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Springfield takes its pride into the new millennium

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The growing reality of a 70,000-square-foot supermarket, a township cop in Kosovo, a million moms, a budding fire house and a report card on the Police Department were some of the stories Springfield fashioned for itself as it entered a new millennium.

Winter

- The Township Committee kick off the year with its annual reorganization meeting Jan. 2. Clara Harelik became the township's new mayor, replacing Gregory Clarke. Committeeman Steven Goldstein was appointed deputy mayor, with Committeeman Sy Mullinan being sworn to his third term. Mullinan had been re-elected in November.
- Springfield students receive a chilling "welcome back" from their winter recess with a bomb threat Jan. 3. An anonymous phone call forced a districtwide evacuation of the schools, which lasted about two hours. No arrests were made in connection with the incident. There were no injuries.

- Springfield's Volunteer Rescue Squad celebrate its 50th anniversary with dinner and dancing at L'Affaire in Mountainside Jan. 8.
- Capt. Vernon Pedersen of the Springfield Police Department files a lawsuit against several members and former members of the Township Committee, as well as Police Chief William Chisholm and the township's labor attorney, challenging that his 1998 firing was a violation of his civil rights. Pedersen was discharged for having made racial remarks on several occasions. He later dropped his lawsuit against the township at the federal level.

- Thomas Goodwin, Martin Costello and James Morton are sworn in as probationary police officers by Township Clerk Kathleen Wisniewski Jan. 11.

- Daniel Louis McBratney becomes the township's first baby of the century Jan. 9. Mark and Lisa McBratney were the proud parents.
- Results of Springfield's High

School Proficiency Test are released in late January, with 80.7 percent of the 97 students who took the exam passing. Students must pass the HSPT in order to graduate.

- Tropical Storm Floyd comes to an official end in the township on Jan. 18, when the Police Department finally moves back into the Municipal Building. The mid-September storm forced the department to shift its operations to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

- Dr. Nancy Kaplan, a township podiatrist, saves the life of her neighbor and landlord when he was stricken with a heart attack Jan. 20. Kaplan performed CPR on the victim for about five minutes, until the arrival of the township's emergency medical services.

- Springfield's Auxiliary Police honor Joe Teixeira with the Harold H. Liebskind Officer of the Year Award Jan. 23. Members Wally Schultz and Nick D'Achille were also honored with Distinguished Volunteer Service Awards.

- On Feb. 9, the State Supreme Court rules in favor of Royal Ahold, the Netherlands-based company and owner of Edwards Food Stores, in its long-running battle to build a supermarket on the site of the former Saks Fifth Avenue on Millburn Avenue. Both Springfield and Millburn had shown their opposition to the project, which they felt would bring heavy traffic to the area. The ruling opened the door for Ahold to present its site plan to the township's Board of Adjustment.

- The township's cancellation of its flood insurance is revealed in February. The cancellation pre-dated the assault on the township by Tropical Storm Floyd. High premiums and lack of thorough coverage were cited as the reasons.

- James Lassi, a history teacher at Jonathan Dayton High School, is named New Jersey Distinguished Educator of the Year. Lassi appeared on C-SPAN in December 1999, where he spoke on the subject of the Jonathan Dayton, the man.
- In April, township parent Denise Drummond becomes the Springfield

of Education mulls the idea of having a Student Council representative sit in on board meetings. The idea was later adopted.

- Springfield wins the battle over the proposed Bryant Park Commons apartment complex in late March. The targeted site, whose lone access road runs through Summit, had been at the center of the Summit Planning Board's attentions since late 1999. After first rejecting the site plan, the board finally passed the project, with the proviso that the developer seek a second point of access.

- Getting a jump on spring, the Springfield Township Committee votes in March to establish a Farmer's Market in the Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot. The market, which offered cut flowers along with fresh fruits and vegetables, was successful enough to be extended beyond the start of the school year.

Spring

- In the continuing the David and Goliath battle between the township and supermarket giant Royal Ahold, the Township Committee narrowly votes, in April, to amend its land use amendment in the Millburn Avenue region. The amendment would severely limit the amount of gross floor area allowed by new businesses, frustrating Ahold's plan to build a 75,000-foot-plus Edwards Food Store. Harelik cast the lone dissenting vote, claiming the amendment, coming as it did on the heels of the State Supreme Court's ruling in favor of Ahold, was untimely. Ahold would later file a lawsuit against the township, challenging the rezoning.

- In April, Democratic Committeemen Roy Hirschfeld and Clarke announce their intentions to run for re-election. Republicans Florence Faraone and Kevin Scholla declare their intentions to challenge the incumbents.

- Township Police Lt. Richard Bromberg retires in April, but not for good: the 29-year department veteran took a position on the International Police Force in Kosovo for one year.
- In April, township parent Denise Drummond becomes the Springfield



Photo By Jeff Grant

Gov. Christine Whitman pays a visit to Springfield senior citizens at the first senior citizen breakfast at Jonathan Dayton High School in November. Two 80-year-old township wins were among the crowd of more than 100 students and seniors to attend the event.

coordinator for the Million Mom March. Parents from around the nation marched on the Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Mother's Day, May 14, to lobby for common sense gun laws.

- The Township Committee purchases flood insurance in April. The new policy, with a reported \$21,000 annual premium, was estimated to provide \$1 million in coverage for both the Municipal Building and its North Trivet Avenue Annex.

- Incumbents Jacqueline Shanes, Robert Fish and Larry Levee are returned to their seats on the Springfield Board of Education in April. All three ran unopposed. The district's \$21.3-million budget was also passed. Shanes was later appointed board president, replacing Richard Fahn.

- Salary ranges for non-union township employees are adjusted by the Township Committee in late April.

- Longtime township resident Maria Vazquez saves the life of Baby Cakes the rooster May 1. Vazquez caught sight of the bird ambling across Mountain Avenue in morning rush hour traffic. Baby Cakes eventu-

ally found a home on a farm in Stockton.

- Despite the efforts of Hirschfeld, the Township Committee refuses to sponsor a resolution supporting the Million Mom March. Organizers instead received a resolution from the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

- The developers of a high-rise condo, targeted for the site of the former Ballyurol Swim Club, tell the township's Planning Board May 3 that the project promotes "a public good."

- A Lyndhurst man is arrested and charged with peeping at and videotaping female customers at the Sun Master Tanning Salon on Morris Avenue May 8.

- A handful of Short Hills Avenue residents approach the Township Committee in the spring with complaints about the employees of a nearby dentist's office parking on their street for eight-plus hour intervals. The committee eventually helped solve the problem with "resident only" parking permits.

- Former Gov. Jim Florio, Democratic challenger to Summit resident Jon Corzine for a seat in the U.S. Senate, drops in at Jonathan Dayton

High School in May to appear on the cable access program "Speaking of Springfield." Florio took questions from students and spoke to them on the importance of voting. Springfield voters would later choose Corzine over Florio by a margin of 206 votes.

- Superintendent of Schools Gary Fridlund announces his intention in May to match funds, up to \$10,000, with donations given to the Springfield Education Foundation.

- At its May 23 executive session, the Township Committee unanimously votes to support the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad with \$35,000 in additional funds. The money would help keep the organization operational through 2000.

Summer

- The resignation of Dayton's football coach Paul Sep brings a number of frustrated student-athletes and concerned parents to the Board of Education's June 5 meeting. Sep resigned after being with the district for only one year, following a series of disagreements with the Board of Education, Dayton's principal and the district's athletic director. Sep was later

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Borough's schools make way for growth

Student population swells in 2000

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

The first year of the new millennium for the Borough of Mountainside was remarkable in many ways. By summer, the Board of Education had decided to renovate Deerfield School and put Beechwood School into use once more. This was just one of the major events of 2000.

Winter

- Freezing temperatures in January allow Mountainside youngsters and those young at heart to enjoy the town's first ice skating rink, on the tennis courts adjacent to Borough Hall. The idea for the rink was Mayor Robert Vigilanti's and the price for use was right: it is free to all borough residents.

- At the annual reorganization meeting of the Borough Council Jan. 4, Vigilanti is sworn in for a fourth term. Re-elected Councilmen Paul Mirabelli and Keith Turner also were sworn in to continue in their posts. All are Republicans. Glenn Mortimer was appointed council president. Vigilanti announced many improvements in the town and encouraged residents to attend the meetings and also asked for volunteers for both the Rescue Squad and the Fire Department.

- As early as Jan. 13, members of the Board of Education peacefully discuss future plans and review the budget for the coming year, so far, without controversy. Chief School Administrator Gerald Schaller was excited about a kindness theme from kindergarten on, discussing the concept of peacemaking in the classrooms. "There would be role-playing and the children would pick up these ideas," Schaller said. These and other positive ideas were expressed at the first meeting of the new year.

- Even though it is winter, at its Jan. 18 meeting the Borough Council finalizes and passes an increase in pool fees to both families and non-residents using the municipal

pool. The increase to resident families was \$5 and \$3 for single resident memberships and senior citizens. Non-resident family fees took the largest jump with a \$15 increase. For adult guests, the cost would be \$7 on weekends and holidays and \$5 on weekdays. Paul Brown was reappointed as pool manager, with Stephen Fowler and Beverly Mathers as assistant managers.

- Also in January, there is a marriage of sorts. The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment merged, to become simply the Mountainside Planning Board. This is allowed in New Jersey if the municipality is small enough. The new board has 12 members. Mirabelli said, "It was done was to try to save some additional expenses. Mountainside, at a population of 7,000, is mainly 100 percent developed already."

- Mountainside hosts a Congressional forum on Jan. 26, when five candidates vying for Republican nomination for the 7th Congressional District seat share their beliefs in Borough Hall. They were Michael Ferguson, Kenneth Gardner, Thomas Keen Jr., Green, Brook Mayor Patricia Walsh and 21st District Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, all seeking Bob Frank's seat that will be vacated since he decided to run for a U.S. Senate seat.

- When February arrived, the Police Department, after a year of negotiations, receives a new contract with the borough. The new contract will last through 2002. The new agreement provides for gradual salary increases each year. Across the board increases for 1999 were 3.8 percent, with officers to receive increases of 3.9 percent during 2000, 3.95 percent in 2001 and 4 percent in 2002.

- Mountainside's first baby of 2000 is Alex Chantre, born at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston on Jan. 15 to Celis and Domingos Salda at 9:30 p.m., and weighing in at 7 pounds, 15

ounces. The mother, who has diabetes, said, "It wasn't an easy pregnancy, but all is well that ends well, and baby and mother are both doing fine." This is the couple's second child; their son, Michael, is 9, and the family has lived in Mountainside for eight years.

- Also in February, Mountainside's Chief of Police James Debbie invites all residents to a meeting about identity theft, sponsored by his detectives and U.S. postal inspectors. A person's identity is the key to bank accounts, credit cards and life savings, and thousands are victims every year. The police chief and other speakers urged people, especially senior citizens, to be particularly careful giving out personal information to telemarketers, such as social security numbers, dates of birth, and so on. "Learn to say no to offers that appear too good to be true. They usually are," said Debbie.

- In the first week of March, the Board of Education finds a full house at the regular meeting to discuss extending the kindergarten program to almost a full day. Mixed reactions were heard from both parents and teachers.

- Schaller was in favor of the extension and said it had become a national trend. Several parents expressed objections. A decision was not made at this meeting.

- Also at the meeting, it was announced that if the school budget is passed, it would mean a 2-cent increase, or \$40 per household for a house assessed at \$200,000. The budget came in exactly at cap. Business Administrator Fran Tolley said, "Even though it increases taxes, the cap is the only way to go forward." She cited the reason for the increase was addition of staff to receive benefits. The proposed budget also included a half-million surplus as board members believed it was necessary for emergencies.

- Also early in March, First Aid Squad President Kit Carson puts out an urgent call for more volunteers needed for the 6,000-plus community.

- "We have 35 members of which 25 are active," said Carson, "as the other 10 are college students or people on leave for some reason or another, sick leave, or business leave." Carson credited the Police Department with helping them fill in during emergencies, by hiring its last five officers with Emergency Medical Technician training. Because of the critical shortage the squad was ready to embark on an intensive recruitment program.

- Uniformity of dress is not for the Mountainside School District, and by the middle of March, the idea is dropped. Assistant Principal Elizabeth Kashish said, "In our recent survey, 50 percent of parents responded, and that was a large response, with half for and half against uniformity of dress." This second survey reflected a significant drop-off in interest and Schaller attributed the change to the fact that parents listened to their children who expressed discomfort with wearing uniform dress. The matter was scrapped.

- In March, Mountainside resident Timothy Benford, author of non-fiction books on the World War II era, and expert on memorabilia associated with that war, launches a web site dedicated to the subject. The idea is history, and Benford has had many responses to the site, and has added his personal photographs to the site. His first book was called, "The World War II Quiz and Fact Book."

- By March 23, things change regarding full-day kindergarten in the Mountainside School District. Kindergarten was changed to a full day by a 4-1 vote of the school board, making the kids' days just about an hour and a half longer. "We are very pleased," Schaller said, "and the rationale is that we will be able to spread out going for the subjects we already have study for the students." Parents were not without opposition, but they were outnumbered by those in favor of the new measure.

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Photo By Jeff Grant

Eight-year-old Geoffrey Barnes of Mountainside prepares to shake a defender during a summer camp soccer game at Deerfield School. Mountainside School District's seven-week summer camp program topped up more than a dozen different activity options students could participate in each day.

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Pool, Town Hall at focal point of public health controversies

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by Kristofer E. Koller
In June the township receives word that it would not receive the \$400,000 applied for in "extraordinary aid" to help with damage caused by Tropical Storm Floyd.
After having announced in December 1999 his intention to leave the Springfield School District, Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland decides in June to hang around a while longer. A verbal agreement with the Board of Education extended Friedland's contract beyond its June 2001 termination date. Friedland's announcement put the district's superintendent search on extended hold.

Despite threatening weather, Jonathan Dayton's Class of 2000 holds its commencement exercises outdoors June 21.
After allegedly stealing two bottles of cognac from Spring Liquors in the Echo Plaza Shopping Center and injuring the store's owners in a getaway, a Piscataway man and Plainfield woman are arrested in Summit after township police put out a county alarm. The suspects, Craig Station and Rena Jackson, were halted in their getaway by a flat tire.
Without a word of public comment, the \$18,399,481 Springfield municipal budget is unanimously passed June 26.

The township receives \$150,000 in Union County Senior Focus Grant money for improvements to the 100-year-old Sarah Bailey Civic Center.
In early July, the Township Committee passes a resolution establishing a policy of integrated pest management. Hirschfeld said, "A lot of it is

education. A lot of people don't understand how to use non-chemical means to fight pests." The township had earlier suffered from a number of non-stinging bees' nests in the outfield portion of the softball field behind the Chesham Community Center.
Citizens from the water beleaguered Marston Avenue neighborhood are asked by the Township Committee to come to the Municipal Building July 11 for an update on their situation. Harelik informed the gathering of a letter she wrote to the Board of Public Utilities Milburn Mayor Elaine Brooker also wrote to BPU in regard to the problem, which involves, in part, a number of inactive wells belonging to the Elizabethtown Water Company.

During the summer, the Springfield Environmental Commission begins looking toward the Brack's Lane/Church Mill area of the township for the possible establishment of a historic district.

In late July, resident Fran Sandier addresses the Township Committee on the matter of cleanliness at the community pool. Although complimentary about several improvements around the facility, Sandier expressed concern about the restrooms, the lack of stairs and "Band-Aids at the bottom of the pool."

A Jeep Wrangler rolls over on Route 78 East July 25, killing F. Todd Miller, a Summit resident and former track coach at Summit High School. The crash injured Miller's three female passengers.

An inspection of the Municipal Building by Carol Lamond of the Public Employees Occupational Safe-

ty and Health Program in Trenton reveals that the basement's cellar, flooded by Tropical Storm Floyd, contained "visible microbial contamination." The township was directed to clean the cellar by Oct. 4, or face penalties.

In midsummer, the township receives \$80,000 through a special legislative grant to assist with damage caused by Tropical Storm Floyd. The money resulted from a conversation and letter exchange between Harelik and State Sen. Louis Bassano, R-Union.

Township crime figures for 1999 indicate a drop in larcenies and non-violent crime. Motor vehicle theft was the only category to exhibit an increase.

According to a "building objectives" report issued by Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield's high school students fall short of physical fitness standards as established by the nationally recognized President's Challenge Physical Fitness Test.

Peter Swartz, a certified Emergency Medical Technician employed by the Volunteer First Aid Squad, writes to the Echo Leader in August on the subject of the township lacking defibrillators for its police cars. The letter resulted in a verbal defense of the township's Fire Department — its first responder in medical emergencies — by Clarke.

Gary Butler, a 20-year resident of Springfield, announces his candidacy for the Township Committee during the summer. Butler, a former Republican district leader, ran as an Independent.

Township Police Officer Michael Ferrigno, 35, is sentenced to three years' probation for falsifying a pre-



Mayor Clara Harelik delivers her state of the township address at the Springfield Township Committee's reorganization meeting Jan. 1. Harelik was first elected to serve on the committee in November 1998.

scription in order to obtain the narcotic oxycodone. Ferrigno attempted to fill the fraudulent prescription at a Westfield drugstore in 1999.
In August, the engineering firm of Keller and Kirkpatrick Inc. of Parsippany is awarded a contract by the Township Committee to prepare a downtown beautification and parking plan.
Gerrus Maintenance Inc., an Edison-based company hired to clean the Municipal Building's basement, is fined by the township Sept. 6 after an improperly mixed cleaning agent caused a soapy ammonia smell, necessitating the building's evacuation. No illnesses were reported, although three township employees were taken to Overlook Hospital to have their eyes washed.
Site Development Inc. appears before the Springfield Planning Board

in September to present its preliminary final site plan application for a CVS drugstore and Commerce Bank on the property currently occupied by Stanley's Restaurant.
The many facets of the township's Police Department are analyzed in great detail in the Burack Report, a 200 page independent study commissioned by the Township Committee. Township officers complained of a "lack of accountability for everyone."
Lack of Republican participation forces the cancellation of the League of Women Voters' "Candidates Night" for the fourth consecutive year.
Township resident Steven Rosmarin has a brush with riches and notoriety when he appears on the hit ABC television show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" See TEACHERS, Page 3



Avoiding the swirling action of the Crazy Daisy water sprinkler at the Mountainside Recreation Department's summer playground camp are Colleen Caffney and Michelle Burdi. The department ran the camp for borough children on the playing field by Borough Hall on weekdays throughout much of the summer.

Mayor Harelik readies to pass baton as Township Committee reorganizes

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer
Mayor Clara Harelik presided over her final regular Township Committee meeting Tuesday night. Although no residents were in attendance to say goodbye, or to hear the committee pass a brief list of resolutions, the mayor's efforts were acknowledged with thanks from her fellow Township Committee members.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to have served the township," Harelik said in her closing remarks. She thanked the committee and Township Administrator Richard Sheola, Township Attorney Bruce Bergen and Township Clerk Kathleen Wisniewski for their work during her tenure as the township's first mayor of the 21st century.

Harelik will be succeeded as mayor by Township Committeeman Sy Mullman on Jan. 1.

"Overall, I think it was a very productive year," Harelik told the Echo Leader recently. In referring to her first address as mayor last January, in which she delineated her goals for 2000, Harelik said, "I'm very happy to report we've achieved these goals."

In regard to the up-and-coming Mountain Avenue fire headquarters, Harelik pointed out that the Schablie Oil property had been purchased, the township hired and condemned, with an architect hired and architectural plans drawn up. Other goals cited by the mayor as successfully achieved include the use of high-tech TV cameras to examine the condition of the township's sewers as a means of preven-

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tive maintenance, and the improvement to the existing HERSHEY property on Mountain Avenue for use by the Department of Public Works. The DPW now stores some of its equipment at the facility.

In the area of finances, Harelik stressed that the township's 2000 budget did not include a tax increase on the municipal side, despite the damage caused by Tropical Storm Floyd last September. She said that over \$390,000 had been received in grants for various projects, and that approximately \$405,000 had been acquired to help with Floyd damage, with about another \$700,000 to come.

Harelik called the Township Committee's approach to the Buracker Report on its Police Department "proactive." The committee took its own step toward improving the department's effectiveness by creating a timeframe for the completion of certain goals as outlined by Buracker. A consultant has also been brought in to help increase Fire Department efficiency.

"From the beginning I've said that communication is the key," Harelik said. To that end, the mayor has



Clara Harelik

created and distributed a "mayor's newsletter" to keep residents apprised of important information on township services and significant meeting dates, and has appeared about 10 times on CN8's "Newsmakers" show, "focusing on things the residents should know about, like our Crime Prevention and Fire Prevention bureaus."

Harelik described the township's \$100,000 grant for a study of the downtown area as "focused on parking problems. We're stressing that this has to be a joint effort with the downtown property owners."

Of the continued updating of the township's Land Use Ordinance, the outgoing mayor said, "It's important because we want to be resident- and business-friendly. If we can make the rules easier to understand, then that's another goal we've met."

Full-day kindergarten comes, dress code goes

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At the end of March, the Board of Education approves the \$9-million budget for the 2000-01 school year. The budget, which included a tax increase, was set to be voted upon during the April 18 school elections.
The state Department of Fish, Game and Wildlife conducts fecal contamination surveys at Echo Lake Park. Dr. Douglas Roscoe, forensic supervisor, found that although contamination was evident in both the lake water and park, "the epidemiological evidence does not show there is a health hazard from the fecal material at this time." However, the drinking of lake surface water and direct contact with goose feces was discouraged, since test results were still inconclusive.

The election for two seats on the borough's Board of Education heats up in early April. Incumbent Frank Geiger faced former board member Patricia Knodel and write-in candidate MaryBeth Schaumburg.

In early April, the Mountainside School District informs the public that it is considering whether to build an addition to Deerfield School or reopen Beechwood School to cope with rising enrollment.

By the April 11 meeting, the school board appoints a new school business administrator and board secretary. Effective June 16, Florence Shukis was named for the position at an annual salary of \$85,000. Formerly holding the same position for the Clark School District, Shukis replaced Business administrator Fran Tolley who retired June 15.

Geiger and write-in candidate Schaumburg defeat former Knodel for seats on the school board.

The topics for the May meetings of the Board of Education are the options on school expansion, as several committees weigh in on whether or not to expand Deerfield School or reopen Beechwood School. The expanded kindergarten enrollment of 83 new children for the 2000-01 school year precipitated these actions. John Perrin, ad hoc committee member, said, "We had expected about 59 new kindergarten students instead of 83, so it was a complete shock." Demographer Sara Weisman was hired to re-examine the district's projected enrollment figures.

At the end of May, Mountainside native and historian, Artie Brahm bids farewell to his beloved borough to retire to Montague. He had served as a volunteer for many years and was known for his work on the Historic Preservation Committee. During his military service with the Army, Brahm met and served with Elvis Presley, who he recalled as being another shy recruit. On May 16, Brahm received a Joint Legislative Resolution from the General Assembly honoring his "remarkable span of community service."

At the last Board of Education meeting in May, parents are present to express opinions on what they feel is a shortage of teacher assistants in the kindergarten of Deerfield School. Schaller told them no plans were currently in place to hire more aides, as figures showed the average class size would be 21.7 students, and that he would consider looking for more aides when the class size reaches 23. Parents disagreed, several commenting that they did not see how one teacher could cope with 20 students. Board of Education President Patricia Taeschler told the parents that the board would take all their comments under advisement and that a final decision had not as yet been made.

In early June, it is announced that when students of Deerfield School return in the fall, they will have a new food service, with more variety in the school menu selection. The contract was awarded to Dowling Food Service Management.
Summer
Dumping in Mountainside's sewers becomes a problem in late June, when they tell the Borough Council, "We have an ordinance that says you can't use storm sewers as garbage bins." He had personally caught sight of a landscaper dumping grass cuttings into a sewer on Central Avenue. He contacted the police to have them make a report, discovering that fines for such dumping involve a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$1,000 for the first offense. The costs of cleaning the sewers are more than these amounts, so the mayor announced, "This is a zero tolerance issue."
The Board of Education approves sweeping curriculum changes at its June 27 meeting as well as teaching methods, all of which would affect grades K-8. Keshiah said the new standards were based on the state's Core Content Standards. Students would now be expected to think about material and draw their own conclusions, with class discussions and group work included as an integral part of the new style of learning.

Good news for Mountainside parents comes in July, when it is announced that summer camp fun would be available at Deerfield School. Day camp was to run for seven weeks during the summer, operated by Suzanne Jenks, director and third grade teacher at Deerfield. Parents had different options and times to coincide with their own schedules, and many activities were offered for different age groups, with 14 counselors employed overall. Even children who attended summer school, could enroll in one of the camps.

The first infrastructure repairs for roads, sanitary sewers and storm sewers in more than 15 years present a bill of more than \$6 million, Borough Engineer Mike Disko announced at the July 18 council meeting. Disko's detailed and comprehensive report

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Teachers hit the bricks, settle

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be a Millionaire?" in September.

- On Oct. 4, after eight months of testimony, the Planning Board puts its foot down and says no to a proposed 24 unit condominium targeted for the site of the former Balfour St. Club.
- In early October, the Township Committee passes an ordinance amending the township's personnel policies to include a section on anti-nepotism.
- Anthony Macahugh, 20, of Madison, is sentenced to five years in prison for a Route 24 crash in Springfield that resulted in the death of a teen-ager.
- A report on the district's school buildings by The Tarquini Organization of Oct. 16 results in bad news for the James Caldwell School, which was deemed unsatisfactory.
- The Springfield Public Library presents the results of its own facilities study Oct. 12, in which space issues were addressed.
- Gov. Christine Whitman drops in on Jonathan Dayton in late October to visit with students and senior citizens at the school's senior citizen breakfast.
- The school district's violence and vandalism report shows only 11 inci-

- dents as having occurred during the 1999-2000 school year.
- The township triumphs in its battle over truck parking with the Springfield Truck Center in early November. Union County Assignment Judge Edward Beglin Jr. upholds his previous decision, preventing the business from parking Penske trucks across the street from the Morris Avenue location.
- The Township Committee gives Administrator Richard Sheola the go-ahead to renegotiate with NJ Transit for a renewal of the jitney grant Nov. 13. The jitney, established in 1999, runs every business day from Duffy's Corner to the Short Hills Train Station.
- The Board of Education's proposed track and fields rehabilitation project receives a pledge from the state for \$674,076 in November. Voters would eventually reject the December referendum by a margin of only 10 votes.
- Despite the cancellation of the district's "Back to School Night" because of continued teacher contract negotiations, the Board of Education invites parents to visit the district's schools during American Education Week. A second opportunity for parents surfaced with "Back to School

- Day," conducted the following week.
- Santos Hawk's Blood, a Cherokee Apache, visits St. James the Apostle School to talk to students about Native American culture.
- The township's Police Department goes on a whirlwind pursuit of Pedro Aviles Nov. 17. Aviles allegedly broke into two township homes on the same day, and later took police on a chase along Route 22 West, where he was arrested on the grounds of the Mount St. Mary's Academy in Watchung.
- The Township Committee amends its towing ordinance Nov. 28. The township will now foot the bill for vehicles used in the perpetration of a crime when towed by the Police Department for purposes of investigation.
- Carrying signs reading "Negotiate Now," district teachers hit the bricks in front of Jonathan Dayton High School during the weeks of late November and early December. The Springfield Education Association had been negotiating with the Board of Education for a new contract since March. An agreement was finally hammered out in a marathon session Dec. 11, lasting over 12 hours.
- Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland makes his resignation offi-



Photo By Jeff Grant

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

cial in December. Friedland announced that he would leave by Sept. 1, 2001, but accrued vacation

time could result in his departure as early as July 1. The Board of Education accepted Friedland's resignation

Dec. 18, at which time the restarting of the district's superintendent search also was announced.

Borough takes on \$6-million infrastructure project in 2000

(Continued from Page 2)
took the form of a three-page letter which was mailed to residents on July 7. Funding, Disko said, was already

under way with current and future bond ordinances to pay for the projects.

- Borough officials announce that

former Councilman Lyman Parrigan left the borough \$1,000 in his will. Parrigan, who served as councilman and fire commissioner in the late 1950s, was a write-in candidate for mayor in 1961. The money was used to purchase a bench at the pool.

- Two communications towers behind Mountainside's Borough Hall bring in substantial dollars for the borough. In late July, the council awarded a bid for the last available communications space to Omnipoint, which would bring in another \$36,814 annually, raising the total revenue from the towers to \$123,598.
- Mountainside resident Hugh Horowitz again proposes campaign finance reform to the Borough Council,

in early August. A volunteer with Common Cause, Horowitz approached the council with the group's own model ordinance which would prohibit political fund-raising on municipal property. The ordinance has already been adopted in 50 communities in the state. Vigilanti insisted the fund-raising issue was already covered in the borough's code of ethics.

- Crime statistics are released in Union County in mid-August, and Mountainside's nonviolent crime shows the bulk of the figures were down. From a 22.1 percent rate in 1998, the 1999 rate was 15.1 percent. However, under violent crime, domestic violence rose from 18 cases in 1998 to 28 in 1999. The overall crime index total did make a big drop

though, from 153 in 1998 to 108 in 1999.

- Keshish announces that home economics classes at the school would be resurrected in the 2001-02 school year, with the new name "Life Skills." With classroom space an issue, cooking and sewing classes would be combined under that title into one classroom.
- Mountainside gets word that it will be getting some \$2.1 million in state funding for engineering and construction costs for its drainage problem in the vicinity of Route 22 and Evergreen Court. There is a need for more retention basins because it is a low-lying area, according to officials.
- Fall
- It's show time for the Deerfield

expansion project at the Sept. 12 meeting of the Board of Education.

- Two different proposals for the future expansion boiled down to a \$1 million price difference. Two ad hoc committees gave their opposing solutions to the overcrowding problems. One dealt with extensive expansion of the existing school, and the other researched the option of using Beechwood School, about a mile away.
- If Beechwood were reopened extensive renovations would be required, even though it was being partially rented. However, expanding Deerfield would be the costlier of the two proposals.
- The suspense rises at the next Board of Education meeting on Sept. 6
- See BEECHWOOD, Page 6



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Governor Livingston High School Class of 2000 speaker Allison Pleje delivers her departing speech to her classmates at commencement ceremonies in June. Hundreds came to witness the awarding of diplomas on the first graduating class of the new millennium.

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Roses and thorns

Roses — to Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland, who, after 15 years of dedicated service with the Springfield School District, resigned last week, effective Sept. 1. Friedland oversaw the deregionalization of the district in 1997 and was responsible for numerous cutting edge curriculum enhancements in his tenure.

Thorns — to the PBA and FMBA members who stormed out of the Council Chambers during a Township Committee meeting Dec. 12. The unions have insisted that the township hasn't bargained in good faith during labor negotiations. We submit that such a mass exodus shows an equally poor attempt at resuming negotiations.

Roses — to the Springfield Board of Education's decision to revive its bond referendum after a whisker-thin margin of 10 votes during a Dec. 12 special school election put the brakes on the school district's plans to undertake a \$3.4 million track and field project. Maybe this time, foul weather won't deter voters from heading to the polls.

Roses — to the Mountainside and Springfield Police and Fire departments for the plethora of calls they handled Dec. 12 when a windstorm packing 60-mile-per-hour gusts ripped through the region, knocking out power, downing trees and lines, and causing numerous alarm activations.

Roses — to Ronald Romak, who officially ends his 14 years of service as a member of the Mountainside Borough Council at the end of this month.

Thorns — for the state Department of Education's untimely computer software snafu that slowed the submission of the Mountainside Board of Education's facilities plan by the Dec. 15 deadline. Fortunately, the school district was at the forefront of schools throughout the state to submit its plan.

Roses — to the Springfield Township Committee for pursuing flood-proofing work on the Municipal Building. The building was ravaged by flood waters during Tropical Storm Floyd last year, which caused thousands of dollars in damage and forced the relocation of several Police Department operations. The funding the township will contribute will undoubtedly pay off in time.

Roses — to Clara Harelitk for serving as Springfield mayor this year.



Photo By Barbara Kalkala

REACHING OUT — Preparing to deliver Christmas turkey baskets to the homeless on Dec. 19 are Springfield and Millburn Kiwanis Club and Key Club members, from left, Mallory Zambolla, Kiwanis Club President Larry Leifer, Arnie Faigenbaum, Iris Citron, Staci Max and Key Club coordinator Sylvia Siole.

Everything is back to normal on the sixth floor

County Seat

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

All is back to normal at freeholder meetings. No camera crews, no packed meeting room, no screaming union presidents, no people waiting in the lobby. Just Elizabeth resident Vinne Lehotsky, county department heads and other staff. Back to normal indeed.

Last month, dozens of residents from Middlesex and Union counties, in addition to many elected officials from Middlesex County, packed the room to discuss the proposed waste facility in Linden. Despite the hoopla, tension and potential for disruption, the meeting generally was conducted in a responsible, fair and reasonable manner.

I guess the 15 minutes of fame ended for the freeholder board. Back to being a level of government almost no one notices.

Hot stove league politics

Gov. Christine Whitman's ascension to chief of the Environmental Protection Agency will shake things up not only in the Statehouse but in Union County. State Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, R-Scotch Plains, will become acting governor for at least a year and solidify his

minority on the five-member committee. Lately, the list of potential candidates has included two others from Cranford: Wally Shackell, who ran unsuccessfully for freeholder the past two years, and Commissioner Tom Denny. Speculation also has included Thomas Kean Jr., the son of the former governor who moved to Westfield a year ago and lost the June primary for 7th District Congress; and Matthew McDermott, brother of Westfield Mayor-elect Greg McDermott and son of former county GOP Chairman Frank McDermott.

With all 22nd District seats currently held by Union County representatives, two from Scotch Plains alone, don't be surprised if the new assemblyman comes from outside the county. The 22nd District also includes parts of Somerset and Middlesex counties but that likely will change when nonpartisan races take place for the 2001 election, based on new Census figures.

No news is good news. The freeholders didn't vote themselves a salary increase this year. It's the first time in four years they won't

be getting a raise. As one freeholder said after the salary ordinance was introduced: "I guess it's only news" when freeholders put in for pay hikes.

The board last week approved 3 percent raises for the county's three constitutional officers — sheriff, clerk and surrogate — who were bumped to \$108,395 annually. Freeholder campaign spending. It wasn't anywhere near Jon Corzine money, but the Democrats and Republicans had an average year in terms of spending on the freeholder campaigns.

According to post-election campaign finance reports filed last month, Democrats spent \$164,000, down from about \$191,000 last year. The same freeholder ticket on which the Democrats spent \$325,000 in 1998 are set for election again in 2001: Sullivan, Mingo and Mary Ruotolo, and Sheriff Ralph Froehlich. Republicans spent approximately \$115,000 in each of the past two years — which featured nearly identical slates — and only \$85,000 in 1998.

Most importantly, a happy and healthy new year to all. Best wishes in 2001.

Take the key steps

Union County's voters approved an Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund by a margin of 60 percent to 40 percent in November's General Election. The trust fund will generate nearly \$5 million each year through an additional tax of \$0.02 per \$100 of assessed value on Union County's property owners.

Earlier this month, the freeholder board established a standing committee to direct the recommendations on the trust fund. The open space committee will operate like any other standing committee, such as Policy or Fiscal Affairs.

There are several key steps that must be taken by the freeholders after the first of the year with regard to the trust fund. In addition to creating an ordinance that would allow for the collection of funds, the board likely will establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on how to spend the money.

This advisory committee should be separate from the existing Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Parks and Rec Advisory Board meets once a month and should deal with current issues involving the county parks. A trust fund committee should focus solely on the \$5 million expected each year.

Representation on the trust fund committee should come from various parts of the county. The 26 county parks are scattered throughout Union County, from its eastern portions to its western areas, in suburban enclaves and in urban centers. The freeholder board did well to remember to include Democrats and Republicans when it created the ad hoc committee to study open space in 1999. Although open space may not necessarily be a partisan issue, freeholders also should make an effort to make this advisory committee bipartisan. The board should not close county government to the minority party or non-Democrats simply because they can.

Like the ad hoc committee, members of the advisory committee should be volunteer. Taxpayers already are funding the improvements to the parks system through the trust fund, which will ask the average household, assessed at \$160,000, for \$24 annually until 2020. Residents should not have to spend more money to provide committee members with stipends as seven members of the shared services committee received. The five-member ad hoc committee to study the trust fund was not paid and it worked well.

New laws are needed for telemarketers

Report From Trenton

By Richard Bagger

When Samuel Morse demonstrated his breakthrough, the telegraph to Congress in 1837, the first message he tapped out was the question, "What has God wrought?" Thirty-nine years later, Morse's fellow communications revolutionary, Alexander Bell, was more peremptory: "Watson," he demanded of his assistant in the next room, "come here." Neither man had any idea how their words and deeds echo through our lives more than 100 years later.

While the telegraph has disappeared from our daily modern life, the telephone is everywhere. We order pizza over it and check on our families with it. It links our computers and wires us into the Internet. We send faxes over it.

It is hard to imagine that when our grandparents were raising our parents, a telephone was still a novelty. Just before World War II, only 19 percent of the country had private phone service. Many rural towns had no service at all.

But all that has changed. Ninety-six percent of American homes have phone service and 23 percent have more than one line. This doesn't count the millions of Americans who are not only wired but connected wirelessly as well.

Except when we want peace and quiet. And, invariably, that means when the phone rings and it is someone at the other end who wants to sell us something we don't want. Who among us doesn't think, "What has God wrought," when we get the umpteenth phone call of the night from a telemarketer who is interrupting the family meal or the children's homework?

Back in the days when our grandmothers and fathers were raising our moms and dads, this wasn't a prob-

lem. If you didn't own a phone, they couldn't call you. But they could send a salesman out to your grandmother's house, and if that salesman could get the proverbial foot in the door, your grandmother was faced with a sales pitch she didn't want to hear or the purchase of insurance policies or chimney brushes she didn't need.

These visits generated a lot of annoyance and along with them, a lot of sales, ill will and fraud. They also generated new laws to protect our citizens. The Door to Door Sales Act was part of the answer. It recognized that the unrelenting knock at the door, the high-powered sales pitch that came with it and the possibility of fraud and abuse in door-to-door sales needed an antidote. It recognized that our citizens were at a disadvantage when a slick seller had them cornered in their own homes. The new law leveled the playing fields and gave these consumers the right to cancel a transaction within three days, and it required the salesmen to tell their targets about their rights. It worked.

But around the very time our predecessors were acting to fix an old problem, a new one was looming on the horizon. The same year that new law was enacted, a Princeton management consultant named C. Dickey Dyer coined a new term to describe a new sales technique, then in its infancy, but growing fast, which would be the death of the door-to-door sales-

man. He called it "telemarketing."

Telemarketing is certainly no longer the primitive tool described by Dyer. Mr. Bell's invention supports a telemarketing industry estimated to be a \$500-billion-a-year business. An estimated 14,000 telemarketing businesses operate. Everything from cereals to securities are sold over the phone.

All of these companies are making a lot of phone calls. AARP reports that Americans over the age of 25 receive at least 5 telemarketing calls a week. The New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs reported in its Elder Fraud Task Force Report that New Jersey seniors reported being inundated with telemarketing calls. The National Consumer League routinely reports that telemarketing remains one of the largest categories of complaints it receives.

All those phone calls are annoying people who don't want to be bothered in the first place. Worse, the telemarketing call is, all too often, the first step in the fleecing of America, particularly elderly America. AARP estimates 10 percent of the businesses engaged in telemarketing are committing fraud. The State's Division of Consumer Affairs reports a surge in telemarketing complaints, making citizen complaints about alleged telemarketing fraud one of the Division's top 10 complaints. As Morris County Prosecutor John Dangler was once quoted as saying, "A gun used to be what crooks used to steal money from you. Now it's a phone and a lap top."

AARP and the Federal Trade Commission bear out this contention, estimating that telemarketing fraud steals \$40 billion to \$60 billion from Americans. Law enforcement knows that telemarketers maintain lists of the most gullible targets which they sell

to each other. Sam Morse's question would have to be amended to ask, "What has Mr. Bell and the telemarketers wrought?"

I am sponsoring two bills which make things simpler for you and simpler for law enforcement. The first bill says a telemarketer can't call you unless you give them permission to call. This isn't very hard.

The good e-commerce companies are already doing something like this.

The other bill helps fight the fraud generated from telemarketing. It would require all telemarketing companies to register with the State Division of Consumer Affairs. The division would have to maintain a list of all registered companies and provide that information to the public.

This would do several things. First, it would require those telemarketers and women to register, so the state would know ahead of time who was lawfully doing business in New Jersey and where to find them if they needed to.

Second, if the state came across someone who wasn't registered, the Attorney General would be able to prosecute right away for that violation.

These changes make sense and Gov. Christine Whitman has endorsed them. These aren't very difficult laws for honest business to obey, but they're very hard and give our citizens the convenience and ease of the widest possible range of goods and services. But we want the fraudulent telemarketers to be out of business in New Jersey.

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

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Snow tires, ladder, sewer machine reported stolen

Springfield

• Daryl H. Ballou, 43, of Jersey City, was arrested at Staples on Route 22 East Dec. 13. He was charged with theft by deception and shoplifting. A 2000 Honda owned by a Greenbrook resident was reported stolen from the parking lot of 240 Route 22 West. JMK BMW on Route 22 reported the theft of three snow tires.

• An Atlantic Highlands resident

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reported scratches to the hood and passenger side of their vehicle while it was parked in the Holiday Inn parking lot on Route 22 West Dec. 12. A car belonging to an Oxford resident received damage to its passenger door lock as the result of a motor vehicle theft. The car had been parked in the Bob's Store lot.

• A 24-foot extension ladder was stolen from a Verizon telephone truck Dec. 11. Elizabeth Wiley, 48, was arrested for having outstanding warrants out of the township.

• Frank Wiley III, of Irvington, was arrested at a Mountain Avenue address Dec. 10 and transported to the Irvington Police Department on outstanding warrants. A sewer machine valued at \$2,000 was stolen from a

plumbing truck parked on Summit Road.

Mountainside

• Denis Amaya, 22, of South Plainfield and Walter Gomez, 22, of North Plainfield, were arrested by borough police and charged with possession, use, and being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance Dec. 17.

Candle the culprit in Christmas Eve blaze

Springfield

A Christmas Eve fire, reportedly caused by a candle, resulted in damage to an unoccupied Pitt Road residence.

According to Springfield Fire Chief William Gray, the fire was reported by a member of the township's auxiliary police force, who happened to be driving past the house at approximately 11:26 a.m. Heavy fire could be seen emitting from the front picture window, with heavy black smoke pouring out from several other areas.

Firefighters attacked the blaze from just inside the front door. A search was made of the second floor, where the house was ventilated through the first-floor window, a second-floor bathroom window, and also the roof.

Gray confirmed that the fire was "related to the use of candles." He said that the contents of a first-floor linen room generated most of the smoke and heat. Fire companies from Mountainside, Summit, Union and New Providence provided assistance.

• Three calls for activated alarms were answered Saturday.

• A report of black smoke coming from a chimney sent firefighters to a South Springfield Avenue residence Dec. 22. Five medical service calls and one call for an activated alarm were also answered.

• Calls reporting a brush fire at a Morris Avenue business, a motor veh-

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icle accident, an odor of gas at an Echo Plaza business and a Mutual Aid request to Elizabeth were all answered Dec. 21.

• A truck fire sent firefighters out to Route 78 East at 11:58 a.m. Dec. 19. There was one motor vehicle accident and one report of a burning odor at a Marlon Avenue residence.

• A busy Dec. 18 began at 5:44 a.m. with a gas odor at a Route 22 East business. A water condition, a request from Union County Mutual Aid, a fluid spill on Marlon Avenue and three medical service calls were also handled.

• Mountainside
The borough's firefighters were called to Springfield on a request from Mutual Aid for the Pitt Road house fire Sunday. A gas odor at a Park Slope residence, caused by the homeowner's stove, was ventilated earlier in the day.

• Hot coals from a fireplace, deposited in a garbage can, resulted in a shed fire at a Coles Avenue residence at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The fire was extinguished without incident. Minor damage was reported. A Prospect Avenue homeowner denied firefighters access to ventilate the residence when the fireplace created a smoke condition at 5 p.m.

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Beechwood, Republicans triumph

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21. After carefully weighing the options for expansion, the board agreed that upon first examination the criteria for reopening Beechwood School was favored over expanding Deerfield School. Schaller updated the board on timing constraints and financial stipulations which lay ahead. Long range plans would be submitted to the state Department of Education in Trenton by Dec. 15.

At the Oct. 10 Board of Education meeting, the Beechwood School expansion option triumphed. The decision was announced by Tascobelli who explained that the board had ultimately decided for the least expensive option. The architectural firm of Jordan, Pease, Andreychik and Kelemen Architects, was unanimously appointed.

On Oct. 17, the Borough Council offers a motion of silence for American sailors killed as a result of the attack on the USS Cole. Vigilant brought the tragedy close to home when he led the meeting that the Cole's commander, Kirk S. Lippold was a brother of one of Mountain side's residents. Lippold was not invited, but the community was shocked at the news. Also at the meeting, Sigrid Patsch was honored with the Mabel Young Good Neighbor Award for her work with AIDS patients. Her work was on behalf of Circle of Compassion, a group from Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Many residents from the community were there to give her a standing ovation.

At the final Board of Education meeting in October, Schaller asks for volunteers to conduct a survey in the community to assess the incoming kindergarten children into the system. At least 500 volunteers were needed for

the survey, which was vital to the school district's future planning and budget. Schaller was in charge of the survey. Senior citizens and PIA members of concerned citizens were welcomed to participate in the block by block survey.

The Nov. 7 General Election in Mountainside resulted in the election of Republican incumbent Thomas Perota and Republican newcomer Bill Lane to the Borough Council, who defeated Democrats John Shakkelford and Steve Broecker. A Democrat has never been elected to the borough's 105 year history.

By mid-November, the Board of Education obtains a report from the architectural firm hired to do the renovations on the Beechwood School expansion project and also work at Deerfield School. Linda Andreychik and Allan Kelemen of Jordan, Pease, Andreychik and Kelemen Inc. look names delivering their updates. Cost estimates were not ready at the time, but plans were well on their way to completion.

Schaller confirmed that a Nov. 29 meeting had been set with the Planning Board for its review of the plan. A requirement under new state legislation.

Good news comes at the Nov. 14 Board of Education meeting when guidance counselor Barbara Komoroski of Deerfield School makes a presentation on the district's excellent test score results in most of the grades. Komoroski used a slide presentation to show results of the Iowa tests, the ESPAs and the GEPA's. She explained the tests were both difficult and challenging for all grade levels, especially younger children; yet, they all had done extremely well.

Scores were in the 80 and 90 per-

centies in all categories from second grade to eighth grade. The children were tested in language arts, mathematics and science, and most were in the proficient level, with a small number in the advanced proficiency level. Science had been added to the GEPA scores this year and the eighth graders ranked exceptional in the subject. The same held true for mathematics.

At the Nov. 28 Borough Council meeting, council members announce that senior citizens are to reap the bounty of portions of the \$100,000 Senior Focus Grant which the borough received from the county. Funds were to be used to help improve and renovate the borough's community room and other locations which are used by senior citizens. Debbie announced the community room was slated for a new unisex handicapped accessible bathroom, a 10-computer workstation, with printers and Internet access, and a small fitness room. Total cost for those improvements was estimated at \$54,130. Another resolution unanimously passed would authorize Borough Clerk Judy Osty to advertise bidding for automatic doors for the Mountainside Public Library, which would provide easier access to handicapped seniors. Other aid programs for seniors were also planned.

At November's last Board of Education meeting, good news is delivered about a new team approach at the sixth grade level, called "Team Evaluation of Students" where students lead their parents through conferences with sixth-grade teachers. Over 70 parents participated with 77 children in evaluating work in all their subjects. Parents also filled out a questionnaire, and over 74 percent felt their child wrote goals which would help them in the future.

Boogie-woogie-woogie



Second graders at Springfield's James Caldwell School dance to "The Electric Slide" to integrate music, exercise and active participation. The class recently enjoyed kinesthetically working on a grid chart by learning the forward, backward dance steps to the song.

EVENTS

Video series continues

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its latest funtime video series with "Howard's End," a winner of three Academy Awards, Jan. 9 at noon. "Howard's End" is the 1991 film adaptation of E.M. Forster's classic

novel. Named Best Picture of the Year, it tells the story of three families' interactions. Sisters Margaret, played by Emma Thompson, and Helen Schlegel, played by Helena Bonham Carter are idealistic, independent and highly educated. Wealthy businessman Henry Wilcox played by Anthony Hopkins and his frail wife Ruth played by Vanessa Redgrave are uncultured and conventional. Leonard Bast, played by Samuel West, is poor and underprivileged, but with intellectual aspirations. After his wife dies, Henry proposes to Margaret, driving a wedge between the sisters. Margaret's moral strength and belief in human connection brings this movie to a stunning conclusion. The Exploring Family Dynamics series continues at noon on Jan. 23 with "Stand By Me" and Feb. 6 with "Steel Magnolias."

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

children eligible for kindergarten in September, not currently enrolled in the Walton School Early Childhood Center's pre-kindergarten program, will be on the following days:

- Jan. 11, last names A to E, 10 to 11 a.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.
- Jan. 12, last names F to K, 10 to 11 a.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.
- Jan. 16, last names L to Q, 10 to 11 a.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.
- Jan. 17, last names R to Z, 10 to 11 a.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.

Registration will be conducted at the Edward V. Walton School Early Childhood Center. Parents are requested to call the school at (973) 376-1304 to confirm a date and time, or if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session.

To be eligible for pre-kindergarten, a child must be a resident of Springfield, and be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2001. Children entering kindergarten, must reach their fifth birthday on or before Dec. 1, 2001.

For registration, residents should bring the following items: child's birth certificate; current immunization records; two proofs of residency; New Jersey driver's license, and two utility bills, lease, contract, etc.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
EVANGELIST BAPTIST CHURCH - CHRIST OF THE HOPE AND PEACE - 242 Shunpike Springfield, NJ 07081. Pastor: Nancy 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages. Nursery through Seniors 10:30 AM. Sunday Service and Sunday School 10:30 AM. AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11. 10:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Ministry. Adult Youth Ministry. Wide Range Music Program. Superbent and Friday night 1 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Church staff provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in a worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 376-4351.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE
TEMPLE BEITH AYM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, NJ 07081. Rabbi: Mark Malach, Rabbi Richard Nadel, Cantor Dr. Scott Zinberg. President: Beth Aym is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services Mon-Fri 7:00 AM Sun-Thurs 7:45 PM Shabbat Friday 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset. Sundays, 8:30 AM Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes at both High School and Pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education Program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - REFORM
TEMPLE SHIA'REY 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 Shai'rey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UCAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM.

with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Sunday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 7, 7th, 8th and 9th graders for post-bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Shomrim, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office. (201) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081. 201-379-4525. Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yost, 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 SCHOOLS, 229 Cowpenwicket Rd., Springfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 AM. 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 in 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join us in our spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 AM, with childcare available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education classes 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 in the heart of Heaven on every 9:15 AM. Please call and ask about our Adult Christian Education, Young Adult Ministries, 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 travel requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Markey at the Church Office 973-376-1035.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest 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 awake. 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 can have a "good week." Call the church office at 973-376-1035. Please call or e-mail for more information at 908-277-1100.

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THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: 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, Saturday weekday Mass, 8:30 AM, Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM anticipated Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

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OBITUARIES

Roger W. Tuthill

Roger W. Tuthill, 81, of Mountaintop, electrical engineer and longtime amateur astronomer and entrepreneur, died Dec. 15 at the Tenacre Foundation, Princeton.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Tuthill lived in York, Pa., before moving to Mountaintop 41 years ago. He graduated from Pratt Institute in 1941 where he received a degree in electrical engineering. Mr. Tuthill worked on the Manhattan Project, perfecting a method of welding aluminum without using flux to form a sealed canister for holding uranium.

He served as a lieutenant, junior grade, in the United States Navy during World War II. After the war, Mr. Tuthill worked as an electrical engineer with General Electric Co. During his 10 years of service with GE, he was awarded more than 10 patents in the field for new equipment solutions.

After leaving GE, he joined Arco in Union, where he rose to the position of vice president of engineering of the welding division. In his passion for astronomy, in 1973, in preparation for a total solar eclipse, Mr. Tuthill created Solar Screen, an aluminumized polyester film used as a protective viewing device. He was awarded another United States patent for his creation, which has been used by astronomers around the world to view the 19 solar eclipses that have occurred since 1975.

After leaving Arco, Mr. Tuthill created his own company, Robert W. Tuthill Inc., a company that specialized in innovative astronomical products. He traveled to dozens of countries throughout the world observing astronomical phenomena and instructing astronomy. Mr. Tuthill received a Legion of Merit award from the president of Mauritania for educating the local population about the eclipse. He also had served as president of Amateur Astronomers Inc. in Cranford.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Plum Tuthill, three sons, Bruce, Thomas and Robert, a daughter, Bette Tuthill, two stepsons, John Plum II and Jeffrey Plum; two stepdaughters, Dawna Renne and Pamela Braue; a brother, Chester Tuthill; a sister, June Gassemer, and eight step-grandchildren.

Donald J. Kennedy
Donald J. Kennedy, 43, of Silver

Spring, Md., formerly of Summit, died Dec. 19 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in Greenwich, Conn., Mr. Kennedy lived in Summit before moving to Silver Spring 10 years ago. He was a vice president of media planning for BBD and O. Advertising, New York City. Mr. Kennedy was a graduate of the University of Miami Central Campus. He also received a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Surviving are two brothers, James and Robert.

Stephen A. Svach

Stephen A. Svach, 59, of Summit died Dec. 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Central City, Pa., Mr. Svach lived in Parsippany for five years before moving to Summit 24 years ago. He was employed by Novell Corp., Florham Park, and retired in 1996. Earlier, Mr. Svach worked for Bell Labs as a supervisor and managed groups that developed the Unix computer operating systems. He then worked at Unix Systems following its spinoff from Bell Labs.

Mr. Svach received a bachelor's degree from St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pa., and a master's degree in computer science from Carnegie Mellon University. He was a member of the Temple Sunay Men's Club in Summit and the Murray Hill chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn; a son, David; a daughter, Stephanie Tishler; four sisters, Marie Mikolaj, Ann Haynes, Helen Burro and Jozeta Seymour, and two brothers, George and Michael.

Ethel C. Tucker

Ethel C. Tucker, 85, of Berkeley

Heights, formerly of Summit, died Dec. 21 in the Berkeley Convalescent Center, Berkeley Heights.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Tucker lived in Summit for 40 years before moving to Berkeley Heights four years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Roy R. and Wayne; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Jennie T. Pisapia

Jennie T. Pisapia, 91, of Mountaintop died Dec. 17 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in the Lombard section of Newark, Mrs. Pisapia lived in the Holiday City section of Berkeley Township before moving to Mountaintop.

Surviving are a son, Ludwig, four sisters, Emma Brovaco, Rose Haberluer, Angie Petrosino and Anne Farina, three grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Martha J. Kepping

Martha Jane Kepping, 71, of Mountaintop died Dec. 20 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Kepping lived in Westfield for 18 years before moving to Mountaintop three years ago. She was a teacher in the

Elizabeth school system for four years and retired in 1959. Mrs. Kepping received a teaching degree from Bloomsburg College in Pennsylvania. She was a Sunday school teacher at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Surviving are a son, Thomas, and three grandchildren.

Marion B. Buczynski

Marion B. Buczynski, 69, of Mountaintop died Dec. 19 in the Manor Care Health Services, Mountaintop.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Buczynski moved to Mountaintop 36 years ago. He was an assembler for Western Electric, Kearny, for many years and retired in 1996. Mr. Buczynski served in the Army from 1952 to 1953.

Surviving is his wife, Theresa.

Helen Ann Jarowicz

Helen Ann Jarowicz, 81, of Mountaintop, formerly of Union, died Dec. 18 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Jarowicz lived in Union and Irvington before moving to Mountaintop 35 years ago. She was an assistant supervisor at Sterling Plastics, Mountaintop. Mrs. Jarowicz also was an assistant supervisor at RCA Corp., Harrison, for six years.

Surviving are her husband, Teddy.

two sons, Theodore and Gerald; a brother, Anthony Kowalski, and three grandchildren.

Carl F. Steinbach

Carl F. Steinbach, 82, of Bargeat, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 18 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Steinbach lived in Springfield before moving to Bargeat two years ago. He was a personnel manager at Englehard Industries, Menlo Park, from 1946 until retiring in 1985.

Mr. Steinbach was a graduate of Rutgers University, Newark. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a cook at the 74th General Hospital, England. He served as trustee emeritus and financial chairman of Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Union, for 50 years. Mr. Steinbach was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Florence; a daughter, Virginia Prairie; a son, Richard; a sister, Ann Davent; and five grandchildren.

Flora Garner

Flora Brewer Hawley Garner, 90, of Colton, N.Y., formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 25 at home.

Born in Pierrepont, N.Y., Mrs. Garner's ancestors were among the origi-

nal settlers of Rhode Island in the early 1600s. She was a former elementary school teacher. Mrs. Garner was an honors graduate of Canton High School and the New York State School of Teacher Education of St. Lawrence University.

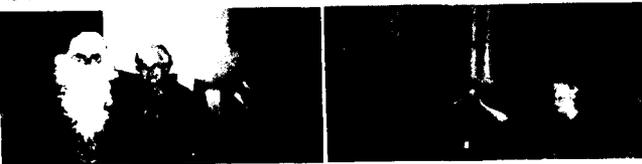
She married the late Morris P. Hawley, supervisor of the Town of Colton, chairman of St. Lawrence County Board of Supervisors and co-founder of Putnam-Hawley Corp., Putnam, in 1930. Her second husband, the late R. Alfred Garner, whom she married in 1960, was a public service administrator of Springfield, where they resided for 20 years before moving to West Potomd.

Mrs. Garner was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the St. Lawrence County Historical Association, the Putnam Methodist Church and the Audubon Society of America.

Surviving are a daughter, Laurine Hawley-Garner; a stepdaughter, Janice P. Garner; a stepson, Robert Alfred Garner Jr.; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Youth hoop league seeking players

The Summit YMCA Youth Basketball League is looking for players. Spots are still available for boys and girls in grades 1-4 to compete in the winter league.

League dates are Sundays Jan. 7 to March 4. Practice and games will be played in the Y's new Hubbard gym, located at 67 Maple Street in Summit. Parent volunteers are the coaches. The cost is \$72, plus a YMCA Youth or Family membership.

Call Lori Zuchowski at 908-273-3330.

Baseball League seeks players

The Garden State Baseball Weekend Wood Bat League is seeking serious teams, players and coaches for its 2001 spring and summer leagues.

The league includes an A-plus schedule of competitive games and tournament play.

The league also includes: standings on the internet, an All-Star Game, professional stadium play and divisions set by ability.

The age breakdowns are as follows:

Ages 10, 11, 12: grade school
 Ages 13, 14: middle school
 Ages 15, 16: junior varsity
 Ages 17, 18: varsity
 Ages 19-24: college unlimited

More information may be obtained by calling 732-550-5506 or (toll free) 888-962-4256.

County athletes to be honored

The 65th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner, sponsored by the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountainside.

At the dinner, awards will be presented to local athletes who have distinguished themselves during the year and seven individuals will be inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame.

The inductees include the late Howard S. Anderson of Summit, Tom Dooley of Cranford, Randy Guerra of Linden, Ray Matloz of Elizabeth, Leo J. Spirito of Elizabeth, Mike Szabo of Union and Raymond Thompson of Roselle Park.

According to James Iozzi, dinner chairman, the awards for Most Outstanding Male and Female Athlete of Union County, which will be presented that evening, will be announced soon, along with the name of the special guest speaker. Proceeds from the dinner help fund the Union County Youth Baseball League for youngsters ages 8-15.

Started in 1945 with just eight teams, the league now encompasses 16 teams in three divisions.

Tickets for the dinner are \$30 and can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, County Administration Building in Elizabeth.

More information about the Hot Stove Dinner may be obtained by calling 908-527-4910.

Soccer school at Kean

Kean University will be hosting an indoor winter soccer school for boys and girls ages 6-16.

The school, which will run six consecutive Fridays from Jan. 26 to March 6, is designed to teach basic and advanced skills.

The camp will be run by Kean University soccer staff and will include lectures and demonstrations by guest coaches.

The overall philosophy of the school is soccer success can be best achieved through the mastery of the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, heading and shooting.

To achieve this, each session will feature drills that will enhance the skills of the players and there will be a team tournament that will run through the course of the program.

The Friday night sessions will run from 6:30 to 8 at the university's east campus indoor facility.

The cost of the camp is \$89 per child. Call Tony Ochrimenko at 908-527-2936.

Hilltoppers score



The Summit High School girls' basketball team, sparked by the play of Karen Jann (No. 33) and Liz Sheridan (No. 10), improved to 2-1 by edging Morris Hills 31-29 last Friday in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play in Summit. Sheridan scored eight points and Jann and sophomore forward Sasha Orenczak scored six points for the Hilltoppers. Orenczak made two free throws with nine seconds remaining to lift Summit to the victory. The Hilltoppers were scheduled to face Bishop Loughlin of New York last night in the first round of the Rams Roundball Festival at Randolph. The consolation game is 2 p.m. and the championship tilt 6 p.m. on Saturday.

124 Dayton athletes earn letters

As many as 124 Dayton High School student-athletes received varsity letters Dec. 6 for their participation in the fall.

The girls' tennis team excelled this year, fashioning a 14-2 record.

Girls' Volleyball: Christina Florio, Danielle Guida, Alla Gulchina, Tara Listowski, Jenn Fiorelli, Lauren Belliveau, Lindsey Butler, Alphonsa Vadekhalakel, Nicole Burke, Ellissa Walters, Lea Listowski.

Gymnastics: Nicole Naggar, Alex Kalb.

Football: Russell Hayward, John Laurencelle, Kahl Goforth, Alty Vigilante, Greg DeAngels, Scott Hollander, Joe Mase, Ibin Raheem, Chris Saracino, Ryan Stromeyer, Justin Woodruff, Sean Apicella, Amir Botcha, Sean Frank, Anthony Garcia, Joe Kahoonei, Martin Moyer, Jake Morano, Matt Spada, Lindsay Sterns, Matt Stigliano, Greg Zimberg, Leo Ferrine, Joe Voorhoes.

Girls' Tennis: Christy Delloiaco, Lillian Fasman, Rachel Mandel, Ali Puliti, Tabatha Fishkin, Nicole Ossi, Rena Steinbach, Jamie Neville, Val Ziolsky, Karen Alberti.

Boys' Soccer: Carmine Santarella, Dara Mirjahangir, Marc Eisenstein, Dano Ruggiero, Sergey Khorotchevkiy, Roman Lukiv, Jeff Stapfer, Mo Abdelaziz, Camilo Rodriguez, Giuseppe Bianco, Matt Sotchechi, Andrew Tittle, Carlos Shortall, Michael Nituolo, Carlos Soto, Ted Young, Dan Jarmik, Roy Lynn, Luis Soto, Helmi Abdelaziz, Nina DelMuro, Nicole Sayki.

Girls' Soccer: Lindsey Decoster, Maria Gonnella, Esther Aizenberg, Laure Gearity, Kara Christmas, Marlene Fish, Romelia Freydel, Sunana Gill, Tine Hopson, Stacy Max, Chandni Patel, Lyndsey Braham, Margaret Mysliwiec, Jayme Sablosky, Genny Schwarzberg, Krystina Seegard, Juliana Stravato, Sara Steinman, Pam Traum.

Girls' Cross Country: Lisa Denicolo, Diana Marques, Julie Marx, Iona Ring, Katy Reyes, Jennifer Gianas, Agata Jackiewicz, Jenny Wang, Lindsay Coughlin.

Boys' Cross Country: Jonathan Zipkin, Chris Melendez, Alex Kramers, John Cottage, Tim Homlish, Ted Chelis, Jeremy Marx, Keith Dworkin, Dave Sklar, Anthony Denicolo, Thomas Milano.

Cheerleaders: Michelle Baron, Dana Rutkowski, Vangie Guilas, Jennifer Lewis, Heather Shanley, Laurie Sherman, Colby Tis, Jamie Pili-pone, Jessica Friedman, Kristin Griffin, Chanda Lewis, Jennifer Rego, Elena Rodapan, Kristie Neumeister, Ashley Steiner, Ashley Tis.

Minutemen juniors win

Springfield Minutemen basketball teams split contests against Fanwood Dec. 20. The senior squad was defeated 44-39, while the junior team was victorious 44-22.

The senior team was paced by center Kevin Johnson, who scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. First-year player Ross Kivowitz also played well, as he scored 10 points and caused nine turnovers.

Robbie Shabat scored eight points and hauled in five rebounds, while point guard Mike Test scored four key points, dished out three assists and caused three turnovers. Jesse Weatherston scored three points and made Fanwood cough up the ball five times. Kenneth Suarez helped with two assists and four turnovers. Kevin Kleymann and Jake Floyd played well on defense.

Stephen Suarez scored eight points to help the junior team triumph. He connected on two three-point shots and one two-point basket. Fellow guard Jesse Galinkin scored four points, while David "Bubba" Steinman netted three.

Jake Floyd scored two points and grabbed five rebounds, while Kyle Seely and Steven Decter scored two points each. Eric Dworkin scored one point, while Alan Hirst, Alan Steinberg, Jordan Fish and Danny Shabat turned in solid efforts. Alex Silverman, Brandon Gincel and Daniel DiCicco also played well.

Both Minutemen squads are practicing this week before league competition commences next week.

Bulldogs play today



The Dayton High School girls' basketball team, sparked by the play of Esther Aizenberg (No. 13), entered the Panther Pride Tournament at Roselle park Wednesday with a 2-1 record. Dayton was scheduled to play Johnson and then Roselle Park was scheduled to play Roselle. Play resumes today with the consolation game at 2 p.m., followed by the championship tilt at 5:30. Aizenberg scored 20 points in a 49-45 win at home over North Plainfield and 13 in a 50-44 loss at home to New Providence.

Dayton boys' hoops sought tourney win

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor

The Dayton High School boys' basketball team entered the J.P. Stevens Tournament last night with a two-game winning streak. The Bulldogs (2-1) were hoping to repeat history by beating Rahway a second and consecutive year in holiday tournament play.

In the beginning of last year's highly-successful 17-5 campaign, Bill Berger's squad defeated Union Catholic 53-26 and Rahway 49-45 to win the Rahway Tournament.

The J.P. Stevens Tournament concludes tomorrow with the consolation game at 6:30 p.m., followed by the championship tilt at 8. Union Catholic, formerly coached by Berger, faced J.P. Stevens in last night's other first-round contest.

After falling at North Plainfield in its season-opener, the Bulldogs rebounded with two consecutive Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division victories. Dayton finished second in the division last year to St. Mary's, which won the crown for a second consecutive season after Dayton took honors in 1997-1998.

Matt Paz scored 23 points, Dano Ruggiero 13 and Jeff Stapfer 10 in a 79-45 victory at home over Bound Brook Dec. 19, while Paz scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds in a 47-36 win at New Providence Dec. 21.

Summit boys' defeat Morris Hills

The Summit High School boys' basketball team improved to 2-1 with a 70-53 win against Morris Hills last Friday in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play in Rockaway.

Senior guard Ryan Carey poured in a game-high 19 points, 11 of his total coming in the first quarter when Summit jumped out to a commanding 24-3 lead.

Alex Sprinzen and Lamar Freeman scored 12 points each and Chris Jones had 11 for the Hilltoppers.

Summit was scheduled to play New Providence Wednesday night in the Suburban Classic at Chatham. The consolation game is set for tonight at 6 p.m., with the championship tilt to follow at 8. Madison vs. Chatham was Wednesday night's other first-round encounter.

Summit swim teams splash competition

The Summit High School swimming teams got off to excellent starts as the girls' improved to 5-0 Thursday, while the boys' moved to 5-1 on Friday. The girls' squad easily handled Randolph 87-67 as Monica Jones and Marissa Lacota won two individual events each for the Hilltoppers.

Jones captured the 50-yard freestyle in 26.60 and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:15.09, while Lacota won the 100-yard freestyle in 59.67 and the 200-yard freestyle in 2:14.09.

Lindsay Jordan of Summit won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:08.84, while all three Summit relay teams were victorious as well.

Summit's 200-yard freestyle team of Katie Ardington, Chrissy Birkhofer, Jones and Lacota finished in 1:53.03. Summit's 400-yard freestyle squad of Ashley Morris, Jordan, Ellen Jones and Lacota posted a 4:10.80 time, while Summit's 200-yard medley unit of Ardington, Monica Jones, Jordan and Morris finished in 2:00.27.

Summit's 100-yard team trimmed Hanover Park 109-61 as Brandon Shea and Nick Nagel each won two individual events.

Shea captured the 50-meter freestyle in 27.03 and the 100-meter freestyle in 1:03.38. Nagel won the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:16.25 and the 200-meter individual medley in 2:27.55.

Alex Lovejoy of Summit was first in the 500-meter freestyle in 6:10.34, while Brian Mulligan of Summit captured the 100-meter butterfly in 1:12.50.

J.R. Parker of Summit was first in the 100-meter backstroke in 1:10.00. Summit won two relays as the Hilltoppers were first in the 400-meter freestyle in 4:16.85 behind the efforts of Ryan Clark, Lovejoy, Nagel and Chris Manoni. The winning 200-meter medley team of Shea, Manoni, Parker and Clark finished in 2:06.40.

Mountainside Youth Baseball registration begins next week

Mountainside Youth Baseball registration will be held on the following dates:

- Saturday, Jan. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Monday, Jan. 8 from 7-9 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 11 from 7-9 p.m.

Children registering after the above dates will be placed on a team if space is available.

Registration will be held at Deerfield School in Mountainside. Children ages 6-14 as of Aug. 1, 2001 are eligible to sign up.

Youngsters registering for the first time need to bring with them a copy of their birth certificate. Registration fees are as follows: \$85 first child, \$65 each additional child in a family, \$35 for T-Ball and \$25 for introductory to baseball.

All parents of children who participate are required to volunteer four (4) hours of time during the season.

More information may be obtained by calling Sandy Burdge at 908-232-4373.

Dayton ice hockey plays Fair Lawn

The Dayton High School ice hockey team enters play next week with a 3-5 record.

It's the first time the Bulldogs are at the .500 mark in the brief history of their program.

Dayton has defeated Governor Livingston 7-5, Newark East Side 5-1 and Mahway 4-3. The Bulldogs have been defeated by Indian Hills, Rumson and Fair Lawn.

Dayton's next scheduled game is against Fair Lawn next Friday at the Ice House Arena in Hackensack at 7:30 p.m.

Dayton will then have a game against Nutley at Bridgewater Sports Arena in Bridgewater on Jan. 7 at 4:15 p.m. and then face Newark Academy on Jan. 11 at South Mountain Arena on Jan. 11 at 5:15 p.m.

Dayton is set to play Ramsey on Jan. 13 at 9:15 p.m. at BSA and is then set to face Nutley again on Jan. 15.

Upcoming
 Jan. 5 at Fair Lawn
 Ice House, Hackensack, 7:30
 Jan. 7 Nutley, 4:15
 Jan. 11 at Newark Academy
 South Mountain Arena, 5:15
 Jan. 13 Ramsey, 9:15
 Jan. 15 at Nutley
 Montclair State, 12:20
 Jan. 17 at Tenafly
 Twin Oaks, 6:15
 Jan. 19 No. Highlands, 9:30
 Jan. 21 at Tenafly, 7:25

Summit ice hockey defeats Bayonne

The Summit High School ice hockey team entered yesterday's scheduled game against Toms River North at Wilding River with a 4-2-1 record.

After falling to St. Joseph's of Manuchen 3-2 in the Cron Tournament championship game at Warranaco Rink in Roselle Dec. 20, the Hilltoppers rebounded to defeat Bayonne 5-3 at the Bayonne Rink last Friday.

Summit's next scheduled game is Tuesday against St. Joseph's of Montvale at Warranaco at 8:30 p.m.

In the win over Bayonne, Craig Oliver scored and picked up two assists, while Mike Sartorius, Keith Schroeder and Matt Starker added a goal and an assist each for Summit.

Sartorius and Rob Schroeder scored for the Hilltoppers in their loss to St. Joe's, Metuchen in the Cron final.

Upcoming
 Jan. 2 St. Joseph's, Montvale
 at Warranaco, 8:30
 Jan. 4 Morris Knolls
 at Warranaco, 3:45
 Jan. 6 Morris-Town-Beard
 at Twin Oaks, 1:00
 Jan. 9 Montclair
 at Warranaco, 8:30
 Jan. 13 St. Joseph's, Mont.
 at Sport-O-Rama, Monsey, N.Y., 5:00
 Jan. 16 Toms River North
 at Warranaco, 8:30
 Jan. 18 Christian B.A.
 at Warranaco, 3:30
 Jan. 23 Bayonne-at-War., 8:30

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 3100, Union, NJ 07083.

Monday

• The Springfield Township Committee meets for its reorganization meeting at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue.

Tuesday

• The Mountaineer Borough Council meets for its reorganization meeting at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 1355 Route 27 East.

Upcoming events

Jan. 8

• The Springfield Board of Education will meet for an executive session at 7 p.m. followed by a conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.

Jan. 10

• The Mountaineer Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

Jan. 10

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

Jan. 11
• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will meet for an executive session at 7 p.m. followed by a conference meeting at 8 p.m. in the Chusien Administration Complex, Berkeley Heights.

Jan. 15
• Martin Luther King Jr. Day
• The Springfield Environmental Commission will meet for a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivet Ave.

Ongoing

• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 300 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information, call (973) 912-2227.

• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines within the last year.

• The fall and winter season at the Springfield Teen Center runs Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. for Springfield residents or students between the ages of 12 and 17 years old.

ID's are required for admittance. Stop by the Teen Center on the second floor of the Chusielm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. to obtain a membership form.

AT THE LIBRARY

Photographs exhibited

The beauty of the four seasons and the serenity of nature command the works of freelance photographer Kulbir Singh Bhatta of Red Bank.

His photographic work will appear in an exhibit called "In Praise of Moments with Landscapes" at the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., through Jan. 11.

The focus of this exhibit is the local landscapes found in scenic Montmouth County. All the photographs

were taken within 10 miles of Middletown.

Hours of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sundays hours are from 1 to 3:30 p.m. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

Volunteers are needed

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., is sponsoring a volunteer homebound delivery program. The library is seeking volunteers who are interested in delivering library materials to shut-ins.

To volunteer, call the library at (973) 376-4930.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
TAKE NOTICE, the Municipal Office of the Township of Springfield will be closed on the following holidays in 2001. These holidays are in accordance with the Municipal Employees' Contract:

Table with 3 columns: Holiday Name, Day, Date. Includes New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Election Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield for the year 2001 will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 8:00 P.M. prevailing time.

Executive meetings will precede the regular meetings and will start at 7:30 P.M. prevailing time. The following are the dates of the meetings nights for the year 2001.

Table with 2 columns: Date, Day. Lists meeting dates from January 1st to December 18th, 2001.

All Special Meetings of the Board of Adjustment will be advertised separately. Robert C. Renshaw, Board of Adjustment Secretary (\$25.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J. Pursuant to the New Jersey Public Meeting Act, Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231, the Regular Meetings of the Township Committee are held in the Committee Room, Municipal Building, the Monday Work Shop Sessions are held in the Annex Building. The Meeting Dates for the year 2001 are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Session Name, Time. Lists sessions for January through November 2001.

Action may be taken at any of these meetings. Any changes or additions to this calendar will be announced pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, P.M.C./C.M.C. Township Clerk (\$151.50)

Santas for sale



Woodworker Edward McGrath displays his handmade Christmas decorations at the second annual holiday craft show last month at Deerfield School. Hosted by the Mountaineer PTA, the event drew more than 40 crafters and their wares and many Mountaineer parents and children.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance is HEREBY given effect and approved and adopted and final hearing at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield held on November 29, 2000.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, P.M.C./C.M.C. Township Clerk (\$26.75)

Red Cross chapter seeks volunteers

The Westfield/Mountaineer Chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, is currently looking for people to become volunteers. The Red Cross is also seeking individuals to instruct CPR, First Aid,

babysitting and life guarding classes.

Interested individuals should call Health and Safety Director Linda Johnson at (908) 232-7090 to find out more details or to set up an interview.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD MEETING DATES FOR 2001

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular monthly Meetings of the Development Review Committee of the Township of Springfield for the year 2001 will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time.

The following are the dates of the meeting nights for the year 2001

Table with 2 columns: Date, Day. Lists meeting dates from January 3rd to December 20th, 2001.

All Special Meetings of the Development Review Committee will be advertised separately. Lynda Capizzano, Committee Secretary (\$27.75)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular monthly Meetings of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield for the year 2001 will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 8:00 P.M. prevailing time.

Executive meetings will precede the regular meetings and will start at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time. The following are the dates of the meeting nights for the year 2001.

Table with 2 columns: Date, Day. Lists meeting dates from January 3rd to December 5th, 2001.

The application plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivet Street and available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Interested parties may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Arthur Huxford, Appointee (\$20.00)

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