside

### WEEK NINE SCORES Friday, Nov. 10

Playoffs  
 Elizabeth 21, Westfield 0  
 Linden 31, Union 24  
 Hanover Park 54, Roselle 24  
 Consolation  
 Boonton 28, Johnson 21  
 Saturday, Nov. 11  
 Playoffs  
 Hillside 33, Montville 20  
 Pequannock 34, Summit 21  
 Mountain Lakes 34, R. Park 7  
 Cedar Grove 47, Brearley 8  
 Consolation  
 Cranford 45, Millburn 6  
 Parsippany Hills 51, Rahway 21  
 Gov. Livingston 20, West Essex 19  
 Whippany Park 34, Dayton 7

### JR's Playoff Picks for Week Ten

Elizabeth over Roxbury  
 Linden over Montclair  
 Hillside over Pequannock  
 Last Week: 4-3  
 Season: 72-20 (.783)

### TERRIFIC THIRTEEN

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



The Summit Middle School boys' cross country A team won the Summit Invitational for the sixth consecutive season. Team members, from left, include (front) Mike Kaufman, Matt Jackson, Will Gruetzmacho, Josh Sussman, Dan O'Sullivan, (back) head coach Bruce Fenska, Nick Stefans, Zach Barber, Chris Collins, Jake Lecky and assistant coach Neil Sharma.



The Summit Middle School girls' cross country A team captured the Summit Invitational for the sixth straight year. Team members, from left, include (front) Cristina Roberti, Stephanie Nerby and Samantha Lee, (back) Samantha Swade, Latoya Simpson, Caitlin Lackaye and Jaime Goldfarb.

## Summit middle school harriers race past foes on way to titles

### Girls', boys' sweep top spots once again

In the girls' "A" race, Summit Middle School bunched its first five runners in the top 11 to easily outdistance second-place Oak Knoll 31-90 in placing first in the Summit Cross Country Invitational held last month.

Summit's girls' and boys' teams swept the top spots for the sixth consecutive season.

Latoya Simpson, Samantha Lee, Stephanie Nerby, Jaime Goldfarb and Cristina Roberti were Summit's top five finishers. Also finishing in the top 21 were Samantha Swade and Caitlin Lackaye.

Amanda Smith of Oak Knoll won the race, while Devann Ard of Watchung was third.

Most impressive for Summit is that four of its top seven runners and an injured Erica Faria will be back next year.

In the boys' "A" race, team balance was the key again for Summit. All eight runners finished in the top 20 as Summit out-pointed Brooklawn 38-55.

Summit runners included Nick Stefans, Will Gruetzmacho, Zach Barber, Mike Kaufman, Josh Sussman, Chris Collins, Matt Jackson and Dan O'Sullivan. Six runners will return for the 2001 season.

The boys' "B" race showed the depth of the Summit program. The first seven runners were all from Summit, including Stephen Hankinson, Russ Greene, Connor Smith, Seth Thompson, Mike Wagner, Steven Hillenius and Connor McKenna. Also finishing in the top 20 for Summit were Andrew Clark, Jack Campbell, Myles Weeks, Andrew Murin and Griffin Hoffman.

The girls' "B" race was won by Shannon Killeher of Cranford, with Hannah Gill of Montclair-Kimberley Academy second. Among the top 20 for Summit were Stephanie Goodson, Joanna Maulbeck, Robin Moore, Meghan Leavy and Cheryl Sturm.

Summit's boys' team improved to 13-0 and had a 105-meet win streak heading into the final week of the season.

Summit's girls' team improved to 12-0 and had a 96-meet win streak with a week to go.

Oak Knoll and Montgomery joined the invitational this year. They were joined by Union, Somerville, Watchung, Elizabeth, Cranford, Plainfield, Ridge, Montclair-Kimberley Academy, Brooklawn and Parsippany.

## Summit has a lot to look back on

### IHC-H, section titles attained

By Jeff Wolfrum  
 Staff Writer

"I feel extremely proud because we've had a very successful season," was how Summit High School girls' tennis coach Joann LaVorgna felt about another outstanding campaign by her Hilltoppers.

Finishing with a record of 18-5 and winning the Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division with a perfect 12-0 mark, Summit placed second in the county to Oak Knoll and went on to capture a second sectional championship in three years.

### High School Girls' Tennis

Summit defeated Morris County rival Chatham to claim the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship before falling to eventual Group 2 state champion Moorestown in the Group 2 semifinals. Summit lost to Chatham in last year's sectional final after beating the Colonial Hills Conference team in the 1998 final en route to the state championship.

"That was our biggest goal of the year, to get back the sectional title," LaVorgna said.

Summit defeated North 1, Group 2 champion Leonia of Bergen County in the Group 2 semifinals to get a shot at Moorestown, which lost only to Newark Academy in the Tournament of Champions final.

Leading the way for the Hilltoppers was senior first singles standout Allison Johnson, who finished with a 20-6 record.

Erin Arnold had the team's best mark at 24-3 at second singles, while Erica Miry finished 18-4 at third singles.

The first doubles team of Megan Lyons and Julie Methany were 12-9 mark, while the second doubles team of Maria Bennett and Alisa Bush finished 9-4.

## Summit football was a tough out

While the Summit High School football team played well in its first state playoff game in five years, Governor Livingston and Dayton were involved in consolation games last Saturday.

Governor Livingston improved to 4-5 after beating West Essex 20-19 in North Caldwell, while Dayton fell to 0-9 after losing to Whippany Park 34-7 in Whippany.

Summit hung tough at third-seeded Pequannock, but was defeated 34-21 in a North 2, Group 2 quarterfinal. It was Summit's first playoff game since it lost at home to Johnson in the 1995 final.

Summit junior signal-caller Keith Schroeder gave the Hilltoppers a 6-0 lead in the first quarter when he scored on a one-yard run. He will be regarded as one of the top senior quarterbacks in North Jersey for 2001.

Schroeder also completed touchdown passes of 19 yards to Matt Benedict and 65 yards to Matt Nelson in the fourth quarter. Nelson carried 16 times for 99 yards in his final high school game.

### Springfield Rec Youth Basketball registration taking place

Springfield Recreation Youth Basketball registration is taking place at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center at 30 Church Mall in Springfield.

Youngsters can register in person Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or mail in a registration form. Grades 2-3 is Small Fry League, grades 4-5 is State League and grades 6-7-8 is Ivy League.

The non-refundable registration fee is \$25.00 and the registration deadline is Dec. 1.

Springfield Recreation Girls Basketball registration is also taking place at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

Youngsters can register in person Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or mail in a registration form. Teams include 2-3 grade, 4-5 grade and 6-8 grade.

The non-refundable registration fee is \$25.00 and the registration deadline is Dec. 1.

More information about the two programs may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 973-912-2227.

### Summit Lacrosse C. registration Nov. 27

Summit Lacrosse Club registration for the spring 2001 season is scheduled to take place Nov. 27 and 28 at the Summit Middle School Concourse from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The Summit Lacrosse Club is open to Summit boys in grades 2-8.

The clubs officers and board of directors will be available to answer questions. Officers are Jon Brit, Peter Cordrey, T. Brett Haire and Leo Paytas. Directors are Jim Davidson, Steve Jones, Craig Landi, Darren Lowe, Charlie Mueller and Mary Ellen Phelan.

Membership fees for the spring season are \$125 for grades 5-8 and \$75 for grades 2-4. Scholarships are available.

Summit improved a great deal this year, finishing 5-5 after a 1-10 season a year ago.

Rob Findlay rushed for 110 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Highlanders past Essex County for West Essex in a North 2, Group 2 consolation.

### Oak Knoll, Dayton, GL girls' tennis standouts earn All-Conference

Oak Knoll, Dayton and Governor Livingston girls' tennis players were among the best in the Valley and Mountain divisions of the Mountain Valley Conference.

Here's a look at the Valley and Mountain division MVC All-Conference teams for the 2000 season:

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE - VALLEY DIVISION**  
 Team champion: Oak Knoll  
 First Team

First singles: Tory Zawacki, Oak Knoll

Second singles: Leigh Stonaker, Oak Knoll

Third singles: Laura Demotreville, Oak Knoll

First doubles: Kate Hendricks and Ana Casso, Oak Knoll

Second doubles: Katalie Pregonov and Alhson Newhouse, Oak Knoll

**Second Team**

First singles: Lisa Casso, Roselle Park

Second singles: Jaya Varma, New Providence

Third singles: Karen Alberti, Dayton

First doubles: Lillian Fasman and Christy Delloiacono, Dayton

Second doubles: Nicole Oxit and Val Zlotzky, Dayton

**Honorable Mention**

Singles: Jern Davidson, Roselle Park; Emilia Kukwa, Roselle Park; Meera Krishnan, New Providence;

Rachel Mandel, Dayton

Doubles: Kim Querico and Lenore Weiner, Roselle Park; Christine Palmisano and Lisa Pluchino, Roselle Park

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE - MOUNTAIN DIVISION**

Team champion: Ridge

**First Team**

First singles: Jen Calabrese, Governor Livingston and Katie Van Doren, Immaculata

Second singles: Suzie Weaver, Ridge

Third singles: Katie Heath, Ridge

First doubles: Kristen Lunny and Margaret Slater, Ridge

Second doubles: Jessica Bong and Lauren Whittenour, Gov. Livingston

**Second Team**

First singles: Stephanie Weaver, Ridge

Second singles: Jessica Cody, Immaculata

Third singles: Yvonne Chen, Gov. Livingston

First doubles: Katie Freds and Stephanie Rude, Gov. Livingston

Second doubles: Caroline Hunter and Jamie Young, Ridge

**Honorable Mention**

Singles: Kristen Turrittello, Gov. Livingston and Megan McGowan, Mt. St. Mary.

Doubles: Elise Falcicchio and Lauren DeCosimo, Immaculata

## Minutemen in title game Sunday



The Springfield Minutemen C Team youth football squad will be playing in the Suburban League championship game Sunday. The Minutemen will face Scotch Plains at a neutral site in Perth Amboy at noon. After a tough 0-8 season a year ago, Springfield has rebounded nicely. The Minutemen sported a 7-1 record after ripping Chatham 83-6 earlier this month. Zach Silverman scored three touchdowns and quarterback Ryan O'Reilly scored on a 25-yard run. Also playing well for the Minutemen were Jim Guarino, who returned a punt return 60 yards for a touchdown, and Kyle Seeley, who booted two extra points.

# Gardener cultivates a city border

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

Anthony Godino and his wife, Adele, see the world through artist's eyes.

"Everything should be as beautiful as you can make it, and that is where I got the idea of the garden at the traffic triangle," Godino said.

Godino has planted a circular garden of shrubs and soon-to-flower plants in a 20-foot-diameter traffic triangle at the point where Broad Street and Middle Avenue come together.

"Everyone who comes or goes in Summit will be able to enjoy it," Godino said. Come spring, there will be Black-eyed Susans, lavender and other flowering plants among the hardy greenery that is there now. This will all be in the midst of one of the busiest, and one of the most dangerous, intersections where Routes 24 and 78 juncture, and where traffic piles up many times as people come into and out of Summit. Once over the bridge, you are in Springfield.

Godino does all his gardening in his spare time, because he continues every day to New York City where he works with a beauty firm. He takes the Lakeland bus, which passes his garden going and coming. "Every time I see it, I say, 'There's my garden,'" he said, but he is quick to admit he did not accomplish the feat by himself.

Godino was sponsored by the Summit Area Development Corporation and helped by Councilwoman Joyce Margie who sits on the board of the SADC.

"It was his idea; he is a gifted gardener, and the kind of person who wanted to share his vision with the whole city," Margie said. "I think it is a wonderful thing."

The Godinos bought their 50-year-old home on Middle Avenue, just five houses from the garden spot, three and one half years ago when they moved to Summit from New York City.

"We came here to raise our sons Marcel, 8, and Jules, 7, away from the city and we love it here. We went to work on our own garden and backyard and front yard," Adele said. Godino then replanted everything and their yard is landscaped, front and back their own creation.

"I am a self-taught gardener," he said. "What I study is art and design but there are certain principles ad-

artist lives by: balance and composition which in my opinion, apply to any art form."

He took his idea of the circular garden on the traffic triangle to the SADC, but he raised the funds for the plants himself. First he approached neighbors, such as PSE&G, the Spring Meadows development and J. Prisco and Company, all of whom gave money and enthusiastic support for the project.

"Then there were the neighbors on my street, Middle Avenue, who also volunteered to help. I was the conductor of the orchestra, so to speak," said Rodino, "but everyone helped and the idea caught on." Both Adele and their two sons also worked on the planting when the time came, which was just a few weeks ago.

The project was not without complications, however. Because the garden is technically on a piece of Route 24, state land, Godino needed to obtain a state permit from Trenton. He drew all the landscape drawings to obtain the permit, David Rosen of the

SADC was also an architect, so he recommended the firm of Starite and Todd in Springfield, who, in turn, asked their Neil LeBlond to help. "He got enthusiastic with me and took the project to a professional level as I am just an amateur."

Although within the Summit boundary, the garden is still owned by the state, but it has a permanence to it for residents of Summit. This is because Godino said it was designed to last through winter, and then regrow again. "The variety of sedum and evergreens are hardy and can take the cold and were selected for drought tolerance; while the lavender will repel deer. Even under a snowfall, the garden will survive," said the artist.

The Godinos call it a drive-by enjoyment, and hope the city and/or state will keep the intersection clean and tidy. Contributions to help maintain the garden may be sent to: SADC, 71 Summit Ave., Summit, NJ 07901, c/o Broad and Middle Garden Project. Volunteers would also be welcome.



Photo by Milton Mills

Summit resident Anthony Godino has planted a circular garden of shrubs and perennials at the 20-foot-diameter traffic triangle where Broad Street and Middle Avenue meet. Since the triangle is technically situated on Route 24, Godino had to obtain a permit from the state to till the land on the small plot. All who come from and go to Summit via Broad Street can see Godino's handiwork.

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### Students host tree sale

To benefit their activities fund, students from Oratory Preparatory School in Summit are now conducting their major fund-raising event of the year.

The annual tree sale will include Frazer Fir Christmas trees, averaging in height from 6 to 9 feet, and priced from \$44.00 to \$66. Double-faced balsam wreaths are sold in four sizes, from 12 inches to 24 inches, and cost between \$8 and \$18. Pine roping is available at \$1.50 per yard.

Orders will be taken by Oratory students or can be placed with tree sale coordinator Walter Crum by call-

ing 273-1084, ext. 25. A deposit equal to half the total amount of purchase is required.

The greentery may be picked up in front of Oratory's Newman Hall, 14 Bedford Road, directly off Morris Avenue, Dec. 7 between 2 and 6 p.m. or Dec. 9 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The proceeds from this sale are used to defray the cost of student activities such as the prom and semi-formal. They also help to fund Spirit Month activities and a student council gift to the school.

### Offices closed Nov. 23

All government offices, the public library and the municipal disposal

areas will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23.

Garbage will be collected. Parking is free in all of the municipal or Summit-Downtown Inc. parking lots and at on-street meters and no permits are required.

City offices will remain closed Nov. 24, but the library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Garbage will be collected and the disposal areas on New Providence Avenue will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, the Summit Free Public Library will close at 5 p.m.

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