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Man leads police on wild car, foot chase

By Joe Lugara

Staff Writer

The whirlwind burglary and attempted burglary of two Springfield homes ended with township police apprehending its parole-breaker suspect twice Nov. 17.

Pedro Aviles, 30, described in a police report as "homeless" and wanted by the state Department of Corrections for violating parole for burglary, was first arrested by township officers on the grounds of the Mount St. Mary's Academy in Watchung. Taken to Overlook Hospital in Summit with a leg injury sustained during his arrest, Aviles escaped from the emergency room after assaulting a township police officer. He was apprehended a second time after a foot chase on a Summit street.

According to Springfield Police, Aviles was reported to have walked into the pre-K school at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Mountain Avenue around noon. He was discovered mulling about the office area and was later found in another part of the building.

Aviles jumped into a stolen car, in which another suspect was waiting, and headed west on Mountain Avenue. The car was identified by school personnel.

About an hour later, police received

a call from a Hillside Avenue resident reporting the theft of a small amount of cash, a necklace, and an envelope containing \$14 cash and a pair of tickets for a performance at the Papermill Playhouse. A short time later, a call from a Briar Hills Circle address reported an intruder in the basement. The intruder, reportedly Aviles, entered through an open garage door.

Police Officer Matthew Lynch, who was called to the house, approached Aviles and pursued him on foot, but Aviles was able to get back into the car. The vehicle sped off in the direction of Route 22 West, with Lynch and Officer Richard Mickles in pursuit.

After a pursuit of about six miles, Aviles and his accomplice entered the grounds of Mount St. Mary's. The suspects struck two vehicles behind the main building and Aviles ran inside the school building, knocking over several students and teachers with Lynch in pursuit. No injuries were reported, Aviles' accomplice managed to escape.

Aviles exited the building, running down the long hill leading to Route 22. He was apprehended by Mickles and Capt. Richard Osieja of the Mountside Police Department as he attempted to enter a nursing home facility near the base of the hill. Mick-

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Exhibiting patience



Photo By Barbara Kiskadeis

Three decorative deer wait patiently on the lawn in front of the Springfield Municipal Building for Sunday's holiday lighting celebration. Township residents are invited by the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association to join in the lighting of decorations and caroling at 6 p.m. Hot chocolate, cider and donuts will be served at the fire headquarters following the celebration.

St. James parishioners mourn loss of one of their pastors

By Walter Elliott

Staff Writer

Those who knew the Rev. Robert Platoski filled Springfield's St. James the Apostle Church for his vigil and Funeral Mass Friday and Saturday. Platoski, 73, died at Overlook Hospital in Summit Nov. 20 after collapsing on his way to celebrate Mass at a local senior citizen center.

"If Father Bob knew in advance when and where he would pass on from this world, he would do the same thing," said Bishop Dominick Marconi at the Friday Mass. "In the scripture lesson earlier in the Mass, Saint John talked about fighting the fight, running the race and receiving the crown. Father Platoski has done just that."

Marconi, of the Newark Archdiocese, Father Bob Stagg, the pastor of St. James, and about 18 other priests presided over a filled sanctuary that night. The parishioners came to mourn Platoski, who served St.

James' parish as associate pastor for 15 years. So large was the crowd that parking was scarce and Springfield Police had to divert South Springfield Avenue traffic to one way, south-bound before and after the service.

As much as the assembled mourned, there were moments when they laughed over Platoski's manners and applauded his service. One humorous recollection came from Marconi himself.

"Father Bob was friendly to everyone and was there for any parishioner," said Marconi. "But on one visit to see him, I learned that you'd stay out of the way while he was making breakfast and never call him late for a meal."

Marconi shared addressing the congregants with Platoski's nephew, Ken Wlosek. Wlosek started his recollections by holding up one of his uncle's pipes — which drew some laughter.

"How many people see this pipe



Rev. Robert Platoski

and think 'Father Bob'?" asked Wlosek. "How many people had Father Bob officiate at your wedding — and heard the same speech about going bald, wearing glasses and getting fat?"

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Towing ordinance may now spell relief

By Joe Lugara

Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee's regular Tuesday night meeting began with township business and ended with complaints about another body entirely: the Board of Education.

The meeting opened with a final hearing on an amendment to the township's towing ordinance. Township Attorney Bruce Bergen briefly described the amendment as "a way of setting up a couple of additional restrictions in regard to response time and the maximum towing fee for vehicles used in police investigations."

The ordinance relieves the owner of a vehicle used in the perpetration of a crime of the responsibility for paying towing costs when the Police Department requests removal for crime investigation and analysis. The township will foot the bill under such circumstances, at a maximum vehicle fee of \$150.

The amendment also stipulates that any police officer overseeing a towing situation must provide the participating authorized tower with a statement/questionnaire — basically, an agreement — requiring the tower to comply with the existing ordinance.

In regard to the Fire Department, the committee approved a resolution providing a professional services contract to the TekTron Corporation for "troubleshooting" of the department's radio communications system. Mayor Clara Harelik called the department's radio problems "minor," referring to the new ultra high frequency system, installed earlier this year, as "a considerable improvement." The system was put in to reach certain radio communication dead spots.

Harelik also spoke of the demolition of the Schaible Oil Building on Mountain Avenue, the future location of the Fire Department's new home. "We've gone through architectural planning, and we're moving through at what we think is a rapid pace," she said, reminding the gathering that renovations on the existing firehouse will follow immediately "so the Police Department can move in."

In the public portion of the meeting, resident Hazel Hardgrove expressed her disapproval over the Board of Education's intentions to include renovations to the county-owned Meisel Park in its upcoming Dec. 12 track and field rehabilitation project referendum.

Hardgrove produced and waved a 1963 contract before the committee. According to Hardgrove, the agreement, made between the former Union County Regional High School District and the county, granted the district the right to use the football field, track, and field house for its athletic facilities. The contract, she claimed, expired after 20 years. "They're working on some kind of new contract, but they don't have it yet," she said.

Seniors to reap grant's bounty

By Kirsten Matthew

Managing Editor

In its continuing efforts to better serve Mountside's burgeoning senior population, on Tuesday the Mountside Borough Council approved several resolutions to authorize the expenditure of a portion of the \$100,000 Senior Focus Grant the borough received earlier this year.

"It's another grant the borough has gone after successfully," Mayor Robert Vigilanti noted, after the council unanimously approved a resolution to advertise bids for renovations to the borough's community room.

Marked to help improve and expand senior programs and activities, the county funds have been geared primarily toward renovations and additions to those locations which are used most frequently by senior citizens. More than 2,000 seniors stand to benefit from the recreational improvements. According to Borough Administrator James Debbie, the community room is slated for a new unisex handicapped-accessible bathroom, a 10-computer workstation with printers and Internet access, and a small

fitness room. The total cost for the improvements is approximately \$54,130.

Another resolution, also unanimously approved, will authorize Borough Clerk Judy Osty to advertise bidding for automatic doors for the Mountside Public Library. The button-operated doors, estimated at \$18,400, will provide easier access to handicapped seniors.

To up the ante for seniors, the council also amended its Union County Bank grant resolution to include the installation of an ADA-compliant fire alarm system for the library, which will lower wall units to heights that satisfy Americans with Disabilities Act legislation.

In addition, Debbie said that, so far this year, he has applied for \$31,500 in block grants to aid seniors, including \$17,000 for a bus driver to drive the 16-passenger senior transportation bus the borough "will probably be getting" for \$1 per year, \$6,900 toward a salary supplement for the senior citizen coordinator and \$7,500 for the borough's Handy Man Program, a minor repair service for seniors.

Annual trip reveals a harsh reality

By Joe Lugara

Staff Writer

"It hit me all at once — I couldn't fathom it at first," Vicky Kozlenko said. Fellow student John Laurencelle said, "I want to take my family with me."

Kozlenko and Laurencelle, both Jonathan Dayton High School seniors, visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 16 as part of the eighth annual "Holocaust Education Leadership Trip" sponsored by Congressman Bob Franks and Kean University. For the students, the trip lifted the words, names and images of one of the century's greatest calamities out of the black-and-white world of textbooks and into full color reality.

"It's a lot more emotional, a lot more moving, than seeing it in class," Laurencelle said. Kozlenko pointed out that "Whenever I studied it, I couldn't fathom how it could have occurred."

Arranged chronologically and carrying the visitor through several floors, the museum covers all aspects of the period. "It shows how, with the Treaty of Versailles, Germany was embarrassed and humiliated after World War I," Kozlenko said. "It showed how easily it happened, how people needed someone strong to follow — and sorry to say, Hitler was strong in that way. It showed how people were so oblivious."

Laurencelle was impressed by the attention museum

'She told us that at the beginning, at night, she'd pray to God to help her live through the next day. Afterward, she said she'd pray for death.'

— Vicky Kozlenko, senior
Jonathan Dayton High School

curators paid to those who failed to react to the events, and by the "white wall" on whose surface the names of those who did act — such as Oscar Schindler — are inscribed, along with details of their heroism.

One of the museum's strengths, as Social Studies Supervisor Barry Bachensheimer pointed out, is its refusal to rely on reproductions to tell its story. Visitors are encouraged to walk through an actual cattle car used to transport victims to the death camps.

Personal items are also on exhibit, including luggage and what Laurencelle described as "a stack of shoes that fill a space about 15 feet by 10 feet." The impact of the cattle car is enough to have prompted curators to create a detour for those wary of its potential effect.

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Photo By Jeff Grant

After a Nov. 16 visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., Jonathan Dayton High School seniors John Laurencelle and Vicky Kozlenko recall the reality of one of last century's greatest calamities. The students also visited the museum's Hall of Remembrance, in whose rotunda Kozlenko lit a candle for a recently deceased family friend who had himself been a Holocaust victim.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Weidman named scholar

William Weidman, a resident of Springfield and a senior at the Pingry School, has been named an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.

The award recognizes outstanding New Jersey high school seniors who demonstrate the highest level of academic achievement based upon their academic records and junior year SAT scores.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy G. Weidman of Springfield, he is one of 12 Pingry students to receive this award for the 2000-01 school year.

Mohr achieves honors

A 2000 graduate of Kent Place School, Michelle Mohr of Springfield was recently named an AP Scholar With Honors. She was among 15 seniors and 26 members of the class of 2000 who have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement examinations.

Only about 13 percent of the more than 700,000 students who took AP Examinations in May performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition. Eighteen students were named AP Scholar With Distinction, granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams on full-year courses. Six were named AP Scholars With Honor, granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams on full-year courses. Seventeen students were named AP Scholars, granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams on full-year courses.

Dayton students named distinguished scholars

Jonathan Dayton students Lawrence Blustone, Lillian Fasman and Alycia Johnson have been named Bloustein Distinguished Scholars for the 2000-02 academic year.

The purpose of this program is to recognize the academic achievement of New Jersey's secondary school students and encourage enrollment at New Jersey colleges and universities.

The Distinguished Scholars Program provides, without regard to financial need, a \$1,000 annual scholarship award for as many as four years of undergraduate study at a New Jersey college or university.

The highest achieving students were selected as Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars. These are students who place in the top 10 percent of their classes and have a minimum combined SAT score of 1,260, or are ranked first, second or third in their class, as of the end of the junior year. Nearly 4,500 Distinguished Scholars received award offers for the 2000-01 academic year. For these scholars, the average SAT verbal score is 664 and the average SAT math score is 687.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today

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

• Licensed clinical social worker, Paula Gellis speaks before members of the Springfield Hadassah at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahim, 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. The public is invited.

Friday

• Florence M. Gaudinere students perform at 7 p.m. in the play "Once Upon a Mattress" in the middle school auditorium, South Springfield Avenue. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door.

• The Governor Livingston High School's Ice Hockey Team, will host a gift basket fund-raiser at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of the high school, 175 Watchung Ave., Berkeley Heights.

Saturday

• Trailwork projects resumes at Tralside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers 14 years old and older are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. Participants should bring a lunch, mug for a beverage, and a shovel, pickaxe and gloves, if available. Pre-registration is required by calling (908) 789-3670.

• Florence M. Gaudinere students perform at 7 p.m. in the play "Once Upon a Mattress" in the middle school auditorium, South Springfield Avenue. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door.

• The Mountainside Girl Scouts present a mitten tree ceremony and community tree lighting at 4:15 p.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. The Girl Scouts and Mary Greeley will lead everyone in caroling.

Everyone is asked to bring a donation of a new knitted item — hat, mittens, gloves, socks or a scarf — to help decorate the mitten tree. Before the holidays, the items will be distributed to children in need. New children's winter coats will also be accepted.

For information, call Robyn Hoy at (908) 789-2127.

• Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, continues its "Coffee With Conscience" concert series at 7:30 p.m. with pop div Leslie Ritter and Scott Pettit. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. All are welcome. For more information, call (973) 376-1695.

Sunday

• The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., presents an afternoon of music and song at 2 p.m. 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 Union County Board of Chosen Freeholder will sponsor a Holiday Nature Boutique from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tralside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Handmade crafts, gift items and holiday refreshments will be for sale. Admission is free and no strollers are permitted.

For information, call (908) 789-3670.

• The Lions Club of Springfield hosts its second annual art auction at 1 p.m. at the Springfield Knights of Columbus Hall, Shunpike Road and Harvard Street. The auction benefits the club's blindness prevention activities.

• The \$10 admission/donation includes complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. For more information, call Ken Matfield at (908) 561-5267.

• The Firemens Mutual Benevolent Association sponsors a holiday lighting celebration on the lawn in front of the Springfield Municipal Building at 6 p.m. Township residents are invited to enjoy caroling by local groups as the decorations are lit.

Everyone is welcome to the fire headquarters immediately following the celebration for hot chocolate, cider and doughnuts. For more information, call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or (973) 467-4608.

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2. We believe that a true and just peace for both sides of this conflict can be achieved only through negotiation and never through violence. We call upon Israel and the Palestinian Authority to show restraint, to condemn violence, and "to seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14).
3. Furthermore, we are deeply troubled by the recent spate of anti-Semitic incidents in America and around the world intended to threaten and intimidate members of the Jewish community.
4. We condemn acts of physical assault against Jews and acts of arson against synagogues and other Jewish institutions. Likewise, we condemn acts of harassment against Arabs in America and other parts of the world and acts of vandalism against mosques and other Islamic institutions. All these acts are incompatible with our belief in mutual respect and tolerance for the whole human family.
5. We call upon all Summit faith communities to pray that the pursuit of peace between the Palestinian Authority and Israel continues, that there be no more loss of life, that anti-Semitic and anti-Arab incidents at home and abroad cease, and that all will come to recognize our brotherhood and sisterhood as God's creation.
6. We recognize that, in our own land, prejudiced attitudes and actions based on class, race, and religion continue to impede justice for all. We call on all people of good will to continue praying and working for the same sense of brotherhood and sisterhood we desire for the Middle East.

Signed,

- Sister Laura Bernardo, St. John's Lutheran Church
- The Rev. Denise Bowen, Associate Pastor, United Methodist Church of Summit
- The Rev. Chris Brdlik, Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church
- The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Colman, Central Presbyterian Church
- The Rev. Dr. Wayne Dreyman, St. John's Lutheran Church
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The Summit Interfaith Council will occasionally make public comment on issues of religious, ethical, and social importance to our community and world.

Proposed Stop & Shop could bring more traffic, new signal

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Royal Ahold returned to the Springfield Board of Adjustment Nov. 22 to talk about traffic.

Ahold, the Netherlands-based owner of a Stop and Shop Supermarket, formerly known as Edwards Food Stores, appeared before the board to discuss its site plan application. The company is looking to construct a 67,102-square-foot supermarket on the site of the former Saks Fifth Avenue Building on Millburn Avenue.

Henry J. Ney, executive vice president of the Manalapan-based engineering and design firm Schoor DePalma, appeared to testify on traffic-related issues in the area of the proposed store. Ney discussed some of his findings, as reported in an updated traffic impact study dated June 14, 1999.

Ney's report compared the difference in "trip generation" between the proposed supermarket's traffic volume to those generated by a department store the approximate size of Saks — a building that covers 83,330 square feet. The increase, according to the report, amounts to 159 total trips during the a.m. peak hours, 150 during the p.m. peak hours and 35

'From a volume standpoint and from a safety standpoint, it's my opinion that a light is warranted.'

— Henry J. Ney
Schoor DePalma

during the Saturday peak hours. Each figure refers to the number of times the lot is both entered and exited by shoppers during a particular time period. It does not refer to the total number of cars.

Overall projections for a Stop and Shop Supermarket on the Saks site are expected to total 302 trips at a.m. peak, with 184 in and 118 out. A total of 707 are estimated for the p.m. peak period, with 361 in and 346 out. The Saturday peak period is expected to total 809, with 413 in and 396 out.

Ney's projections were developed under guidelines established by the Land Use Code 850-Supermarket, as contained in the Institute of Transportation Engineer's "Trip Generation, 6th Edition." The publication contains data based on counts conducted at research sites throughout the country.

Although the meeting was conducted before the township's board, James Della, attorney for Millburn, cross-examined Ney.

Ney testified to supermarket business as consisting of 75- to 80-percent "link-diverted traffic" — a process in which a driver exits one road, conducts business elsewhere, and then returns to his original road. He described supermarkets as consisting of about 40-percent "passby" traffic.

Ney refused, when challenged by Della, to admit that a supermarket location serves as a "destination" in the traditional sense. Comparing a Stop and Shop Supermarket to the likes of the Short Hills Mall, Ney said, "On a Saturday morning, you may go to the cleaners, the bakery and then the supermarket. The destination end of it is very small, compared to a regional mall. A supermarket is mostly passby and link-diverted traffic."

While Ney admitted to a certain small margin of error in his volume calculations, he did not admit that "progression" — a term referring to the ability of traffic to flow smoothly through traffic signals — was a factor as to whether a traffic signal should be installed in the area. Ney's report recommends the installation of a traffic



Photo By Jeff Grant

The site of the former Saks Fifth Avenue Building on Millburn Avenue is targeted by Ahold Real Estate as the site for a 67,102-square-foot Stop and Shop Supermarket. Henry J. Ney of the Manalapan-based engineering and design firm Schoor DePalma testified before Springfield's Board of Adjustment Nov. 22 in regard to the issue of potential traffic volume in the area.

signal at the driveway in the vicinity of Baltastrol Way.

"If a signal is warranted, that in and of itself is enough to warrant installa-

tion," Ney said. "It's not the primary purpose to look at progression when you need a signal."

Ney did admit, however, that "from

a volume standpoint and from a safety standpoint, it's my opinion that a light is warranted. But progression isn't a primary reason as to why a signal would be warranted."

Popularity of online courses may grow

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Online courses are not for sissies. Right now, the Springfield Board of Education has only two students taking Advanced Placement courses online. But that figure will most likely see a gradual increase over the coming years.

"Online AP courses provide us with options to reach a population of kids who might thrive in that environment," Assistant Principal Judy Zimmerman said. "The courses give students the chance to move at their own pace, and to work in a less inhibited environment."

Zimmerman has been reviewing the cost and quality of the many online course suppliers. At last week's regular meeting of the Board of Education, Zimmerman provided board members and the public with a list of courses offered by Apex Learning and Johns Hopkins University. The

two suppliers she considers the best so far.

Apex offers courses in calculus AB, chemistry, English language and composition, English literature and composition, physics B, statistics, macroeconomics, microeconomics and U.S. government and politics. The Hopkins list offers calculus A, B and C, algebra I honors, parts I and II of problem solving in algebra, algebra II honors, and precalculus honors. All are Advanced Placement courses.

According to Zimmerman, the district currently has two students taking AP online courses. One student is taking both calculus and chemistry, with the other studying statistics.

Zimmerman warned, however, that online courses are not for everyone. She pointed out that non-AP students who are having difficulty with a particular subject might benefit from online courses, but for the most part, "the students have to be independent

learners. It's a good arrangement for accelerated students."

The district's current Independent Study Program allows for students to pursue a subject beyond the established curriculum. Students with scheduling conflicts, particularly those whose studies connect with their career plans, are also permitted to participate. Independent Study students work with mentors. Mentors may come from outside the district as well as from within.

Online courses also use the mentor procedure, although they rely on a pair of mentors — one online and one from within the district. According to Zimmerman, the online mentor "probably does more of the teaching." Some textbooks, Zimmerman added, are available online, although others must be purchased by the district.

In regard to scheduling, Zimmerman said, "Online courses are scheduled as AP courses at a specific time

during the day, but students can go back at the end of the day, go home and log on, and go back to their course. A voracious learner can continually go back and work in their class."

Zimmerman is currently working on the high school's Course Study Guide for next year, the book used by students to select their upcoming year's courses. She said the current online courses will again be included, along with the courses offered through Apex and Hopkins, in order to get feedback. Future discussions with students will also help determine what online courses should be added.

"It provides exciting alternatives," Zimmerman said. "We're not going to completely replace the classroom, but it's a good opportunity for the kids who might be right for it. You have to have the right match."

EVENTS

Hanukkah story Dec. 7

Area residents and their children can get into the holiday mood early with an evening of Hanukkah fun Dec. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Using props, costume pieces and homemade scenery, Laurie Harday of Youth Stages and the audience will act out a story about everyone's favorite Hanukkah treat. All participants need to bring in their imagination.

The performance is made possible by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

The program is intended for children in kindergarten through third grade. The performance is free, but pre-registration is required.

Call (973) 376-4930 or stop by the library to reserve a spot.

Santa's workshop Dec. 8

The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield will host a Santa's Workshop Dec. 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House Auditorium, 37 Church Mall.

Children between the ages of 5 and 13 years old are welcome to participate in the event, where they get to be busy little elves by making gifts for family, friends and teachers.

Parents are asked to call the church office (973) 379-4320 by Dec. 4, since a limited number of children can be put on the workshop list.

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EDITORIALS

Roses and thorns

Roses — to Mountanside and Springfield School District students for their outstanding performance on the Iowa Skills test. Overall, Deerfield students scored as well or better than the rest of the children in the district. Springfield students managed to stay ahead of, or at least equal to, state figures in all testing areas. We commend both districts on such precedent setting results, which reflect the superior quality of education offered by our area's schools.

Roses — to the Springfield Township Committee for approving a motion to allow Township Administrator Richard Sheola to apply for a grant renewal for the township's jitney bus service. The service has grown in popularity since its debut last year, serving an estimated 700 riders each month who commute to work in New York City. The service could potentially attract new residents to Springfield and could raise township property values.

Thorns again — to the factions' inability in reaching a teachers' contract settlement in the Springfield School District. After 11 meetings since March 28, the two sides have still not been able to resolve their differences on some of the contract's key points, including salary, insurance and terms and conditions of employment. Teachers have begun marching in a job action each morning in front of Jonathan Dayton High School. Let's settle these negotiations before a strike occurs.

Roses — to the Springfield Lions Club in its continuing fight against diabetes and blindness. As part of November's National Diabetes Awareness Month, the club is hosting its second annual art auction Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Springfield Knights of Columbus Hall.

Roses — to the Springfield Fire Department, for its good will in participating in the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. The toys will be sent to underprivileged and ill children across the country to brighten their holiday season. We encourage residents to help spread this joy by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy at Fire Headquarters on Caldwell Place.

Thorns — to the Mountanside squirrel that caused the short in a Route 22/Knollcrest Road transformer on Veterans Day, resulting in a small fire.

Roses — to the state for its pledge of \$674,076.80 toward renovations of the Springfield School District's track and field rehabilitation project. The project's \$3.4 million price tag currently amounts to a \$100 tax hike per year for the average township taxpayer. The \$600,000-plus pledge would help reduce that amount, if the project is realized.

Do your shopping locally

Did you survive Black Friday? The day after Thanksgiving is typically among the busiest shopping days of the year, kicking off the holiday season in earnest. Many merchants and malls were open long hours on Friday, drawing shoppers like moths to a flame and filling parking lots to the brim. And there's not much relief in sight with more than two dozen shopping days left until Christmas.

Many local merchants look to the holiday season as their biggest time of the year. Part of the reason may be because the holiday season has turned into a holiday quarter in recent years, with decorations and sales beginning closer to Halloween than Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Municipalities throughout the area have been focusing on revitalizing their downtowns for several years or trying to attract anchor stores to their various business districts. Elected officials are always chasing commercial ratables to fill vacant storefronts and lighten the financial burden on residential property owners.

When searching for the perfect gift or that little something for someone special, remember to patronize merchants in our towns. The efforts to improve the business environment locally should be rewarded by residents shopping locally and invigorating the local economy.

There are many reasons we must support our local merchants, the primary one being that if we don't, they'll vanish. Their service is usually better than at malls or online, their prices are competitive, their service is personal, they are our friends and neighbors, they support local clubs and organizations, and they're what our community is built on.

The cycle of spending will benefit everyone, from residents spending money with local merchants, to local businesses prospering and remaining in the area. We encourage all our readers to shop locally during this holiday season.



Photo By Milton Mills

TEAM WORK — Four-year-old Hope Gostyla, left, admires the craftsmanship of Kelly Goense, 6, at the Mountanside PTA's annual holiday craft show earlier this month at Deerfield School. About 40 crafters displayed and sold their handmade jewelry, candies and a variety of holiday and seasonal items.

Shining spotlights make for better programs

When New Jersey's leaders met in New Brunswick 53 years ago to draft a new state constitution, they knew they had to change the state government. At best, it was weak and inefficient. At worst it could be fiercely dishonest. Burdened by an 1844 constitution, its institutions were inadequate to govern New Jersey's people fairly, properly and efficiently.

The 1947 constitution was the answer. It created a modern government and provided the bedrock on which New Jersey's modern success and unparalleled progress rests. It also served as precedent for a singular proposition: when our circumstances change, then our government must change too.

Circumstances have changed greatly since 1947. The 1947 budget of \$165 million was considered a lot of money. Now we are talking about spending \$12 billion — 73 times as much — on our school construction program alone. Spending that kind of money means that you have to make sure you know what you are doing and where the money is going.

As Mark Twain once advised an investing friend, "put all your eggs in one basket and then watch that basket." The recent record shows that the state has not done a particularly good

Report From Trenton

By Richard Bagger

job of watching the basket. And if that experience is an omen of how the school construction program will run, then we could be heading for trouble.

Think of it this way, in baseball failing to hit safely two-thirds of the time puts you in the Hall of Fame. If the school construction program only fails 10 percent, the state would still lose, waste or watch over \$1 billion be stolen. That's far too high a price to pay.

So whose job is it to guard the taxpayers' basket? In theory, the 1947 constitution says the governor and the Legislature — equal partners in government — are supposed to watch each other.

Our nation's founders knew that unchecked power corrupts. As Alexander Hamilton wrote in Federalist No. 11, "Why has government been

instructed at all? Because the passions of men will not conform to the dictates of reason and justice without constraint." It was for this reason that they divided government between different branches.

A part-time Legislature does not have full-time ability to check and balance the executive branch. Unlike the federal government, there is no nonpartisan General Accounting Office to give straight answers and an honest accounting on what goes on. There is no independent state agency to keep an eye on state programs.

Taking a cue from our own constitutional history, I am proposing that the time and circumstances require a change. We must create a permanent panel to protect the integrity of the public purse, a joint commission on governmental performance review and evaluation to audit the effectiveness of state agencies and programs, and to determine how efficiently they operate.

The panel, bipartisan in makeup, will be nonpartisan in performance. Armed with subpoena power and the power to hold investigative hearings, it will audit every major state program. It will be a no-nonsense independent voice to provide the truth and nothing but the truth about how well

— or poorly — our state is doing the job, long before we waste the taxpayers' time and money.

Do we need this panel? Recent news stories describe the waste and fraud rampant in New Jersey school roofing contracts. We need a watchdog to keep that kind of abuse out of our new school construction program.

I have learned a powerful lesson during my time in the Legislature — the more light you shine on a program, the better run it tends to be. The more often you shine a spotlight on the performance of the man or woman who runs a program, the more likely he or she will pay close attention to how his or her agency is doing.

When he addressed the convention delegates as they gathered in Rutgers' gymnasium 53 years ago, Gov. Alfred Driscoll rose and told the framers of our constitution, the stewards of the state's future, "it is only fair to say that a great work is expected of you."

Much has changed in 53 years, but the same message must be sent to the stewards of our present. A legislative audit will send that message.

A resident of Westfield, Republican Assemblyman Richard Bagger represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountanside.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teachers saved the day on zoo trip

To the Editor:

After reading your editorial and the front-page story in your newspaper regarding Deerfield School's first-grade trip to the Bronx Zoo recently, I was disturbed that you made no mention of the first-grade teachers who were in charge of the field trip. To my knowledge, you never spoke with any of the teachers involved in order to obtain an accurate account of the events that occurred that day.

Immediately upon realizing that there was a problem with the bus driver, the teachers took control of the situation by speaking with the driver. One of the first-grade teachers contacted the school to apprise them of the situation, and spoke to the DARE officer of Deerfield School to get instructions.

It was a teacher who was able to convince the driver to pull over to the side of the road. It was a teacher who spoke to the bus company and arranged for a new bus and driver. It was a teacher who was in constant contact with the school during this entire situation. It was the teachers who comforted children who were upset and provided guidance to the chaperones. Indeed, all three first-grade teachers acted in a completely professional, composed manner throughout the incident.

The teaching staff of Deerfield School recognizes and appreciates the importance of our parent chaperones on field trips. They are vitally important and we are always grateful for their help, without which our field trips would not be possible. The fact remains, however, that on the Bronx Zoo field trip Oct. 19, our teachers were at all times in charge of the situation, and it was through their efforts that day that the safety and lives of our children were protected.

Jeannette F. Maraffi, president
Mountanside Education Association

GWB toll increase uses faulty logic

To the Editor:

Here's one of the best examples of government-think and government duplicity in one.

It is the desire of the Port Authority for a huge increase in the George Washington Bridge tolls for capital spending. A stated purpose is that the increase will reduce roadway congestion by charging the highest tolls at rush hour. Using the faultiest of logic: that people are all driving to work during rush hour because they want to.

Wouldn't it be a workers' utopia if you could decide what time you could show up for work? Of course the real reason is just to raise revenue, which is why these "authorities" and "administration" organizations are brought into being. It allows the elected official to blame the toll hike on someone else while "fighting" for a smaller increase — probably what was desired anyway.

The real folly here is that the revenue-producing mechanism — the toll booth/toll taker — is the largest reason for traffic tie-ups, delays and air pollution than anything the car companies could have ever invented. Let's not forget why all those vehicles are out there, because public transportation has failed to present on-time, dependable, reasonably priced community service.

Frank Marchese
Mountanside

Allocate more newsprint to meetings

To the Editor:

After attending the Nov. 14 meeting of the Springfield Township Committee, and after reading the front-page news item in your Nov. 16 issue about that meeting, there seems to be several important omissions. Incidentally, this was a highly commendable opportunity afforded by the Springfield Township Committee for a 3 p.m. meeting instead of at 8 p.m. so that senior citizens could attend since many do not travel at night.

A major portion — 10 to 15 minutes — of the question-and-answer period was not mentioned despite the fact that it was devoted to a discussion by several senior citizens about the rising cost of taxes and the California senior citizen home tax benefit with the mayor recommending that residents should go to the Board of Education meetings and vote on the Dec. 12 referendum. Other comments not appearing were made about the method and timing of the collection of leaves; the cost of \$2,500 for a firm to hold classes to teach Town Hall supervisors how to hire and evaluate personnel as opposed to having the task given to the township administrator; the previously requested bus stop shelter on South Springfield Avenue; the duties of the township administrator, and a jitney bus query.

There was a sentence in the news article that "no comments" were made by seniors about the 16 to 17 unit per square acre accommodations in the proposed senior housing in the vicinity of Black's Lane. I would venture to say that not many seniors knew about this project including myself. It would have been nice to have had a chart on display or a detailed explanation.

How about a little more newsprint space being allocated with reporting Township Committee meetings? Maybe you would be able to obtain more readers by expanding this news coverage.

Hazel Hardgrove
Springfield

Are we now a nation of lawyers?

To the Editor:

I think we've swapped "a nation of laws" for a "nation of lawyers." Joseph C. Chiappetta
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Museum clarifies atrocity

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Kozlenko also spoke of spending a few moments in what she described as "a glass room" in which only the voices of survivors could be heard, and the drama of hearing two survivors — one of whom, a museum volunteer who described herself as a member of "the last generation who really experienced it" — giving their own personal accounts of the time.

"It made me stop and appreciate what I have," Kozlenko began. "The one survivor talked about her grandkids, and about the way they react when they don't find the kind of food they like in the refrigerator. There's a big difference between getting the kind of food you'd like to have, and starving."

Kozlenko also related the woman's gradual loss, and regaining, of spirit. "She told us that at the beginning, at night, she'd pray to God to help her live through the next day," Kozlenko recalled. "Afterward, she said she'd pray for death. Then another woman told her, 'Don't do that. Praying for death only makes the enemy happy.'"

The students also visited the museum's Hall of Remembrance, in whose rounds Kozlenko lit a candle for a recently deceased family friend who had himself been a Holocaust victim.

We're asking

Do you give more to charities at this time of year?



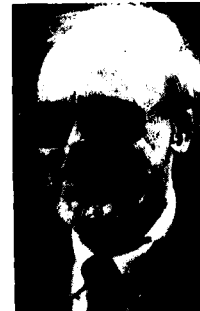
Adrienne Wolf

"Not just this time of year; I give to charity throughout the whole year."



Frank Gabelle

"Yes, I do give more at this time of year."



Leonard Eckle

"Yes, I am sure we do. My wife, Ruth, handles that. The ladies are always the leaders."



Alex Waight

"I am 13. I delivered two turkeys for the homeless so they would have them at Thanksgiving."

For the birds



Photo by Barbara Kokalis

Solomon Chester and George Pharmakides unload fresh turkeys Wednesday afternoon at Gage's Poultry Farm in Springfield. About 200 Pennsylvania farm-raised birds were sold at the 76-year-old store in the five-day period prior to Thanksgiving.

Police arrest burglary suspect twice in one day

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les sustained an injury to his hand during the arrest, with Aviles injuring a leg. Mickles was treated at Overlook Hospital and released.

Aviles also was taken to Overlook, where he was guarded by Springfield Police Officer Martin Costello in the emergency room during treatment on his leg. According to police, Aviles' handcuffs were removed and he was given crutches. The suspect then reportedly "punched and pushed" Costello, throwing the crutches at him

and escaping from the emergency room onto adjoining Beauvoir Place, where he was nearly struck by a female motorist. Aviles allegedly attempted to enter the motorist's car, and was apprehended for a second time after a foot pursuit by Costello.

Aviles was transported back to the Springfield Police Department. He is facing 16 criminal charges, 14 of which are indictable, including burglary. The suspect also is charged with aggravated assault on a police officer.

resisting arrest through physical force, attempted burglary, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, possession of a firearm, criminal trespass and eluding police. He was found to be in possession of a weapon — identified as a folding knife — and drug paraphernalia.

Aviles also faces charges of hindering police investigation for providing four false verbal identifications. His identity was determined through fingerprints.

Aviles is being held on Springfield charges in Union County Jail on \$50,000 bail. For having broken parole, a "no bail detainee" from the state Department of Corrections also has been issued. The detainee prevents Aviles from being released.

The second suspect is being sought. Springfield Police are looking into a number of other residential burglaries that occurred during the months of September and October that may have been committed by the same suspects.

Associate pastor saw death as part of his journey

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Wlosek read a letter from a bride who thanked Piatkowski for a memorable wedding service. The thanks included his helping her with some uncertainties about the process.

"We were going through Father Bob's possessions at the rectory and found a shoebox of receipts," said Wlosek. "About 40 percent of the receipts were from local fish and seafood markets. The other 60 percent were from charities he donated to."

Before proceeding with communion, whereby participants passed Piatkowski's open casket, Marconi concluded his address with another reference to the Gospels.

"There is a passage where the believers are rewarded with the appraisal 'Thou art a good and faithful servant,'" said Marconi. "Father Bob was certainly good and faithful. His example leaves us asking how we can be as faithful."

Stagg couldn't agree more. He

remembered his longtime colleague Monday afternoon as "a man who brought a lot of wisdom to the faith, a simple man who loved people passionately."

A man who often sang a tune while he walked, Piatkowski was a confidant who could be trusted, Stagg said. "If you're going out to war, you'd want him in your foxhole with you."

Stagg insisted that his associate never saw life as an absolute value, and rather, saw death as a friend. "He

saw death as part of his journey. I think it was his time to go."
Managing Editor Kirsten Mathew contributed to this report.

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Among the Kent Place School students who were recently recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program for 2001 or the National Achievement Scholarship Program are, from left in back row, Rachel Shulman of Berkeley Heights, Roseanne Holaday of Green Brook, Maggie Loftus of Madison, Ashley de St. Paer of Chatham, Lindsay Williamson of Roselle, Charlotte Triggs of Madison; and in the front row, Paloma Yannakakis of Summit, Emily Grad of Glen Gardner, Rachel Rosenthal of West Orange and Danielle Williams of Irvington.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Guard hosts meeting

President of the New Providence Memorial Library Board of Trustees and member of the Steering Committee of the Union County Community Cultural Plan Alice Browning will address members and guests of the Summit Area Old Guard Tuesday about "Places of History in Union County."

Old Guard meetings are conducted every Tuesday at the New Providence Municipal Building. Coffee is avail-

able at 9:00 a.m. during a half-hour coffee hour period. Meetings start at 10 a.m. and usually end at 11:30 a.m. All retired men in the area are invited. For information, call Bob Regan at 908-344-8129, write to P.O. Box 186, Summit 07902-0186, or visit www.summit-oldguard.homestead.com.

Tree and wreath sale

The Summit Area Jaycees are continuing a 30-year tradition of sponsor-

ing a Christmas tree and wreath sale to raise money for local charitable projects.

This year, the Jaycees have combined their efforts with the leaders of Club Scout Pack 68 of Summit.

The sale will be conducted at the Summit First Aid Squad's parking lot on Summit Avenue. Several grades and sizes of Balsam Fir and Douglas fir trees as well as wreaths are available for sale weekdays from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Rev. R.J. Piatkowski

The Rev. Robert J. Piatkowski, 73, a priest in St. James Church, Springfield, died Nov. 20 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Jersey City, Father Bob, as he was known to his parishioners, was a graduate of Seton Hall University, South Orange, and Darlington Seminary. He was ordained into the priesthood of the Archdiocese of Newark May 30, 1953. Father Bob began his career at Holy Rosary parish in Jersey City and later ministered at St. Bartholomew in Scotch Plains, St. Francis de Sales in Lodi and St. Ann in Jersey City.

He was a parochial vicar and pastor at St. Aloysius in Newark for 25 years and at St. James Church, Springfield, where he served for 15 years.

Surviving are three sisters, Frances Bradley, Helen Wosek and Ethel Sekelsky, and a brother, Arthur.

Angelina Cinicola

Angelina Cinicola, 70, of Springfield died Nov. 18 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in S. Bartolomeo, Guido, Italy, Mrs. Cinicola moved to Springfield 31 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Carmine, a son, Michael, her mother, Maria Apicella, a sister, Josephine Picardi, and two brothers, Michael and Matteo Apicella.

Patricia M. Kaplan

Patricia M. Kaplan, 74, of Oldsmar, Fla., formerly of Mountainside, died Nov. 17 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Kaplan lived in Mountainside before moving to Florida in 1986. She was a retired registered nurse both in Florida and Mountainside. Mrs. Kaplan did private duty in Florida and in Mountainside and worked for the New Jersey Red Cross Blood Bank. She was a member of the Espirito Santo Catholic Church, Oldsmar. Mrs. Kaplan served as a eucharistic ministrant at the church and was a member of the Ladies Guild of the church. She also was a member of the Pinellas Opera and Newcomers of Pinellas County.

Thomas M. Gibney

Thomas Matthew Gibney, 82, of Mountainside died Nov. 17 at home. Born in Jersey City, Mr. Gibney lived in Plainfield before moving to Mountainside 38 years ago. He worked for American Abrasive Metals Co., Irvington, for 51 years and retired as a sales manager in 1989. Mr. Gibney received an associate's degree in criminal justice from Union County College in 1994, at the age of 76. He served as an usher with Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountainside. Mr. Gibney was an honorary member of both the Mountainside Police Benevolent Association and the Aviation Boatswain's Mates Association, where he served as chaplain. In August, he was the first recipient of the Honorary Living Legend Award presented by the Aviation Boatswain's Mates Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, two daughters, Mary Lu Korkuch and Tommie Ann, and a grandchild.

Margaret W. Huber

Margaret W. Huber, 93, of Union, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 20 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in Germany, Mrs. Huber lived in Newark and Springfield before moving to Union 15 years ago. She worked for Sostner Chain Corp., Irvington, for many years and retired in 1969.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret Random, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Emanuel Meyer

Emanuel Meyer, 88, of Springfield died Nov. 21 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Meyer lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 48 years ago. He was an accountant with Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, for 45 years and retired in 1971. Mr. Meyer was a graduate of Pace University, New York. He was a member of the F&AM, Irvington, and the Men's Club of Temple Beth Ahim, Springfield.

Surviving are his wife, Jean, a son, Lenny, and three grandchildren.

Helen I. Tryon

Helen I. Tryon, 82, of Springfield, formerly of Elizabeth, died Nov. 24 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Hoboken, Mrs. Tryon lived in Elizabeth before moving to Springfield 43 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Mark, a sister, Gertrude Kalfu, and two grandchildren.

Edward M. Soltysik

Edward M. Soltysik, 75, of Mountainside died Nov. 24 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Soltysik moved to Mountainside 42 years ago. He was employed in the maintenance department of the Union County Regional High Schools. Previously, Mr. Soltysik had been a mechanic with Sussex Brake Service, a family-owned business, in Newark. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II. Mr. Soltysik was a member and past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Mountainside Memorial Post 10136 and the Elks Mountainside Lodge, 1585. He was an usher at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountainside, where he also had been involved with bingo and church fund-raisers.

Surviving are two daughters, Carol

Post and Laurie Schoonover, a brother, Joseph, and three grandchildren.

Andrew R. Kovatch

Andrew R. Kovatch, 79, of Lakewood, formerly of Mountainside and Linden, died Nov. 26 in Paul Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood.

Born in Fords, Mr. Kovatch lived in Mountainside for 35 years and in Linden before moving to Lakewood five years ago. He was employed by Motor Machine Co., Edison, for 46 years and retired as vice president in 1985. Mr. Kovatch served in the Navy with the Sea Bees in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a former member of Suburban Country Club, Union, and was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union of New Jersey and of Visitation Church in Brick.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; a son, Richard A.; three daughters, Joyce M. Albers-Schönberg, JoAnn Kuser and Andrea M. Correa; his mother, Emma Kovatch; a sister, Lillian Jenkins; a brother, Robert; and seven grandchildren.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone.

Obituary notices must be typed and include a telephone number where writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (908) 686-7700.

Singers are sought for church's Christmas Eve ensemble

The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church seeks interested men, women and teens who wish to be a part of a special Christmas Singers ensemble. The group will sing several pieces in a variety of styles during the church's Christmas Eve service Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Worship will include

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The following is the school lunch menu for Florence M. Gandmeier Middle School for December:

- Friday: Pepperoni pizza, peach slices, fruit juice, milk
- Monday: Chicken nuggets, bread, buttered corn, peas, milk
- Tuesday: Hot dog on bun, baked vegetarian beans, applesauce, milk
- Wednesday: Grilled cheese on white, vegetable soup, mixed fruit, milk
- Dec. 7: Meatballs, hero roll, potato puffs, pineapple, milk
- Dec. 8: Fried chicken, dinner roll, sweet potato, fruit juice, milk
- Dec. 11: Rib-B-Que on a bun, green beans, peach cup, milk
- Dec. 12: Meatball sandwich on a steak roll, French fries, peas, milk
- Dec. 13: Fish sticks on bun, carrot coins, mixed fruit, milk
- Dec. 14: Spaghetti with meat sauce and bread, kernel corn, cinnamon apple sauce, milk
- Dec. 15: Nacho taco with cheese and salsa, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk
- Dec. 18: Cheese steak hero roll, tater tots, chilled fruit
- Dec. 19: Chicken patty on bun, peas, orange-pineapple juice
- Dec. 20: Macaroni and cheese, whole wheat bread, green beans, sliced peaches, milk
- Dec. 21: Roast turkey with gravy, dinner rolls, mashed potato, peas, milk
- Dec. 22: Twin tacos, lettuce and tomato, pineapple, milk
- Dec. 25 to Dec. 29: Christmas vacation, school closed

The following is the school lunch menu for Springfield elementary schools for December:

- Friday: Cheese pizza, mixed vegetables, peas, milk
- Monday: Chicken nuggets, bread, green sweet peas, apricots, milk
- Tuesday: Hot dog on bun, baked beans, peas, milk
- Wednesday: Grilled cheese on white, fresh fruit, apple juice, milk
- Dec. 7: Cheeseburger on bun, potato salad, chilled fruit, milk
- Dec. 8: French bread pizza, tossed salad, pineapple, milk
- Dec. 11: Rib-B-Que on bun, baked beans, applesauce, milk
- Dec. 12: Chicken nuggets, slice pizza, carrots, fruit, milk
- Dec. 13: Fish sticks on bun, grape juice, pineapple, milk
- Dec. 14: Spaghetti with meat sauce and bread, green beans, chilled peas, milk
- Dec. 15: Pizza, tossed salad, peaches, milk
- Dec. 18: Cheese steak on bun, potato rounds, pineapple milk
- Dec. 19: Chicken patty on bun, mixed vegetables, peaches, milk
- Dec. 20: Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, green beans, mixed fruit, milk
- Dec. 21: Hamburger on bun, buttered corn, fresh fruit, milk
- Dec. 22: Pizza, carrot/ celery stick, fruit juice, milk
- Dec. 25 to Dec. 29: Christmas vacation, school closed

Lessons and carols as well as the Christmas Singers music. You do not need to read music to learn the pieces and no prior singing experience is necessary!

SEUMC Music Minister Ginny Johnson will rehearse and lead the ensemble. Interested singers will need to attend two rehearsals at the church: Dec. 17, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; and Dec. 24, 6:45 to 7:15 p.m., just before the service.

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Department handles slick spill on Rt. 24

Springfield
An overturned truck sent township firefighters up to Route 24 West Nov. 22.

The vehicle, owned by Mango Trucking of Newark, was found lying on its left side with some of its construction load spilled onto the roadway and the adjacent ramp from east-bound Route 78. Slowly leaking hydraulic oil, coming from a saddle tank on the side of the truck, was absorbed by the department. After righting the vehicle, firefighters applied more absorbent to mitigate a 50-yard-long spill of oil, which had resulted from passing vehicles prior to the department's arrival.

The driver, a resident of North Miami, Fla., was evaluated on the scene by the township's Volunteer First Aid Squad and released.

- An overturned car resulting from

FIRE BLOTTER

- One call for an activated fire alarm and three medical service calls were handled by the department Nov. 21.
- The department responded to a Prospect Place residence for a basement dryer fire Nov. 20. Two calls for activated alarms, two medical service calls, a car fire and one motor vehicle accident completed a busy day for the department.

Mountainside

- The township's fire department responded to a call for an activated carbon monoxide detector Saturday. No carbon monoxide levels were found.
- A multi-fire caused by a cigarette was extinguished by the department Friday.
- A closed chimney flue caused a smoke condition in a Wild Hedge

Lane residence Thanksgiving Day. Firefighters opened the flue and ventilated the home. A water condition in a Summit Road basement was also handled.

- A multi-fire at the loews Theater was extinguished by firefighters at 8:31 a.m. Nov. 20. A call for a short in a heating unit at Children's Specialized Hospital was also answered.
- A stove gas leak at a Dogwood Way address was handled by firefighters Nov. 19.
- A discharge on a stove caused a small fire at a Force Drive residence at 7:20 a.m. Nov. 16. Firefighters extinguished the flames and used a fan to remove the smoke.
- One call for a motor vehicle accident was handled Nov. 15.
- An activated fire alarm sent the department to the Watchung Stables at 11:07 a.m. Nov. 14.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Adjustment held its monthly meeting on November 21, 2000.

Application # 2000-15
Applicant: RAN, Daniel (Rahaj)
Site Location: 1 Woodside Road
File # 2000-15-03
Variation for front yard

12/29/00 1:00 P.M. Nov. 30, 2000 (\$575)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Yearly & lot coverage for addition approved.

The finalization of the decision will be completed at the regular Board of Adjustment meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 and will be available for public inspection in the office of the Board of Adjustment.

Robert C. Wopat, Board Secretary
(973) 261-2000

PUBLIC NOTICE TO VOTERS

A SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 12th, 2000 (THURSDAY) THE HOURS OF 7:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD.

THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD WILL BE VOTING FOR

PROPOSAL

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, New Jersey shall:

(A) undertake the Athletic Facilities Enhancement and Improvement Project (the "project") at the following schools and facilities in the School District: Jonathan Dayton High School, Michael Field, Edward V. Wallon and Thelma L. Sandmeyer Schools (commonly known as the "facilities") consisting of the construction and improvement of athletic fields, construction of new athletic facilities and buildings, installation of irrigation systems, fencing, structures and other improvements and all work, materials and apparatuses necessary and suitable thereto;

(B) expend therefor not exceeding \$3,400,368; and

(C) issue bonds or notes of the School District for the local share of the project in the principal amount not exceeding \$7,726,240 and \$274,076.80 grant for the State of New Jersey's share of the project as herein approved by the Commissioner of Education (the "Commissioner"), based upon the determination by the Commissioner pursuant to the Education Facilities Construction and Financing Act (Chapter 72 of the Public Laws of New Jersey of 2000), that the total eligible costs of the project are \$10,426,506.80. Pending receipt of the State and Federal aid, the School District is authorized to issue bonds or notes in a principal amount not exceeding the total expenditure authorized in (B) above of \$2,400,368. The project includes, but is not limited to, school facility, construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education.

Multiple arrests, thefts recorded last week

Mountainside

- A 17-year-old Union Catholic student was arrested by borough police and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia Sunday.
- Susan Haskins-Nobble, 46, of East Orange, was arrested Saturday and charged with driving with a suspended license. Further investigation revealed a warrant out of Newark for \$420. Mountainside bail was set at \$500. In lieu of Timothy Schultz, 32, was stopped on Cornell Parkway for speeding and was subsequently arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- A 17-year-old juvenile was arrested and charged with possessing a fraudulent insurance card Nov. 21. The suspect was arrested following a motor vehicle accident on Route 22 East.

POLICE BLOTTER

- Clifton resident Raymond Ratam, 24, was charged with driving while intoxicated Nov. 18 after being stopped for speeding on Route 22 East. Ratam was set at \$375. Monica Moore, 23, of Jersey City, was arrested on Cornell Parkway for having a suspended license.
- Elizabeth resident Guimardo Pargas, 64, was arrested at Locust Avenue and Mill Lane Nov. 15 for driving while under suspension.

Springfield

- Two thefts were reported at Bailey's Total Fitness on Route 22 East Nov. 19. A Newark resident reported the theft of \$65 cash and a Visa credit

card from the locker, with a Kenilworth resident reporting the theft of \$150 cash, a credit card, a driver's license and a Social Security card.

- Also that day, a black handbag belonging to a Union Township resident was taken from the Sports Authority on Route 22 East while the victim reportedly tried on a pair of skates. The bag contained several credit cards, an ATM card, car keys and a cell phone.
- Two saws belonging to the township's Department of Public Works were stolen from either Clinton Avenue or Center Street Nov. 16.
- Three pieces of 14 karat jewelry — a "name" bracelet, a wedding band and a pinky ring — were reported stolen from a Park Place address Nov. 15. The items were taken from the bedroom. The homeowners told police that the room had been cleaned by a Mountainside-based cleaning service three times during the months of October and November.

Newspaper's correction policy

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention.

If you believe that we have made such an error, write Tom Canavan, editor, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083, or call him at 686-7700 weekdays before 5 p.m.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - CHRIST OUR HOPE, 4101 Shunpike Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages. Nursery through 5th grade. All AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11. 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry. Wide-Range Music Program. Super Seniors 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Choir Lit provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4551.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

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JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Murray Bell, President. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4324. Fax: 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 AM at JONATHAN DAY-TON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Copperwheat Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Knitsch, Pastor, (908) 212-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Morning Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available; Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Hill in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join us in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Services start at 10:30 AM with childcare available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education opportunities for children begin during the Worship Service with a special time for children led by the Pastor before

they depart for classes. Service of Prayer and Healing held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Please call and ask about our Adult Choir, Sunday School, Bible Study, Ministers, Bible Studies, Small Group Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, interest in opportunities to serve others, or have prayer requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Mankay at the Church Office 973-376-1695.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeFores Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning. Worship is at 10:30 a.m., the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans that "All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you in the music and weekly children's message; are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care; after worship refreshments and fellowship; and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week." Call the church office or Pastor Les Weaver for more information at 908-277-1700.

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PRESBYTERIAN

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ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-277-3700. Sunday Mass: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass: 9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume September 14th. Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM; Sunday weekday Mass: 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM annotated Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

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Fountain Baptist withstands time

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the 14th part in a series about the various religions and houses of worship in Summit.

In a heavily wooded area on Windy Glenade Avenue sits the magnificent, rectangular Fountain Baptist Church, where it has been since 1983. Away from the crowded downtown, it has ample parking and inspiring scenery, but it was not always so. Fountain Baptist Church was there even before Summit was, and it was the first African American congregation in the area.

The original church was built in 1897, in the exact center of town, where City Hall is today.

The population of Summit then was about 8,000 and the few African American families who lived in the city were primarily comprised of single men and women who served as *live-in household workers, or domestics*, for the relatively affluent white families. There were just five churches then, exclusively for use by the white population.

A hot, and devout Christian woman, Violet Johnson, whose portrait hangs in honor inside the main door of Fountain Baptist, sparked the

idea for African American worshippers to have a church of their own. It took years to achieve, but with the help of domestic workers, all members of the Christian Endeavor Society Prayer and Bible Study, the Fountain Baptist Church took shape and in 1906 land was purchased at 214 Chestnut Ave. After many hardships and sacrifices, the little church was finally erected and dedicated in 1919, by then, it had become the backbone of the African American community.

The current pastor, the Rev. Jerry Michael Sanders, saw the need for expansion and led the burgeoning congregation to search for a larger site. This was accomplished in 1983 when the beautiful property on Glenade Avenue was purchased. After several delays and many prayers, the present church was completed on New Year's Day, 1989, the 500-member congregation literally marched into its new \$2.5 million structure.

Although simple in the Baptist tradition, the sanctuary is large and beautiful with stained glass windows on both sides, and one large stained glass piece with a cross behind the altar. The choir sits behind the pulpit, with the organ on the right and piano and band equipment on the left. A big difference from other Protestant churches

is the Baptismal Font, directly behind the pulpit, used for full immersion, a special and important part of the Baptist faith.

Men approach the font from one side, and women from the other side, and the font is about four feet deep. During the ceremony, all wear white robes, and appropriate undergarments, for women it is a body suit and for men thermal underwear. When a baptism is planned, the pool, or font, is filled prior to the service and attended by sextons. Primarily, adults are baptized in this way, although children as young as 14 years old can be baptized with examination to make sure of their comprehension.

The tradition of full immersion baptism is derived from the way in which Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan, as reported in the Gospels. Baptists are the largest of the Protestant denominations, and all share this same practice of baptizing, a sacred tradition.

Besides the pastor, the large congregation of more than 1,800 members has many associate ministers to run the parish effectively. Special assistant to Pastor Sanders is the Rev. Terence Porter. The Rev. Evans Spagner, who serves as minister of Christian Education, and the Rev. Joyce



Photo By Jeff Grant
The Rev. Evans Spagner, minister of Christian Education at Fountain Baptist Church, is one of several associate pastors who assists in running the 1,800-member parish.

McDonald, who runs the Youth Ministry, are also always available to preach and teach.

Fountain Baptist is affiliated with both the American Baptists and the National Baptist Conventions, and adheres to conservative and strict Baptist teachings. The faith is com-

mitted to preaching Christ, and every sermon is Bible-based. Two services are necessary every Sunday just to service the 1,800 members — one at 8 a.m. and the other at 11 a.m. The sanctuary, which has a seating capacity of 450 people, is packed at each service.

Besides the moving baptismal services, the church teaches adherence to tithing, meaning giving at least 10 percent of one's income to God. "If people are not able to do this, they can give their time and talents instead, which many do," said Spagner.

NEWS CLIPS

Permits are available

Superintendent of Public Works Paul Cascas is reminding residents that telephone books must be recycled as unrecycled paper either at the Summit Recycling Center or as part of the curbside recycling program.

The recycling center is open to residents only, and the *matron* combination parking permit and disposal-area sticker must be displayed on your car. Permits, temporary permits and applications are available at the Summit Permit Center, 71 Summit Ave., 522-0357. Applications and temporary permits only are available at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave., 273-6400.

Vehicle registration showing a Summit residential address is needed when applying for a permit or if your vehicle is leased you need to provide your registration and insurance card.

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Christmas Day is a parking meter holiday, and all city and Summit Downtown Inc. long-term parking lots may be used without permits or fees.

Patrols stepped up

In its continuous effort to combat driving while impaired, the Summit Police Department will have extra patrols on the streets during the holiday season.

Patrol cars will stop drivers who appear to be driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Drivers are tested, videotaped, and arrested if found to be driving while impaired.

Chief of Police William E. Schnell-er urges people attending holiday events where alcohol will be served to designate non-drinkers as drivers, and to exercise caution, especially with the prospect of inclement weather and more holiday drivers on the roads.



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Rec Dept. offers answer to leisure time blues

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the sixth part in a series highlighting the city's volunteer people and agencies.

The word "recreation" means to step back and take a break, recreate your spare time. That about describes what the Summit Recreation Department endeavors to help the residents of the city accomplish in its several facilities.

Romyne Eaker Kelly, has been Director of Recreation for more than a busy year, and says of her job, "It's fun, especially the commissioners have been very supportive."

Two of the seven commissioners were on hand at the main recreation office on Myrtle Avenue next to Braxton School. They were Chairman Tom O'Rourke and Milton Irvin who had come by to discuss business with Eaker Kelly and assess the ongoing operations of the busy department. "We offer a well-balanced recreational program for every single age," noted Eaker Kelly.

O'Rourke was also positive about the program. "We have many things not offered by other towns. For instance, we have a beautiful, nine-hole municipal golf course on River Road. To enjoy this facility, the only qualification is residency," said O'Rourke.

O'Rourke said those interested in golf need only to register and pay the nominal fee, \$30 per year. Seniors get a discount even on this amount. "The concept is to provide healthy, wholesome activities for all ages and all skill levels for those who live in Summit, for their leisure time. I think our diversity is great; we are always improving the programming," said O'Rourke.

The seven-member Recreation

Commission is the policy-making body, appointed by the mayor for a five-year term to control playgrounds, athletic fields, golf courses and the community pool. Once a month members get together with Eaker Kelly and her staff for a long meeting about ongoing issues. The renovation of the 100 Morris Ave. facility will make the department more centralized.

"We will be moving our offices over there to the Morris Avenue building when it's completed, we are planning for an August date," said Eaker Kelly.

The many advantages of the move include ample parking and more office space. Construction is slated to begin March 15.

Eaker Kelly has as assistant director Mark Ozonoka, two administrative assistants and seven maintenance employees who maintain the playgrounds and fields and nearly 200 volunteers. Non-profit, the Recreation Department is funded by the City of Summit, so ultimately reports to the Common Council, whose members have also been extremely helpful and supportive, according to Eaker Kelly. Giving his opinion, Commissioner Irvin said, "Personally, I think the City of Summit is fortunate to have someone as professional and respected in her field as Romyne."

Asked if she loved sports, the director said, "I enjoyed team sports, and when in college I was on the gymnastics team, but was always interested in the management side of sports."

She had come to Summit after serving in the same capacity for 13 years in Montgomery Township. "Summit offered more diversity and more opportunity for new programs; I am very happy to be here," she said.

Senior activities abound, and virtually all programs are open to their interests. This includes golf lessons



Photo by Barbara Kakkala

Proud to serve the city's Recreation Department in administrative roles are, from left, Recreation Commissioner Milton Irvin, Recreation Director Romyne Eaker-Kelly, and Recreation Commissioner Tom O'Rourke. With more than 200 volunteers, the department offers a well-balanced recreational program for city residents of any age.

"The teacher is Bill McCluney, a registered professional teaching pro, who is so good, there is now a waiting list for his classes," said O'Rourke. The fee is \$75 for eight lessons, with groups of no more than eight people. O'Rourke said, "Compared with private country clubs, this is a fraction of what it would cost there, and the facilities are equal or better here in Summit."

Besides the many physical activities, craft classes and yoga lessons are conducted at the Morris Avenue facility.

"Bottom line, we serve the community, and listen to the community on their ideas," said Eaker-Kelly.

Both the director and the commissioners spoke about one area of frustration: "People will join private clubs and spend a fortune, and we have everything right here that they offer," said O'Rourke. "Sometimes because we do offer programs at an affordable rate, they are suspect and not appreciated," added Eaker-Kelly, "but our quality is excellent in all of our programs."

Absentee rate rises during election week

By John Celick
Staff Writer

The Board of Education's discussions concerning the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school calendars are continuing.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Knowlton said a variable in the final makeup of the proposed calendars is whether or not Election Day will remain a day off from school in future years. This year the schools closed for the first time on Election Day, the same week as the two closed days for the annual teacher's convention.

Knowlton said that school officials' fears about increased student absenteeism during that week proved accurate. The district experienced an absentee rate of 9.8 percent during that week. For the same week in 1999, which had three open days, the district-wide absentee rate was 5.8 percent.

Lincoln Hubbard School topped the absentee rate with 14.3 percent of students absent during that week. Braxton School followed behind with 10.4 percent. Washington School and Jefferson School tied for third, with 7.7 percent of students absent.

"I think that there was a relation between absenteeism and the days off. It creates an issue that we need to look at seriously. I still have a concern about holding school on Election Day," Knowlton said.

Knowlton said that the district experiences more absenteeism than usual during this week, even when school is in session on Election Day. He said that with the two days off for the teacher's convention, which is mandated by state law, many parents decide it is an appropriate time to take a vacation. No other state has these two days off.

"We have been seeing a trend at the elementary level of families pulling their kids out of school to go on family vacations," he said.

This summer the elementary school principals implemented new regulations which are designed to curb the school year vacations. These regulations stipulate that the parents of any students who miss three days of school in excess will have to meet with the school principal. In addition, teachers are no longer required to provide homework assignments before the students depart on their vacations.

Board of Education President David Bomgaars said he is upset with the rate of absenteeism during this year's election week.

"It's disappointing that the absenteeism rate was as high as it was. We were expecting it to be higher than normal," he said.

Bomgaars said he wants to implement an aggressive program to combat the many vacations taken during the school year. He said that he plans to talk to parents in order to convey this message to them.

On the issue of scheduling future Election Days off, Bomgaars said that he would like to see students given the day off for security reasons. The school board president said he is concerned about the safety of the children when more people are in the building.

Knowlton said he is currently considering recommending a policy to the board that would allow for school to be closed for years with a Presidential Election due to the higher than average voter turnout for these elections. Knowlton said he will present the final calendar recommendations to the school board at the Dec. 7 workshop meeting. A final vote is expected at the Dec. 14 regular meeting.

Temple Sinai hosts charitable Mitzvah Mall Dec. 19; local, national organizations to benefit

Temple Sinai will be offering its unique alternative to a holiday shopping bazaar by conducting its Mitzvah Mall Dec. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A "mitzvah" translates from Hebrew into a good deed, or charitable act. Rather than sending traditional holiday gifts, shoppers at the Mitzvah Mall have the chance to honor friends, relatives, teachers and co-workers, by sending gifts to charities in their names. Donors to the charities

will receive gift cards stating the name of the charity and the service the contribution provides.

Several national and local organizations are expected to be represented at the mall.

"This is the second time we are offering a Mitzvah Mall at the holidays, and we hope to have the same support as we had last year," said Phyllis Slocum, co-chairperson of Temple Sinai's Social Action Com-

mittee. It is very gratifying to see the children buy gift donor cards in their friends' names to help support these worthwhile causes."

As part of the Mitzvah Mall, the

American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be parked outside the temple, 208 Summit Ave. Anyone 17 years and older and at least 110 pounds can donate blood on that day by phoning the temple at 273-4921.

As part of the Mitzvah Mall, the

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini Sports Editor
 One local team improved a great deal by finishing at .500, another just missed the break-even point, while another struggled through a rebuilding season.
 Summit, which did not play on Thanksgiving, finished 5-5 this year and even qualified for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs for the first time in five years. The Hilltoppers posted their best record since joining the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference in 1996.
 Summit, which won only one game in 1999, will play New Providence on Thanksgiving next year. Governor Livingston won only twice last year, but this year improved by finishing 4-6. GI began the year with a tough 18-17 loss at home to a Hillside team that went on to post an outstanding 9-2 record and reach the North 2, Group 2 semifinals.
 For the second consecutive year the Highlanders had a two-game winning streak stopped on Thanksgiving as they fell at home to Immaculata 25-0 last Thursday in Berkeley Heights. Last year GI was defeated at New Providence 25-7 on Thanksgiving after posting its only two wins of the season.
 GI gave up only one point more this year than last — 211-210 — but scored 200 points compared to 134 last season. The Highlanders posted road shutout wins over North Plainfield 20-0 and Dayton 42-0 and blanked Manville 29-0 for its only home win of the season.
 Although Dayton did not win a game this season for the first time since finishing 0-9 in 1992, the Bulldogs (0-10) will have most of their team coming back for next season as only six seniors dotted this year's roster.
 Junior running back Ibin Raheem scored Dayton's lone touchdown on a 49-yard run in the third quarter in last Wednesday night's season-closing 51-7 loss to host North Plainfield at Krausche Field. Fellow junior Chris Sarracino kicked the extra point.
 Raheem and Sarracino are two players head coach Kris Kohler will be counting on next year.

WEEK TWELVE PLAYOFF
 Saturday, Dec. 2, 1:00
 North 2, Group 4 final
 7-Montclair at 1-Elizabeth

WEEK ELEVEN SCORES
 Wednesday, Nov. 22
 Elizabeth 39, Cranford 14
 North Plain. 51, Dayton 7
 Thursday, Nov. 23
 Scotch Plains 34, Union 14
 Linden 39, Kearny 14
 Rahway 26, Johnson 7
 Hillside 37, Brearley 7
 Roselle Park 19, Roselle 0
 Immaculata 25, Gov. Liv. 0

JR's Sectional Final Pick
 Elizabeth over Montclair
 Last Week: 6-2
 Season: 79-24 (.767)

TERRIFIC THIRTEEN

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

Summit B Team grid squad has outstanding 9-0-1 mark Tops Cranford 21-7 to capture championship

The Summit B Team youth football squad had an outstanding 2000 campaign, finishing with an unbeaten record of 9-0-1 that included a championship victory.
 Summit's B Team consists of 43 youngsters in 7th grade and one 6th grade student.
 Summit defeated Cranford 21-7 in its championship game, a contest that was played in Scotch Plains.
 Summit tied the score at 7-7 behind inside running from Kevin Feeney. Summit then went ahead for good when Feeney scored on a one-yard run with eight seconds remaining in the first half.
 Feeney scored the game's final touchdown on a 49-yard run in the second half.
 Playing well on defense for Summit were James Johnson, Nicholas Herbst, John Facchini and Mike Mahoney.
 Summit, which yielded only 33 points in 10 games, has an impressive three-year record of 26-0-2.
 Team members include Steven Allegretti, Ross Anderson, Hugo Araya, Jonathan Buscaino, Tyler Chambers, Ben Cohen, Anthony Delle Donne, Todd Dobiszewski, John Facchini, Dan Flaherty, Kevin Feeney, Chris Formicella, Charlie Guio, Tom Giesel, Billy Gore, Morgan Giffi, Andrew Gantner, Nicholas Herbst, Travis Howard, James Johnson, Andrew Jones, Nicholas Kaminski, Carter Kegelman, Jordan Ludwig, Mike Mahoney, Travis Marchetti, Brian McNiel, Spencer Scott, Justin Shaw, Jordy Theveter, Andy Sigler, Sam Zerfoss, Justin Simons and Mike Keane.

The B Team would like to thank The Grand Summit Hotel for making a donation to help cover the cost of the bus trip to Scotch Plains.

Summit's Boateng named Defensive Player of the Week

It takes a certain personality to play middle linebacker on a football team. For Army's sprint football squad, sophomore Kwame Boateng of Summit has that personality, demonstrating the intensity and desire necessary to plug holes and make a big play when the defense needs a stop.
 In his team's second game against Navy, Boateng registered 13 tackles and one sack to help lead Army to a 31-24 victory over Navy for the school's second win over its arch rival this season.
 For his efforts in the season-finite, Boateng was named the Collegiate Sprint Football League's Defensive Player of the Week.

Oratory Prep Basketball

Dec. 15 New Providence, 7:00
 Dec. 18 at Whippany Park, 4:00
 Dec. 19 at Roselle Park, 7:00
 Dec. 21 at Newark Central, 4:00
 Dec. 27, 29 Oratory Tournament
 Jan. 4 Brearley, 4:00
 Jan. 5 at Manville, 7:00
 Jan. 9 at Dayton, 7:00
 Jan. 11 at St. Mary's, 7:00
 Jan. 12 North Plain., 7:00
 Jan. 15 at Dunellen, 7:00
 Jan. 16 at Bound Brook, 7:00
 Jan. 19 at New Providence, 7:00
 Jan. 22 St. Peter's (NB), 7:00
 Jan. 26 Newark Central, 7:00
 Jan. 30 at Brearley, 7:00
 Jan. 31 South Amboy, 7:00
 Feb. 2 Manville, 7:00
 Feb. 6 Dayton, 7:00
 Feb. 9 St. Mary's, 7:00
 Feb. 13 at North Plain., 4:00
 Feb. 16 Bound Brook, 7:00
 Coach: Dave Grande

Oratory Prep Swimming

Dec. 8 at Union Catholic, 6:00
 Dec. 12 RC/Catholic Grove, 3:00
 Dec. 18 at Rahway, 3:30
 Dec. 20 at East Side, 4:00
 Jan. 4 at New Providence, 4:00
 Jan. 18 at Union, 3:00
 Coach: Kevin Mahoney

Oratory Prep Bowling

Dec. 4 Rahway, 3:30
 Dec. 6 Newark Central, 3:30
 Dec. 13 Brearley/Dayton, 3:30
 Jan. 3 Bumper Round, 3:30
 Jan. 8 Gov. Livingston, 3:30
 Coach: Jack Horan
 All matches are at Hy-Way Bowl in Union.

Boateng's 13 tackles was a game-high for him this season as the put in one of the best performances in his career. Boateng, who attended Summit High School, is part of a defensive unit that allowed only 74 points in seven games and has second in the league in yards allowed per game, yielding a stingy 192.
 Army finished the year at 6-1 overall and in second place in the CSFL at 5-1. The University of Pennsylvania won the league title with a 6-0 overall record and 4-0 league mark.
 The CSFL is a varsity-level athletic program at the U.S. Military Academy and is played under regular college football rules for the exception that all the players must weigh in less than 165 pounds 48 hours before game day.
 The CSFL consists of the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Cornell University, the Naval Academy and USMA.

Summit's Dates an NJAC Defensive Player of the Week

Duane Dates of Summit was named the New Jersey Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in a 13-0 loss to Froburg Oct. 28 in Maryland.
 The New Jersey City University safety started for the injured Kareem Jefferson and made the most of it. Dates, who attended Summit High School, made nine tackles, two of them solo, to finish second on the team in that department.
 Two of Dates' tackles went for a total of six yards in losses, while the 6-foot-2, 200-pounder came up with his first interception of the season, returning it nine yards. Dates was also credited with one pass-breakup.
 The team's punter as well, Dates had two kicks for a 38.5 average. He stood as the fourth-rated punter in the league with an impressive 34.7 average.
 In NJC's ensuing 10-6 loss to Montclair State in Jersey City, the Red Hawks had the chance to score again on the opening drive of the second half (MSU scored all 10 of its points in the first half). Montclair State was forced to kick after Dates broke up what would have been an MSU touchdown at the NJCU four-yard line.
 NJCU finished its season at 3-7 after beating William Paterson 18-13 Nov. 11 in Wayne.
 Dates, a junior, punted for an average of 40.5 yards in the win against William Paterson and finished third in the NJAC with an average of 35.7.

Soccer, cross country athletes are honored

On Nov. 15 Oratory Prep hosted over 135 people, honoring the school's fall athletes. During the fall season, Oratory runs three levels of soccer and varsity cross country.
 The three levels of soccer are grades 7-8, junior varsity and varsity.
 Rev. F. Kevin Murphy started the evening by offering a welcome to all who attended and set the tone for the night. Rev. Joseph Petrillo then offered the blessing.
 The school hosted a buffet-style dinner, with a varied selection of hot dishes and salads.
Oratory Prep Fall Sports Dinner
 After the dinner was completed, Oratory athletic director Bob Conway presented the first two members of this year's class into the Oratory Prep Rams Club.
 The Rams Club is an elite group of individuals recognized by the school for their display of sportsmanship.
 Athletic statistics have no bearing in the criteria.
 This year's winners were Dennis Guesmaria from cross country and Alex Lyashchenko from soccer.
 Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, who was the guest speaker at the event, also presented the two recipients with Legislative Resolutions honoring them for membership in the Rams Club.
 After dessert, the coaches then began their presentations. Coach Tom Trembley spoke on the season and then presented each member of his squad with a certificate. Chris Conlon was recognized as the MVP for this year.
 Andrew Hoyt, a first-year faculty member of Oratory, also served as the junior varsity coach.
 He spoke about his team's accomplishments for the season. Coach Hoyt presented each member of the team with a certificate and recognized Jon Bellinger as the Most Valuable Player.
 The varsity soccer coach, Chris Treff, was next on the program as he not only spoke about his team, but also thanked the parents for their support. The varsity soccer team received their letters, pins and special honors.
 Tim Larkin was honored as captain and Alex Lyashchenko was named the MVP.
 Coach EJ Cronin was the final speaker of the coaches. Cronin, who led this year's cross country team to the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division championship, presented the varsity awards to his athletes.
 Senior Dan Crum, who was the franchise for the Rams, was honored as captain and MVP.
 Rev. Paul Manning, a former Headmaster of Oratory Prep, then gave the final blessing and ended what many felt was an enjoyable evening.

Local football teams eye success in 2001

While the Summit and Governor Livingston high school football teams showed improvement this year, Dayton struggled through a rebuilding campaign.
 The best could be yet to come for all three local squads.
 Summit will be led next year by senior quarterback Keith Schroeder and will be a safe bet to qualify once again for the North 2, Group 2 playoffs.
 GI improved by two games this year and just missed making the North 2, Group 2 playoffs. That's a goal the Highlanders can stand for once again next year.
 Dayton, which took its lumps during head coach Kris Kohler's first season, remains most of its roster as it looks forward to improving its fortunes in 2001.

Summit (5-5)

(H) Summit 17, Delaware Valley 9
 (H) Summit 27, Dover 21 (3OT)
 (H) Mendham 41, Summit 12
 (A) Morris Hills 27, Summit 0
 (H) Summit 21, Weequahic 6
 (A) Summit 42, Pennsylvania 0
 (A) West Essex 42, Summit 24
 (H) Summit 44, Mount Olive 14
 (A) Hanover Park 35, Summit 22
 (A) Pequannock 34, Summit 21
 Record: 5-5
 Home: 4-1
 Away: 1-4
 Points for: 230
 Points against: 220
 Shutouts: 2
 Overtime: 1-0

Gov. Liv. (4-6)

(H) Hillside 18, Gov. Liv. 17
 (A) Gov. Liv. 20, North Plain. 0
 (A) Ridge 52, Gov. Liv. 21
 (H) Roselle 34, Gov. Liv. 19
 (A) Rahway 34, Gov. Liv. 32
 (A) Summit 42, Gov. Liv. 0
 (H) Johnson 28, Gov. Liv. 0
 (H) Gov. Liv. 29, Manville 0
 (A) Gov. Liv. 20, West Essex 19
 (H) Immaculata 25, Gov. Liv. 0
 Record: 4-6
 Home: 1-4
 Away: 3-2
 Points for: 200
 Points against: 211
 Shutouts: 3
 Overtime: 0-0

Dayton (0-10)

(H) New Providence 55, Dayton 0
 (A) Manville 17, Dayton 0
 (H) Immaculata 55, Dayton 0
 (A) Bound Brook 40, Dayton 16
 (H) Roselle Park 42, Dayton 8
 (H) Gov. Liv. 42, Dayton 0
 (A) Brearley 52, Dayton 0
 (H) Johnson 35, Dayton 8
 (A) Whippany Park 34, Dayton 7
 (A) North Plainfield 51, Dayton 7
 Record: 0-10
 Home: 0-4
 Away: 0-6
 Points for: 52
 Points against: 413
 Shutouts: 0
 Overtime: 0-0

Summit resident swimmers sparkle

Summit resident swimmers Christina Holveas, Briehan Burke, Jeff Beamer and Stephanie Nerby excelled at a Penetration hosted by The Berkeley Aquatic Club Oct. 28 in Berkeley Heights.
 Christina Holveas placed third in the Bronze Level Age 10-and-Under Girls competition.
 Briehan Burke was fifth in the Silver Level 10-and-Under Girls competition.
 Jeff Beamer was sixth in the Silver Level 10-and-Under Boys competition, while Stephanie Nerby was third in the Silver Level 11-12-Year-Old Girls competition.
 All four swimmers are to be commended for their stellar performances.

Dayton ice hockey first game Saturday

The excitement is scheduled to begin this Saturday.
 That is the excitement of Dayton High School ice hockey.
 The Bulldogs, coming off a 7-11 season in which they made their conference playoffs and just missed on making the state playoffs, will be guided this year by first year head coach Todd Dreveth.
 Dayton is scheduled to open against Bergen County Ice Indus Hills Saturday at 10:00 p.m. at its home ice rink, the Bridgewater Sports Arena in Bridgewater.
 Dayton will look towards last year's MVP — junior Adam Cohen — for leadership. He totaled 43 points in 1999-2000.
 Brett Berger, last year's team Rookie of the Year, leads a group of experienced sophomores. Berger's 30 points was third best for Dayton last year.
 Last season Dayton posted victories over Newark East 10-4 twice, Mahwah 9-6, Passaic Valley 8-1, Northern Highlands 6-1 and 4-2 and Governor Livingston 9-8.

The following is Dayton's 2000-2001 schedule:
 Dec. 2 Indian Hills, 10:30
 Dec. 8 Ramsey, 7:15
 Dec. 10 at GI., 4:15, BSA
 Dec. 12 at East Side, 4:00
 Icebound
 Dec. 15 Fair Lawn, 7:15
 Dec. 17 at Mahwah, 12:10
 Ice House
 Jan. 5 at Fair Lawn, 7:30
 Ice House
 Jan. 7 Nutley, 4:15
 Jan. 11 at Newark Academy
 South Mountain Arena, 5:15
 Jan. 13 Ramsey, 9:15
 Jan. 15 at Nutley, 12:10
 Montclair State University
 Jan. 17 at Tenafly, 6:15
 Twin Oaks
 Jan. 19 No. Highlands, 9:30
 Jan. 21 at Tenafly, 7:25
 Englewood
 Jan. 24 at Newark Academy
 Twin Oaks, 7:45
 Jan. 26 Mahwah, 9:30
 Feb. 3 at Ramsey, 7:00
 Sport-o-rama, Monsey, N.Y.
 Feb. 5 at No. Highlands, 6:15
 Sport-o-rama, Monsey, N.Y.
 Feb. 11 East Side, 4:15
 Feb. 16 Gov. Livingston, 7:15

Summit players earn honors

The Summit High School field hockey team had an outstanding 2000 campaign, finishing 14-3-5 overall and 8-2-1 and in second place in the Iron Hills Conference.
 Summit and Oak Knoll shared the Union County Tournament championship after battling to a 2-2 draw in the title-game match.

H.S. Field Hockey

The Hilltoppers defeated Cranford 2-1 in overtime in the quarterfinals and then edged Governor Livingston 3-2 in overtime in the semifinals to reach the championship game for the first time since tying Kent Place in 1995.
 Summit's only losses in the conference came to champion West Essex by 3-0 scores.
 Several of Summit's players earned All-County and All-Conference honors for their outstanding performances this season.
 Here's a look at who was honored:
 All-County: First-Team: Katie Ardington, Libby Getzendanner, Wendy Havoured. Second-Team: Liz Sheridan, Stephanie Cherkizan.
 Third-Team: Marguerite Goodson.
 All-Conference: First-Team: Katie Ardington, Katie Romanovsky, Libby Getzendanner, Wendy Havoured. Second-Team: Liz Sheridan, Marguerite Goodson. Honorable Mention: Jen Dolny.

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