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TWO SECTION

## Deerfield School celebrate Seuss

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

Dr. Seuss would have really enjoyed the party. Children, teachers, and parents celebrated the beloved author's birthday at Deerfield School in Mountainside last Thursday evening with costumes, food and fun, as well as an exciting, state-of-the-art video conference with the Ocean Institute in Dana, Calif.

Every year the author is honored during Read Across America. All grades participated and even Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller could be seen videotaping the proceedings, tripod and all.

Assistant Principal Elizabeth Keshish was everywhere, making sure the menu of submarine sandwiches, potato chips and chocolate and vanilla cakes and sodas were being served by children in tall, striped Dr. Seuss Cat-in-the-Hat hats and costumes of their

favorite book characters. While she manned the cafeteria with volunteer moms and teachers from about 5 to 7 p.m., the rest of the activities were under way in various parts of the school.

However, after dinner, the most exciting event was taking place in the media center, using the theme from Seuss's book, "Oh, The Places You'll Go." The children's writer could never have imagined just how far that title would take the children of today's world. Since the library can only hold so many children, they came in segments and grades, with parents, and it was the only quiet place, still with anticipation.

Everyone sat in a semi-circle in chairs taking up the entire room, and two huge television screens were set up for the video conferencing. A flier handed out explained: "You are going to a live video conference to the



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Seven-year-old David Perasso 'reads' a bedtime story with a living books computer program at Deerfield School.

Ocean Institute in Dana, Calif., called the Safari into the Intertidal Zone." The children were to be connected via live video with the actual marine institute over 3,000 miles away.

Education Coordinator Jennifer Long came on the screen and she could see everyone in Deerfield's library, and they could see her. She made it a fun adventure by proving it; naming the color of children's shirts, and asking them to raise their hands, which they eagerly did. Then, gently, she brought a map of the United States on the screen with a big red dot, to show the children where she was, and told the time there, which was exactly 3:13 p.m., while here it was three hours later, 6:13 p.m. These little things brought the reality to the children who sat spellbound as the remote control program continued.

Standing discreetly in the rear of the room was Randy Palmer, teacher and computer specialist, holding what looked like a small computer keyboard, connected to the video conferencing equipment. "This is a digital phone line, or ISDN, the latest in video conferencing," he said. "We have had this since last year, and this is a

remote control panel which controls the entire system." Large microphones were set up under the television screens in front of the room on a large table.

Long, the teacher across the country, proceeded to take the students to the blue and beautiful Pacific Ocean beach, and talked about animals found in a tidepool. She even asked the Deerfield children what a tidepool was. Hands went up, and she picked a child called Gene. He was quick to answer, "They are the places where the land and ocean meet at high tide, and there are animals there." A child asked why the animals went there. "Imagine if over and over again you are pounded by waves, you are looking for a way to survive; that is why they go there."

The interaction between the children and the teacher far away was amazing to the parents and other adults in the room, but the children took it in stride. They acted as if she were standing right in front of them, asking and answering all the questions. Long held small animals in her hand and she had the Deerfield child-  
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## School board moves on security measures

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

A separate question approved last April with the annual school budget in Springfield allocated funds for increased security measures within the district. An ad hoc committee on safety and security offered nine recommendations totaling \$376,000 to the Board of Education last week which the board unanimously endorsed. The district will now go out for bid on the items.

Last year's \$376,365 second question was approved by voters approximately 410 to 330 votes for school security equipment. The measure was expected to impact the average household by about \$52 in school taxes this year.

Michael Moore, supervisor of facilities and support services, said the 18-member committee included students, residents, administrators and Board of Education representatives. The committee met three times over the first two months of the year to review and discuss recommendations.

The committee's nine recommendations included an announcement door latching system with central control boxes for the middle and high school. Such a system would allow the principal and maintenance staff to know when any door is left ajar in a building.

As an alternate in the bid process, the district's three elementary schools would be included. Moore said since the elementary schools are smaller buildings and have fewer doors, it is easier for the administration and maintenance staff to ensure all doors are closed.

An announcement system "is not absolutely necessary to have in" the elementary schools.

The committee suggested a camera/surveillance system with interior and exterior cameras and black boxes, with or without cameras, throughout the building. The cameras could be moved to a problem area if necessary, Moore said, but "no one will know for sure whether a camera is being used or not."

Buildings would have warning signs at entrances alerting people that they may or may not be under observation.

The system could be designed in such a way as to look in on any camera and be linked with the Police Department "for almost no cost at all." Had authorities at Columbine High School in Colorado been able to see into the building during a 1999 massacre, he said, they would have known the perpetrators had already died and could have attended to some of the seriously injured instead of waiting.

Another recommendation was proximity card access to buildings for students in grades five through 12, and staff, pre-K to 12. The access cards, which also would double as student identification cards, could be programmed to allow access to buildings "at the times we want set up."

Students are locked out of buildings like everyone else from 7 to 8 a.m. but after 8 a.m. someone would need a card to enter a building. Officials could determine, by the card, who entered the buildings and when.

The access card system would allow the district to "keep people out we want to keep out," Moore said. The system is intended to be expanded to bathrooms, which are "assumed to be secure."

The card system would keep people from lying in wait in the bathrooms. "It's not overly expensive because a lot of it is done with the building access." Bathroom alarms could detect cigarette smoke even though the central fire alarm system is not activated.

If students were to lose their access cards, the cards could be deactivated and the student would have to pay a replacement fee because the cards are expensive, Moore added.



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Naomi McKenna as 'The Cat in the Hat' tickles 'Heidi,' better known as Lauren Arrigoni, with her tail. Both dressed up for Deerfield School's Character Cafe as part of Read Across America activities last week.

## Church celebrates its diversity

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the eighth part in a series highlighting the various religions and houses of worship in Mountainside and Springfield.

The picturesque Evangel Baptist Church of Springfield sits at the foot of the Watchung Mountains on Shunpike Road, and although modern in architecture, the pastor, The Rev. Fredrick Mackey, estimates it has been there for more than a century.

The woodframe church is spacious and L-shaped with its fellowship rooms and library and offices in the L part, but the sanctuary is large and beautiful. Conservative in the Baptist tradition, the church nevertheless has one wall-sized stained-glass window, directly centered behind the baptismal pool which is at the altar. With bright blue glass as a background, the window is a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, with sheep around His feet; the window a gift from a parishioner in memory of her husband.

A full choir of 25 to 30 voices sit at the front of the church, behind the pulpit; all around the sanctuary are colorful flags of many nations. "We are beginning to have a mission emphasis during the month of March which is worldwide," Mackey said. "The flags on display are of the countries we help with mission funds at this time."

The sanctuary can hold upward of 600 people, but the pastor said, "We are a small congregation of about 200 plus members. The church moved out from Newark many years ago, before my time."

A fact he is particularly proud of is the church's diverse membership. "The congregation is racially mixed with 20 different countries represented, all first-generation Americans. We have people that struggle with English, yet others American-born, and it is a happy blend," said Mackey.

"We believe that is the way it is supposed to be — the doors are open to anyone who comes our way."

"I think that one of the characteristics of this church is

that everybody is welcome and I say that there is no prejudice in this church."

Evangel Baptist is part of the Conservative Baptist Association of America, headquartered in Denver, Colo., and there are at least 40 to 50 churches in the Northeast which are part of the association, according to Mackey. Strictly Bible-based, women are not permitted in the clergy, but are active in all other aspects of the faith, and the minister said they often have women speakers. "This like all else we believe, is Scripture-based," he said. A new assistant pastor has just been added to the staff: The Rev. David Steen, who will be in charge of Youth Ministry and Christian Education.

Mackey recalled how it came about that he became a pastor. "At the age of 15, I became a born-again Christian and about that time I felt the call to serve God in some way." Raised in Bergen County by strict Baptist parents, he became involved in street ministry in Times Square in the mission field.

"I even took my dates on speaking engagements and to street meetings; they had to be a special kind of girl to like that!" He married that special kind of girl; he met his wife, Carolyn, in Providence-Barrington Bible College, Providence, R.I. He then went on to Faith Theological Seminary in Philadelphia from which he earned a Master of Divinity degree. In between, he served as a home missionary in the Kentucky Mountain missions, leading chapel and other programs over an area of about 400 square miles in Kentucky.

Mackey has been pastor at Evangel Baptist Church for the past eight years. "It is one of the finest churches I have served, filled with love and friendship. When people visit, they experience this immediately. You can't come here without a welcome, and we have a fellowship time after every Sunday service."

Two services are offered every Sunday; one at 10:30 a.m. and another at 6 p.m. Sunday. They also have a spe-

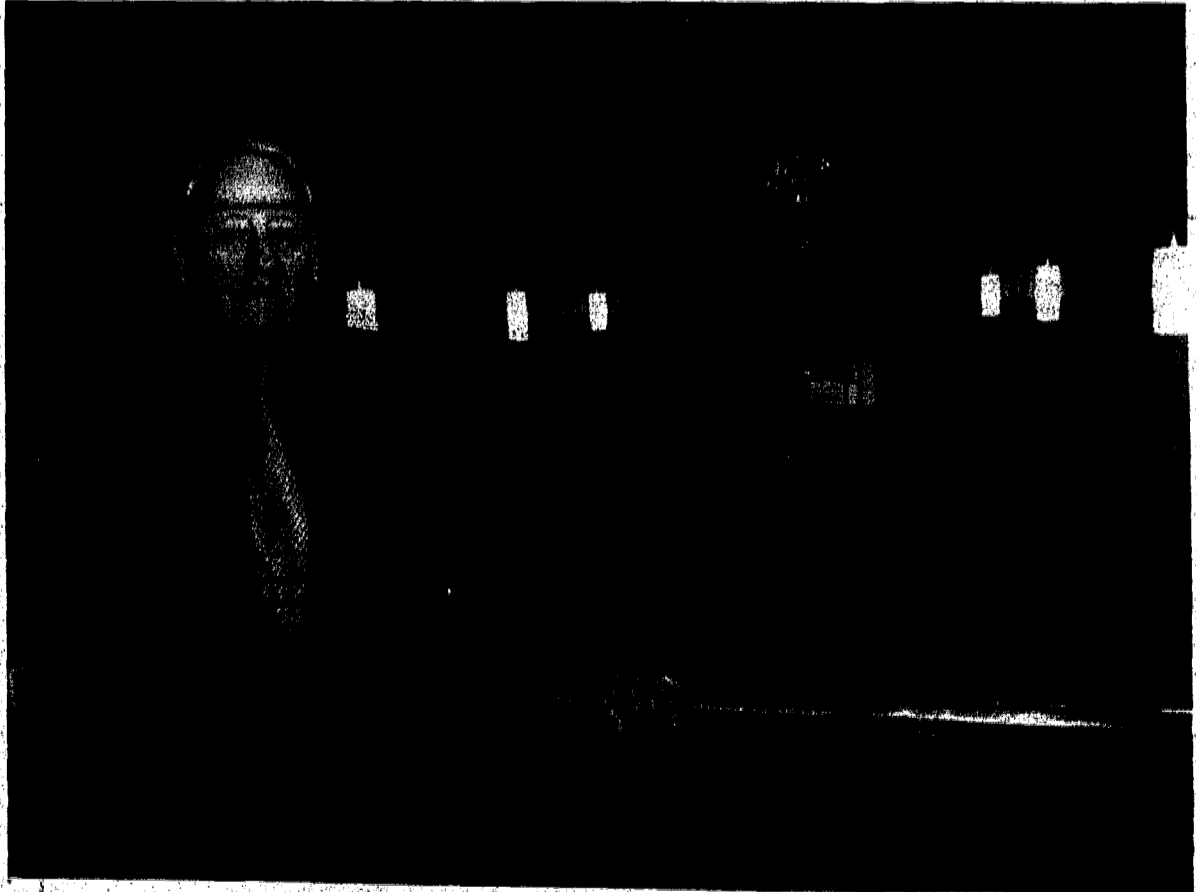


Photo By Jeff Grant

The Rev. Fredrick Mackey, pastor at Evangel Baptist Church on Shunpike Road in Springfield, says young people are returning to their faith and his congregation is growing.

cial children's program called AWANA, that takes place between 5:30 and 7 p.m. while the evening service is on, with about 20 people working with the children. They read Bible stories to the children and relate them to their lives in today's world.

Baptists believe in complete immersion, with a sacred

ceremony, and the pool is always at the front of the church near the altar and all belief is fundamental. "We do believe that Jesus Christ is the only answer and that faith in Him is essential to salvation," said the pastor.

He accepts his job as a total commitment. "I am

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## Local temples prepare to celebrate annual holiday of Purim

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

The festive Jewish holiday of Purim begins at sundown tonight and area synagogues celebrate it with song, story and food.

The story is from the Megillah, or the Book of Esther, and is about the beautiful queen who saved her people from annihilation by the wicked Haman back in ancient Persia. Haman, the chief administrator for King Ahasuerus, wanted to kill all Jews in the Persian Empire because he thought one Jew, Mordecai, had failed to show him proper respect.

However, Esther, the new wife of King Ahasuerus, who was secretly a Jew herself, and the ward of Mordecai, heard of the plot and told Mordecai. Esther risked her own life

by helping Mordecai foil Haman's plot, and she persuaded her husband, King Ahasuerus, to revoke the decree.

It is told that Queen Esther and Mordecai then proclaimed that Purim should be celebrated for all time by re-telling of the story, especially to Jewish children in the synagogues every year. This has been done, and usually a festive meal follows the telling of the story, and charity is shown to the poor with gifts and money, also to friends and neighbors.

Repentance, prayer and fasting are also observed, as Esther fasted three days before approaching her husband. After the happy outcome, feasting followed.

One of the treats representing this holiday

is a rich pastry called "Hamantaschen," with prune, apricot or poppyseed filling made in a triangle representing the three days of fasting and named after the wicked Haman.

Various synagogues and temples celebrate in different ways, but it is always festive; sometimes as a play with the children dressing up in costume and portraying Queen Esther and the others in the drama.

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Conservative Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, is going all out to celebrate Purim. Tonight an evening service will begin at 6:30 p.m., when the preschool through pre-Hebrew children will march into the sanctuary in a costume parade. The costume recommendation is the theme of "2001 Space Odyssey,"

but any costume is acceptable, and each child will receive a prize.

The reading of the Megillah, or the Book of Esther, will take place at 7 p.m. and there will be music by the Purim Odyssey Band. Also a professional entertainer, "Uncle John," will do his puppet show for the smallest members of the synagogue.

From noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, the temple will present the annual Purim carnival, to be in the ballroom. There will be hot dogs, hamantaschen, beverages, and other luncheon foods; games and prizes for all ages of youth. The temple is giving two free play tickets to those children who come in costume to the carnival.

For information on the carnival call (973) 376-5478.

Reform Temple Sha'aray Shalom on Shunpike Road begins Purim service at 5:30 p.m. tonight, with a traditional Purim supper. Members are participating in the preparing of the dairy meal, bringing casseroles of tuna and egg salad, fruits and vegetables, while the synagogue is supplying beverages.

At 7 p.m. the reading of the Megillah, or Book of Esther, will take place. This is an event for the entire family, and the children are encouraged to come in costume.

For the dessert, each family is asked to bring hamantaschen to share, the symbolic Purim specialty. Everyone is welcome at the festive service.

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RECREATION

Line dancing instruction offered at Beechwood

The Mountainside Recreation Department presents line dancing on Monday and March 19 at Beechwood School Gym from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

Participants should wear comfortable clothes and leather soled shoes. The instructor will be Joan Wright.

Afterschool child care

The Springfield YMCA has started enrollment in its Afterschool Child Care program for the 2001-02 school year.

The YMCA Afterschool Child Care is an afternoon program designed for children attending kindergarten to grade six attending Springfield and Millburn public elementary schools.

The state-licensed program is designed to allow children to explore and learn at their own pace. Offering activities daily, school-age children have the opportunity to participate in arts & crafts, gym recreation and sports, swim instruction, homework and special events.

Children may register in the program two days up to five days, and choose from a number of options include Before School Care and Extended Care hours and a Holiday, School and snow day plans.

The program includes afternoon transportation from Springfield schools including James Caldwell, Thelma V. Sandmeier, Edward V. Wilton, and Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, fifth and sixth grades.

Registration for all YMCA child-care programs is on an ongoing basis. The program, begins on the first day of schools, in September.

A trip to the circus

The Springfield Recreation Department will sponsor a trip to the Continental Airlines Arena for the all-new 131st edition circus on March 16 for the 7:30 p.m. performance.

The price is \$33 per person for lower level seats which includes the circus ticket and transportation to and from the arena.

Bus departs 5:45 p.m. sharp from the Chisholm Community Center.

Correction

In the March 1 edition, Tyler Frezza was incorrectly identified as Brendan DiLandro in a photo on Page 4.

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Today

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., offers the Mother Goose Group from 10:30 to 11 a.m. which promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 years old and their parent or caregiver.

The Westfield Regional Health Department sponsors a pneumonia vaccination program from noon to 1 p.m. at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield. Pre-registration is required. Medicare/Medicaid cards must be presented at the time of registration.

The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, offers Preschool Storytime for 3- and 4-year-olds at 2 p.m. For more information or to register call (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., resumes its international film festival with "Xiu Xiu: The Sent-Down Girl" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free for all films.

The Berkeley Heights Board of Education conducts a regular conference meeting in the Clausen Administrative Complex at 8 p.m.

The Mountainside Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Friday

The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, offers Toddler Time for 2-year-olds at 10:30 a.m. For more information or to register, call (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

The Mountainside Senior Citizens Club presents Connary, a speaker from the State Department of Law, who will speak on elder fraud at Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane at noon.

Saturday

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, presents Preschool Science Discoveries, an hourlong workshop with five hands-on discovery stations. Fee is \$6 per person.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club sponsors the Winter Gala at Sheffield's Catering. Call Kim Moriak at (908) 232-5608 for more information.

Sunday

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, presents its Sunday family program at 2 p.m., "Hole Nesters," featuring a variety of birds and mammals nesting in holes in trees or buildings.

Local singers and composers are featured in a concert by the Triad Concert Vocal Ensemble at 4 p.m. at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall.

Monday

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., offers P-J Storytime, which invites kids to attend in pajamas, from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Children should plan to come to either program during the week since they are repeat performances.

The Mountainside Recreation Department offers line dancing at Beechwood School Gym from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for residents, \$20 for non-residents.

The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, presents "Great Jazz Vocalists," a lecture with rare audio and video recordings with presenter David Cayer at 7 p.m.

The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

The Ruth Estrin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research sponsors a white elephant sale at its meeting at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 785 Springfield Ave., Springfield at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., offers Library Babies from 10:30 to 11 a.m. which supports language-building through nursery rhymes, songs and fingerplays for babies and younger toddlers up to 18 months old in the comfort of a parent or caregiver's lap.

The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the committee room, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a work session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

The Mountainside Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave.

Wednesday

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., offers P-J Storytime, which invites kids to attend in pajamas, from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Children should plan to come to either program during the week since they are repeat performances.

The Springfield Garden Club meets at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. The program is "Wildflowers" and the speaker is Bob Henschel, park naturalist of the Monmouth County Parks. Refreshments will be served.

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside hosts a fish and chips dinner.

Upcoming March 15

The Great Books Reading and Discussion Group will meet to discuss "Utilitarianism" by John Stuart Mill from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

The Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners conducts its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant, Route 22 East, Mountainside.

Jewish Family Service of MetroWest and Temple Beth Ahm will present "Caring for Your Aging Parent," at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. The workshop, a program of JFS Transitions Eldercare, is free and open to the entire community.

The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting in the Columbia multipurpose room at 8 p.m.

March 17

The Coffee with a Conscience series at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, will present David Roth at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 with a portion of proceeds to benefit local charities.

March 19

The Mountainside Recreation Department will present line dancing at Beechwood School Gym from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for residents, \$20 for non-residents.

The Springfield Environmental Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in the Annex, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

The Springfield Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School.

March 20

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its series on African-American history with "Solomon Northrup's Odyssey," at noon, the anniversary of the first doctorate to be awarded by Harvard to an African-American, Carter Woodson, in 1912.

The Springfield Board of Adjustment will conduct an executive meeting at 7 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the committee room, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

The Mountainside Borough Council will conduct a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

March 21

The Springfield Development Review Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the Committee Room at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

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# Seniors always planning to party

## Next gathering will be St. Patrick's Day luncheon

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

Springfield Seniors have an amazing zest for life; the large, comfortable Sarah Bailey House on Church Mall is where they meet, and for many, it is their second home.

With a total membership of more than 500, they are broken down into six separate groups, but do many events together, like the upcoming St. Patrick's Day party which is planned for the day before the observed holiday, March 16, with, what else, a corned beef and cabbage dinner.

Coordinator of all the groups is Theresa Herkalo, barely a senior herself, who works as recreation secretary for the Township of Springfield. "I guess you could say I am almost like their mother. In the beginning, back in 1962, there were no facilities for them to meet in, and they were using other places such as the American Legion hall, and so on, but there were only 30 members then."

The late Ellen Carmichael started group one, and after that, it just grew and grew until there were six groups of seniors; each one with a president and officers. Herkalo meets with the six presidents and coordinates activities.

The township gave them the use of the hall, the first floor of the Sarah Bailey house, and it has large round tables, two pianos, a full public address system, fully-equipped kitchen, and can seat 120 people at a time.

Despite the activities, growth has stopped, and Herkalo said there are several reasons. "It is true members grow older and pass away, but there are also many who have gone back to working full time and are too busy to come to the meetings, which are always during the daytime."

Laura Franklin, president of Group 3, said, "some people retire to Florida, but the rest of us have a wonderful time here." Franklin had just completed the Black History Month party arrangements, which they held a few weeks ago, with spiritual singing. "I invited the Fountain Baptist Church of Summit's senior group, and we had The Rev. Terence Porter as guest speaker with guest pianist Cappito-

la Dickerson of Summit; she is well known and led the group in singing as well."

Margaret Giordano of Group 3 recalled the event. "We had a great time that day, and it was also the time we celebrated our 30th anniversary, with a luncheon afterwards. There were about 60 people present, including our guests from Fountain Baptist."

Anita Franzese from Group 6 stopped by to check out the coming agenda. "We celebrate every occasion, and then some," she said, laughing. Franzese is also the trip coordinator for all of the groups; a big job. "We go to Atlantic City every month; we could fill two buses, but take one; first come first served," she said. They go to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, shows in New York City, museums and art events, Paper Mill and Hunterdon County playhouses, and the list goes on and on.

Herkalo has fun helping them; put it all together. "The membership fee is only \$6 a year; much of the expense is borne by the Township of Springfield's budget, such as this beautiful hall, all of the supplies like paper plates, table cloths and the like," said Herkalo. "But all members are also enthusiastic contributors of baked goods and other foods when there is a party."

On the calendar is a trip to Monmouth Raceway in June, and Herkalo said the town will pay for that particular bus, but seniors going are asked to contribute \$5 per person, to reserve a seat and help defray part of the expense. The seniors even have their very own bus driver, Ruthie Primis, who has been doing the local trips for them for the past 14 years.

On the personal side, many of the seniors do not have families and make close ties among other members. Said Giordano, "The ages of the members are wide: from 55 to 90-plus. In our Group 3, there is a couple married for 65 years; they both still attend regularly." With a mischievous smile, Franzese noted, "Many meet here also and end up getting married."



Photo By Ruthanne Wagner

Planning a St. Patrick's Day luncheon for the Springfield senior citizens are, from left, Wilma Schenack, Senior Citizen Coordinator Theresa Herkalo, Laura Franklin, Anita Franzese and Margaret Giordano.

There is even a singing group, called appropriately "Young At Heart" with about 20 members; people who like to sing from all of the six groups. It is led by Wilma Schenack and Thomasina Holiman is the pianist for the singers. They perform at the parties, and always need new members.

"You don't have to be good, just loud," said Schenack. They sing the old-time favorites, and in spite of the lead-

er's comment, Herkalo said they really are very good. Bingo is a fanatically-attended event on the third Monday of every month. Friday is for the card players. Membership requirements are easy: residence in Springfield, and ages 55 up to anything.

Reservations for the St. Patrick's Day party, which is being catered by Elmer Caterers, need to be in as soon as possible. Call the senior center at (973) 912-2227 for information.

## Introducing the perimeter



Students from Janet Fitzgerald's third-grade class at James Caldwell School in Springfield, from left, Rebecca Citrin, Justin Locke and Gracia Mena, listen to 'Spaghetti and Meatballs' by Marilyn Burns. They rearrange the tiles to accommodate seating situations as they listen to the story, as an introduction to perimeter.

## Gray completes basic combat training at Fort Knox

Army Pvt. Ralph C. Gray has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. During the training, the trainee received instruction in

drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

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By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

Television was introduced into living rooms throughout the country during the 1950s. In 2001, television cameras will be introduced into Mountainside's sewers.

The Borough Council last month awarded a bid for the television inspection of sanitary sewers in Mountainside, in the amount of \$22,372, to Oswald Enterprises. Also approved last month was the awarding of a bid for paving improvements at Watchung Avenue and the firehouse parking lot to Traditional Works Company for \$103,869.55.

"In order to televise the sewers, we have to clean the sewers," Borough Engineer Mike Disko said. "To do this, they put in a high-pressure hydraulic jet, a special hose. As the sewer is cleaned, they put in a small, waterproof, television camera to

inspect the inside of the sewers," he added. He went on to explain that the reason they do this is to look for cracks or broken pieces of sewer pipe, or any other problems in the sewer pipes.

The borough last year embarked on a \$6.3-million infrastructure improvement project that includes sewers, roads and intersections.

It costs approximately \$0.50 per foot to clean the pipes and approximately \$0.50 per foot to "televise" the pipes. "The real reason we are doing this is because we will be doing this on a whole list of streets that we expect to pave this coming summer and fall," Disko said.

The engineer said Oswald Enterprises of Belford is very experienced and reliable. "There will be a pre-construction meeting with them, now that this is approved, to set up a sche-

dule. This will happen within the next few weeks and the work should begin shortly thereafter."

Regarding the second bid for the paving improvements, Disko said "The library and the firehouse are on the same property in Mountainside; the base bid is for paving the Watchung Avenue section of the road, at \$37,480. Along that same road are also a series of lights owned by the borough, as well as a series of lights in the firehouse parking lot. They must all be replaced as they have long outlived their usefulness; that will cost \$20,487; and this is also for safety lighting for people going to the library and firehouse."

Disko said they called that alternate one. Alternate two was to fix up and pave the firehouse parking lot, add curbs, and put drainage pipes in, at a cost of \$45,902.05.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### Public service

Many times it can be a thankless job. No pay, long hours, and many nights away from home and loved ones. Sometimes it's a wonder anyone runs for the Board of Education. But running three times?

In Mountainside, current board President Patricia Taeschler last week did not file to run in the April 17 Board of Education election, while in Springfield, three-term school board member Richard Falkin declined another term. We can't blame them. Being a board of education member is not easy.

Often, it can seem to be more grief than it's worth. At the same time, school board members have one of the most important tasks in our society: directing the educational policy of a community's school system.

Both Taeschler and Falkin will have served nine years on their respective school boards when their terms officially end next month. That's nine years of giving up one night a week, at the very least, and putting in many hours for which they received no tangible remuneration. The average school board member in New Jersey probably serves a little more than one term.

To Falkin and Taeschler, we say thanks, in case they haven't heard that phrase in nearly a decade of public service.

### Back to drawing board — again

The people of Springfield spoke loud and clear last week. The \$3.4-million proposal to improve athletic fields was not one they agreed with. The unofficial tally had 1,515 votes against and 1,269 votes for, a 55-45 percent split.

Whether you were for or against the referendum, a member of the Springfield Improvement Association or the Springfield Committee On Recreation and Education, or simply a resident observing events, there is one thing everyone should be very excited about. Nearly one-third of eligible, registered voters made it a point to come to the polls and cast their ballot in last week's referendum. There is no question democracy worked in this instance.

It may not seem like a victory with almost 70 percent of voters remaining in the background, but in fact it is. During annual Board of Education elections in April, when there normally are three seats on the school board to consider in addition to the school budget, voter turnout is abysmal in many towns.

Ordinarily, a district would be lucky with 10 percent of voters casting ballots. We can only hope that such active voters will continue to be involved in the process, as the school budget and school board members are up for a vote next month.

The Board of Education was right in calling for a second referendum. The first one in December, while only failing by a handful of votes, was certainly affected by the weather when a storm knocked out power through much of the township. Last week's weather allowed for much more participation, and far less confusion, during a second referendum. It may have cost a few thousand dollars more, but the results are a better picture of the community's feelings on the project.

If there is one thing those for and against should be able to agree on, it is that something has to be done with the athletic fields, both the fields at the schools and those at Meisel Avenue Park. Now is the time for residents on both sides of the issue to help work toward a proposal that the community can afford.

Obviously, this one was not one that they could. We hope the comments after results came in last week by representatives of the school board, Springfield Improvement Association and SCORE all ring true with everyone brainstorming as to what can be done.

Springfield did not want this plan. But a plan is needed. A plan is out there and it's important to conceive one.

Community input and planning are the keys to the success of any plan that is created.

**"People in Congress naively believe that one little, tiny law about curbing expression that is disgusting, or speech that is vulgar, is OK — that it won't have consequences. But it may ultimately have consequences for the expressions that we do like."**

—Kerry Brock  
The Freedom Forum  
1996

### Reading across Springfield



Photos By Jeff Grantl

Eighth-grader Marc Czarny, left, tries to keep a straight face as classmate Justin Molinari holds a book in front of his face during their visit to Sandmeier School in Springfield for Read Across America. Max Koteler, 7, right, listens intently as Molinari and Czarny read the story of 'Sylvester and the Magic Pebble' to his first-grade class.

### We need a crusader to take up the cudgels

For some time now, pundits have been attributing the violent acts of children and teen-agers to the types of television shows being shown on a regular basis.

I'm not sure I have always subscribed to this idea, because I certainly saw many a movie that had violence during my youth. Just thinking about all the gangster movies of the 1930s and the outer space Buck Rogers cartoons of the same period verifies my memory that all was not peaceful and calm in the olden days.

And those movies were full of violence. I clearly remember Victor Mature, a handsome devil, dying on the steps of the church after he killed someone. He is comforted by Pat O'Brien, a priest, who was a boyhood friend, who didn't go wrong.

Then there was Edward G. Robinson. Short, he was, with a menacing voice, and he was evil, incarnate. He, too, always got his comeuppance, just as in a morality play.

Add to these two the evils of Humphrey Bogart and the shenanigans of James Cagney and you had a wild bunch, all of whom we saw every Saturday, without fail.

Yet, when I went to elementary and high schools, I didn't experience any outrageous acts involving guns or spears or anything else. Kids just went to school, did their thing, and then

### As I See It

By Norman E. Rauscher

returned home without firing a single shot.

Oh, we weren't goody-goodyies. But our behavior was marked by such misbehavior as smoking in the empty lot down the block where our mothers couldn't see us or firing what were called "spitballs" when the teacher was out of the room.

We even had access to BB guns, which used small metal pellets, and which we fired, probably illegally, in someone's basement when the mother was out shopping.

Otherwise, we were a pretty harmless bunch, in spite of the mayhem we saw on the movie screen every Saturday afternoon. In fact, only one person I knew went to prison, and that guy ended up in the hot seat for murdering someone on a local dirt road.

But today we have a different kettle of fish. School authorities are so worried about violence in the schools that many districts have security officers patrolling the halls. Some even go so far as to have metal detectors in the

doorways to try to eliminate the possibility of anything lethal entering the classrooms.

These steps are not taken idly. Too many children have been killed by other children; but why?

In all the instances there seems to have been no problem getting a gun, either from the child's home or from a gun dealer in areas where restrictions are more liberal.

So, the question is why do youngsters resort to violence to vent hate? Using a gun is a lot different than getting into a fistfight in the school yard. Not a few attribute these acts of violence to television. And a quick glance at the television offerings might lead all of us to the same conclusion.

Just a short time ago, there was a big conference and all the television bigwigs agreed to tone down the violence, particularly during shows which could be easily seen by youth. As the saying goes, "Talk is cheap."

There has been no noticeable reduction in television violence. Even the beloved Super Bowl game was marked by commercials which emphasized violence, speed and general mayhem. In an attempt to catch the viewer's eye, such devices as stalking women, creating monstrous faces in darkened alleys, emphasizing horrible crimes and using music to

emphasize the horrors prevailed.

Such tactics are not limited to one sports event. Think about other so-called sports, where violence leads to victory. This is the message these shows present to our youngsters. Anything goes, as long as it sells the product. Often the product is an upcoming television event, a new sitcom based on violence, hating and stalking women or some other type of destruction.

When we went to see the horror movies in the past, we knew, even as children, they were movies, not real life. The problem today is the viewing of the horrors is not limited to individual trips to the movie theater. The emphasis on horror, murder, mayhem and noise are everyday occurrences, with no attempt to try to gather in an audience.

I don't see anyone leading a crusade to boycott products which use venues of violence to lure customers. We need a crusader to take up the cudgels, someone with real clout. Maybe Tipper Gore, now that she is a private citizen again, would like to swing her words against violence on television, as she did to try to fight pornographic lyrics.

Norman E. Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent contributor to this newspaper.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Politics before interests of youth

To the Editor:

Feb. 27 will be remembered as a dark day in Springfield's storied history. It is the day that residents chose to place petty politics before the interests of our youth. For the cost of one cup of Starbucks coffee per week we could have dramatically improved the condition of the town's athletic fields.

Student-athletes at Jonathan Dayton High School would have had a football field and a track that they could call home with pride. Successful scholastic athletic programs instill pride and self-confidence in our youth, and become a rallying point for the community at large. Examples of this exist in town all around us.

We had a responsibility to pass the referendum to improve our athletic fields. Opponents argued that the town shouldn't be expected to pay for improvements to county land. That argument holds less water than the athletic fields after a rainstorm. If you rent a home, you keep it clean. If you lease a car, you bring it to the car wash. The fact is, without Meisel Field, Dayton High School wouldn't have a football program.

Voters were asked to invest less than \$10 per month for five years. The benefits of that investment would have been felt for decades to come. We don't know how anyone who voted no can look in the mirror and say that they voted in the best interest of our community.

It was a selfish, shortsighted vote that affects our children the most. We have only been Springfield residents for one year. If we had known that so many residents cared so little about the future of their town, we would have chosen to live elsewhere.

This summer our athletic fields will stand as a sad commentary on our pathetic lack of civic pride.

Michael and Pam Webb  
Springfield

#### Now time for discussing solutions

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Springfield Improvement Association, I wish to thank our many members and the many individual voters who supported our viewpoints during the special Board of Education election on Feb. 27. It was most gratifying to have many well-informed voters go to the polling places to express their feelings after hearing the facts presented by both sides. This was true democracy in action.

Since our organization had a large part in the defeat of this referendum, we will continue to work for lower taxes, better education and efficient government.

The Springfield Improvement Association will now seek meetings with the Township Committee, the Board of Education, and the Union County government to discuss some solutions for the betterment of Springfield regarding the problems which were brought forth during the special elections on Dec. 12 and Feb. 27.

Sal Gibaldi Jr., co-chairman  
Springfield Improvement Association

#### Another failure for kids in town

To the Editor:

An open letter to Adam, Rebecca, Ilyssa, and all the other children in Springfield: I let you down. The disappointment in your eyes this morning when I told you the referendum failed again told the whole story.

All you asked you were good and safe fields to play on and I couldn't deliver your wishes. When my 8-year-old asked "Why are you voting, doesn't everyone want to have good fields," I didn't know how to respond. Unfortunately the shortsightedness and the stupidity of some of the people in Springfield led to another failure for the children of this town.

I want to thank Marc, George, Judy and the rest of the SCORE volunteers for the time, effort, hard work and dedication that they exhibited. To those who voted no or didn't vote because they didn't think that the referendum had an effect on them, they have pushed Springfield into a downward spiral that will have the town grouped with similar crumbling towns like Clark, Hillside and Roselle.

Passing a referendum like this is a given in towns like Westfield, Summit and Livingston where people vote for what is best for the community and not what is in it for me. Please accept my apology for failing, but the fight has just begun.

Warren Frank  
Springfield

#### Looking for info on local areas

To the Editor:

Hi! My name is Michael Bruck and I am a fifth-grade student from West Ridge Elementary School in Harlan, Iowa. Our class is studying geography and history of the United States.

We would appreciate it if you would send me a postcard, souvenir, informational article about your state, so we can learn more about your area. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

Michael Bruck, West Ridge Elementary School  
Harlan, Iowa, 51537

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**STUDENT UPDATE**

**DeAngelis, Cucciniello, Kirsch named to list**

Springfield residents Lucynn Cucciniello and Danielle Mara Kirsch, along with Jennifer Marie DeAngelis of Mountainside were among the students named to the dean's list at the University of Delaware for the fall 2000 semester.

DeAngelis, a junior, and Cucciniello, a senior, are both majoring in elementary teacher education at the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy. Kirsch is a junior majoring in fashion merchandising also at the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy.

Named to the dean's list are full-time students with grade point averages of 3.33 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester, with no temporary grades.

**Locals among those recognized at FDU**

Several area residents were among the students at Fairleigh Dickinson University' Florham-Madison campus who qualified for the fall 2000 semester dean's and honors list.

Springfield resident Joseph Gonnella was named to the honors list while making the dean's list were Mountainside residents James Baumgartner and Heather Frescom and Kristin DeAngelo of Springfield.

**Burghauer, Stark on Muhlenberg dean's list**

Springfield residents Sarah Burghauer and Jodi Stark have been named to the dean's list at Muhlenberg College for the fall 2000 semester.

Burghauer, an undeclared major, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alan H. Burghauer. Stark, an English/philosophy major, is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Stark. Students must earn a minimum of 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to attain dean's list status.

**Tufts dean's list includes Mountainside's Chester**

Elizabeth R. Chester of Mountainside was named to the dean's list at Tufts University, Medford, Mass., for the fall 2000 semester.

Students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or greater to achieve dean's list honors.

**Three from Mountainside recognized at MSU**

Three Mountainside residents earned academic honors for the fall 2000 semester at Montclair State University.

Jacqueline Fitzherbert, who is majoring in business administration; Christine Mary Klaskin, a psychology major, and Patrick I. Manies, majoring in human ecology with a concentration in food and nutrition/dietetics, earned dean's list status.

To be eligible, a student must be enrolled full time and have attained semester grade point average of 3.50 or better on a 4.0 scale.

**Honors for Kurtzman**

Rachel Kurtzman, daughter of Sara and Richard Kurtzman of Springfield, has been named to the dean's list at Rider University in Lawrenceville for her academic achievement for during the fall 2000 semester.

**B.U. honors for Basile**

Michael C. Basile of Springfield has been named to the dean's list at Boston University in for the fall 2000 semester.

**Burbach among students on Sacred Heart list**

Mary Burbach of Mountainside has been named to the dean's list at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Conn.,

for the fall 2000 semester. To receive this honors, students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

**FDU honors for Pearson**

Kevin Pearson of Springfield was among the students at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Teaneck-Hackensack campus who qualified for the 2000 fall semester dean's list.

**Students inducted into National Honor Society**

Teobaldo Fernandez of Mountainside and Springfield residents Christopher Daly and Stephen Malcolm were among 18 seniors and 16 juniors of the John Cardinal Newman Chap-

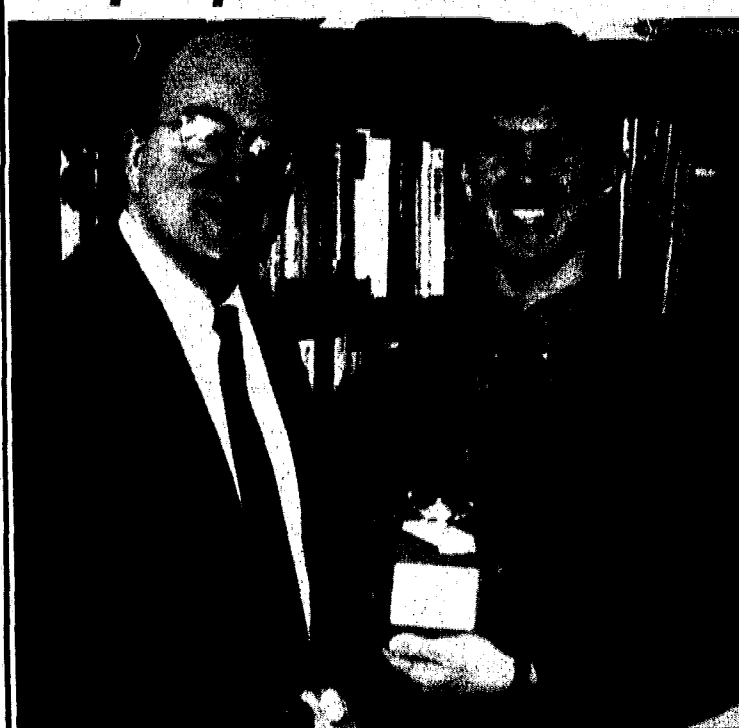
ter at Oratory Preparatory School in Summit inducted during the 20th annual National Honor Society induction last month.

Four seniors were asked to light candles and speak about the importance of the four characteristics of membership. Alexander Lyaschenko spoke on scholarship, Daniel Crum on leadership, Dennis Gsumaria on service and Teobaldo Fernandez on character.

The agenda included the induction of new members, the introduction of former members, the recitation of the NHS pledge and the signing of the register.

The program, organized by Donna Derise, NHS moderator, was followed by a reception at the school.

**Prep Spirit Award**



St. Peter's Prep Principal John Raslowsky presents the 2001 Prep Spirit Award to senior Nicholas Scott of Springfield. Based on the nomination of students, faculty and staff, the award is given each marking period to students who embody the spirit of St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City and who have demonstrated leadership skills in school.

**EVENTS**

**Triad Concert Vocal Ensemble at church**

Several local singers and composers will be featured in a concert by the Triad Concert Vocal Ensemble on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40' Church Mall. The program will include mostly contemporary sacred and secular works by various choral composers, including pieces by conductor Virginia Johnston and accompanist Dan Crisci, both of Union.

The 17-member Triad Chamber Vocal Ensemble, a mixed choir now in its eighth season, also will perform new anthems, "A Prayer," by Pennsylvania composer Amy Scurria and "The Mysteries Remain" by Plainfield resident and former choir member Mark Miller. Also on the program are other sacred works including the gospel piece "Prais His Holy Name," the spiritual "Shall We Gather At The River," and the Gradual "Os Just" by Anton Bruckner. Turia Mayland and Arlene Kapraff, both from South Orange, will be featured singing in the ensemble.

The concert is free and open to the public. Audience members may give a free-will offering that will be put toward Triad's fifth annual "Canticles for

Life" concerts on March 31 in Union and April 1 in Morristown, which will benefit organizations supporting persons with AIDS.

For more information call the church at (973) 376-1695.

**First aid class Saturday**

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, will offer Standard First Aid & Safety — adult CPR and first aid — on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CPR courses teach how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies. First Aid classes teach how to care for life-threatening injuries and illnesses.

Participants who pass the course will receive a certification card at the end of the class. The training will be at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. Advance registration is required and space is limited.

Interested individuals should call Linda Johnson at (908) 232-7090, or e-mail johnsonl@crossnet.org, or stop by the chapter house.

**Deerfield registration**

Deerfield School announces its registration for 2001-02 kindergarten

classes. Registration and screening will be conducted by appointment through Friday. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Parents are requested to call Susan Nugent to make an appointment for the screening that will be conducted by kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist. Barbara Komoroski, Deerfield's

guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

Parents should call Deerfield School at (908) 232-8828, Ext. 213, to receive forms that should be completed, and returned at registration. Children being registered should be 5 years of age by Oct. 1, 2001. A birth certificate and proof of residency must be presented at the time of the appointment.

**CLUBS IN THE NEWS**

**Garden Club meets**

The Springfield Garden Club will meet Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield.

The program is "Wildflowers" and the speaker is Bob Henschel, park naturalist of the Monmouth County Parks. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call (973) 376-3436.

**Borough seniors meet**

The Mountainside Senior Citizens Club meets Friday with Bill Connary, a speaker from the State Department of Law, will speak on elder fraud.

On March 23, a program for young

and old will be a talk on diabetes.

The Mountainside Senior Citizens Club meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month at the Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane. The meetings begin at noon with light refreshments served.

**Mommy & Me Easter Egg Hunt planned**

The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor its annual Mommy & Me Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Loop Playground, Watchung Reservation. The cost is \$5 per child. RSVP to Margaret DiPalma by April 1. Rain date will be April 14.

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## 100 days already?



Children in Daren Driscoll's all-day kindergarten class at Summit Child Care Centers' Wilson Center in Summit celebrated the 100th day of kindergarten. Celebrating with children is Ann Weigel, interim executive director, with, from left, Georgia Powell, Ryan Kulesz, Scott Caputo, Cameron Harris and Laura Maxwell.

## EVENTS

### 'Probing the Naked Personality' ends today

"Probing the Naked Personality," recent paintings by artist Barbara Petitto, is the focus of an exhibition in the Member's Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit, that ends today.

Petitto uses complimentaries and pure color to underscore what she describes as her "search for the ultimate statement." In her artist's statement, she continues by stating that "distortion is important because without it a work seems mundane. Symbolism and the human condition are important factors in my work. It is about the inner soul we all possess, spiritual and mysterious."

Petitto has shown extensively in galleries and museums in the metropolitan area including Nexus Gallery in New York City, Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters, the World Trade Center and the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, New Jersey. Her work is included in many private and corporate collections.

### Reinhardt on display at Reeves-Reed

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., will be hosting an exhibition of paintings by nationally known artist Katie Reinhardt until May.

Influenced by living in Latin America for more than a decade, Reinhardt is primarily a colorist and her visual message is a positive and optimistic one. Her paintings of flowers, fruits, and vegetables are vibrant. Her objective is to enliven the senses with color and give the viewer pleasure along with a sense of optimism and possibility.

Reinhardt has studied art at the University of Michigan and New York University. She also has studied in Guatemala and Bogota, Colombia, as well as at the Institute of Contemporary Art Studies in London. Her work has been shown in galleries around the country and abroad.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum is a National and State Historic Site specializing in environmental education. As a nonprofit organization, the arboretum is supported solely by memberships and contributions.

For information call the arboretum at 273-8787. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Arts center plays host to annual juried show

The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., hosts its 15th annual International Juried Show Exhibition in the Palmer Gallery through March 14.

This year's juror is Donald B. Kuspit, a renown art critic, write and professor of art history and philosophy at SUNY-Stony Brook. Entries were received from all over the United States as well as 22 countries abroad. The selected artists on view explore a wide range of materials, methods and meanings. Their work reflects a very contemporary overview of artwork being created today.

Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local artists, NJCVA has evolved into a major regional art center. It has a full-scale art school taught by award winning faculty. There are two interior galleries and an outdoor exhibition space/sculpture garden. NJCVA is the largest art center in the state. It is specifically devoted to contemporary art. Programs include Artists with Disabilities, docent tours,

lectures, demonstrations, art trips, workshops and other activities.

The nonprofit New Jersey Center for Visual Arts is wheelchair-accessible and is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts.

### 'Revelations' on display at Kent Place until Friday

The Kent Place Gallery presents "Sea Series: Revelations," an exhibition of striking paintings by artist Bonnie McKee Tortora of Fair Haven running through Friday.

Tortora uses the images of jellyfish and other sea creatures without shells as symbols of vulnerability in man and his environment. In contrast, shellfish are represented as symbols of power.

The artist employs a stenciling technique to juxtapose sea forms in layers on the canvas in a bold and colorful style. Her process include applying oil, acrylic and melted wax to the surface in an abstracted, repetitive pattern.

This is Tortora's sixth solo show in New Jersey. She has also exhibited her work in group shows at the City Without Walls in Newark, The Monmouth County Museum and The Art Alliance of Monmouth County as well as in private galleries. Her work is included in The McGraw-Hill Publishing Company collection and is displayed online with Art4Business.com.

The Kent Place Gallery, located in Summit on the campus of Kent Place School, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment with Judy Lapidis, director.

## EDUCATION

### High school computer lab open late Tuesdays

The computer lab in Room 107 at Summit High School, 12 Kent Place Blvd., will be open Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. for use by the public. The lab will not be open during school vacations or holidays.

A lab monitor will be on hand to answer questions and assist in the use of the computers, laser printers and scanners that will be available, but will not provide actual instruction in computer use. The computers are Macintosh Power PCs; access to the Internet will be available through Netscape. There is no charge to use the lab and reservations are not necessary.

Parking is available in the school parking lot.

### Kindergarten registration

The Summit public schools will be conducting registration for kindergarten for the 2001-02 school year next week.

Children who reside in Summit and whose fifth birthday falls on or before Sept. 30 may be admitted to kindergarten.

Registration by appointment will be Monday and March 15 in Summit's five public elementary schools. Children must be registered at the school in their residential district.

Kindergarten registration forms are available at the elementary schools and at local nursery schools. The Board of Education recommends that the forms be picked up and completed prior to the registration dates. Appointments for registration can be made at the time the forms are picked up from the elementary schools.

At registration, parents must present their child's original birth certificate, and three proofs of residency. Proofs of residency must include a lease or deed showing ownership or residency at a Summit address, and may include utility bills, and a parent's driver's license or car registration.

Children should not accompany their parent/guardian on registration day. Parents will be notified of a future date for their child to visit the school.

Appointments may be made for the following registration dates and times:

- Brayton School, 89 Tulip St., (908) 273-1276; Monday and March 15, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.
- Franklin School, 136 Blackburn Road, (908) 277-2613; Monday and March 15, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Jefferson School, 110 Ashwood Ave., (908) 273-3807; Monday, 1 to 3 p.m.; March 15, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Lincoln-Hubbard School, 52 Woodland Ave., (908) 273-1333; Monday, 9 a.m. to noon; March 15, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Washington School, 507 Morris Ave., (908) 273-0817; Monday and March 15, 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

If you do not know in which elementary school district you reside, call the Board of Education office at 918-2100, Ext. 3102.

### Dress down days

The Summit Education Association will sponsor Dress Down Day on March 22 to raise money for its scholarship fund.

Staff members are invited to donate \$5 for each day to show their support

for the SEA's effort. Last year \$500 in scholarship money was raised by the SEA.

### Scholarship applications

This spring, the Junior League of Summit will award up to three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving are high school seniors, through its Shirley Wight Keeney Scholarship program. The award was established 10 years ago to honor the extraordinary, long-term volunteer service efforts of Keeney, a Junior League member and Summit resident. Recipients must demonstrate a commitment to community service.

All applicants must be high school seniors who live in Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence or Summit, be in the top one-third of their academic class and be planning to continue their education at an accredited two-year or four-year college, business or vocational school. Sons and daughters of current Junior League members are not eligible.


Applications are available through local high school guidance counselors or at the Junior League of Summit office, 37 DeForest Ave. The application deadline is April 9.

The Junior League of Summit is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Throughout its 71-year history, it has trained many outstanding leaders, and founded or funded countless service organizations and programs through its projects and grants.

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EDUCATION

Pasta for Pennies

Students at Deerfield School in Mountainside will be bringing in their spare change from their home, their family, their friends and relatives to their classroom during February to donate to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Did you know that leukemia claims the lives of more children than any other disease? It is estimated that leukemia and related cancers will strike over 100,000 adults and children this year and take the lives of

approximately 57,500.

Monies raised through Pasta for Pennies will be used to support the society's programs of research, patient services and education.

For more information call the chapter at (973) 376-9559.

Project Graduation fund-raising under way

Feb. 1 marked the fund-raising kick-off for Governor Livingston High School's 13th annual Project Graduation.

Each year the communities of Berkeley Heights and Mountainside join efforts to raise more than \$15,000 to provide an all-night drug- and

alcohol-free event for the entire senior class on the night of graduation.

The purpose of the event is two-fold: To provide a safe environment for the class to celebrate and to demonstrate it is possible to have a great time without the use of drugs and alcohol.

This year's Project Graduation will be at St. Elizabeth's College in Convent Station.

Those wishing to contribute to this year's Project Graduation can send a check made payable to GLHS-Project Graduation to the high school at 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, 07922, or call Sonya Mccluskey, publicity chairwoman, at (908) 665-9481 for more information.

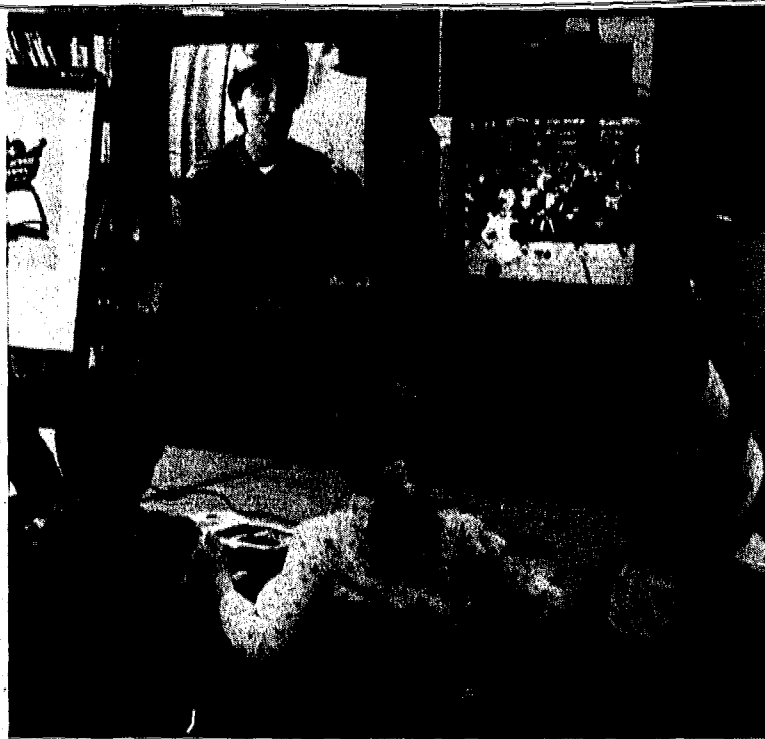


Photo By Barbara Kakkalis

Education Coordinator Jennifer Long appears on the screen during a live video conference at Deerfield School from the Ocean Institute in Dana, Calif.

School links up with institute

(Continued from Page 1) ren identify them: hermit crabs, bat stars, sea cucumber, and the purple sea urchin.

Each child had been given a field guide with pictures of the animals in the intertidal zone, but it was not easy to identify them as they all were very similar.

Each segment in the library lasted 45 minutes and children with parents were lined up to come in and share the experience. Palmer said, "It really is the latest in technology and Deerfield is one of few schools who have this equipment."

Palmer teaches computers to grades six through eight, but was not surprised that the younger children who were there picked up everything immediately, and interacted with the teacher at the marine institute across the country.

Back in the cafeteria, the children had served 170 subs for the dinner period and many pieces of Dr. Seuss birthday cake. Keshish estimated that at least three-fourths of the teachers were on duty.

Keeping track of the arrivals and manning the door was Lynne Ash, school psychologist in real life, who said, "This is a real fun day; the costumes the children are wearing are

very creative, and they are all waiters and waitresses today."

There was 12-year-old Christine Bennett, a sixth-grader, who was wearing a shockingly blue curly wig, for the character Thing One in "Cat In The Hat."

Eleven-year-old Lauren Arrigoni was dressed like Heidi, from her favorite book of the same name. She had a dirndl dress and long real pigtails. She is in the sixth grade and also read the story to one of the kindergarten classes.

The Wicked Witch of the West, from "The Wizard of Oz," was Eve Goldstein's character, and the sixth-grader, who is 12, wore a long, black cape and face paint. Naomi McKenna, 10, came as the actual cat in "Cat In The Hat" and had used her mom's eyeliner to paint her face with whiskers.

Tired but happy overall coordinators were Carol Deets, sixth-grade teacher and Karen Hillyer, media specialist, both of whom were also in Dr. Seuss costumes.

Church grows like a family

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immersed in the ministry about 60 hours per week, and always on call. That is expected and I understand that. The only regret I have from time to time is that I did not have more time to spend with my family.

Somewhat like a busman's holiday, on his vacation time, Mackey always leads a trip to the Holy Land, arranging all the details and itinerary. Last year the trip was cancelled, but we are planning another in April 2002 — not to Israel this time, but to the cities of St. Paul in Turkey, Greece and eventually to Rome.

Members live in many surrounding areas, but we are one family here," the minister said, "and like all families, we are multiplying."

White elephant sale planned for Monday

The Ruth Estrin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research will conduct a white elephant sale at its meeting Monday at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 785 Springfield Ave., Springfield at 7:30 p.m.

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Your organization should be getting the publicity it deserves and we would like to help. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day.

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SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH755746 DIVISION: CHANCERY COUNTY: UNION DOCKET NO. F776900 PLAINTIFF: CITIMORTGAGE, INC. DEFENDANT: LORENZO R. PECANA WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2000 SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, February 27, 2001.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Municipal Clerk U4141 ECL March 8, 2001 (\$9.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, ADMINISTRATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUBSTITUTE PROSECUTOR, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, CHAPTER 7 - TO ESTABLISH ON-STREET RESIDENT PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS BY THE TOWNSHIP

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH755745 DIVISION: CHANCERY COUNTY: UNION DOCKET NO. F1157500 PLAINTIFF: WORLD SAVINGS BANK, F.S.B. DEFENDANT: HARRY CLUNIE WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: JANUARY 04, 2000

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ATTORNEY: RALPH FROELICH FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, POLICE REGULATIONS, TO REGULATE PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ENACTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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## Beth Ahm hosts free series of workshops

Jewish Family Service of MetroWest and Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield will present a series of free workshops entitled "Finding Solutions to Everyday Life Challenges," beginning March 15. All programs will take place at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. The public is invited to attend. Advanced registration for each workshop is requested.

"We are happy to take a variety of our educational and supportive workshops out into the community," said Reuben Rotman, assistant director of JFS. "Whether the issue is dealing with your challenging child or caring for your aging parent, these JFS professional workshops can provide valuable tools for dealing with life's challenges."

Workshop topics and dates are as follows:

- "Caring for Your Aging Parent," on March 15 with speaker Naomi Serlin, will offer community resources, emotional support and problem solving.
- "Caring for You...Caring for Me," on April 12 with Serlin, is designed for individuals who are caring for their spouses. The workshop includes sharing of information and techniques, emotional support and community resources.
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- "Singles.com: Living in a Coupled World," on May 17 with speaker Esta Dalsass. Participants can explore the challenges of enjoying single life in a family/couples culture.
- "Grief: Survival, Healing and Growth."

For more information or to register for any of these free workshops call Sylvia Heller, JFS program associate, at (973) 765-9050, Ext. 262.

## Thanks for the support



James Caldwell School fourth-grade teachers, from left, David Rennie, Karen Hagan and Marcia Bright with Principal Ken Bernabe, right, receive from local merchant Jeff Pinkava a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Corp. to be used for the advancement of New Jersey environmental and geographical studies in the classroom.

## AT THE LIBRARY

### Great Books Reading Group meets March 15

The Great Books Reading and Discussion Group will meet March 15 to discuss "Utilitarianism" by John Stuart Mill from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

### Children's programming

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will be expanding its children's programming in March. Each program will now take place on a weekly basis.

• P-J Storytime, which invites kids to attend in pajamas, is scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8 p.m. Children should plan to come to either program during the week since they are repeat performances. Intended for children ages 3 to 6, the programs include stories and a simple project. Parents are welcome. Pre-registration required.

• The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 years old and their parent or caregiver. Plan to stay and play afterward. The programs will be Thursdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. No advance registration.

• Library Babies supports language-building through nursery rhymes, songs and fingerplays for babies and younger toddlers up to 18 months old in the comfort of a parent or caregiver's lap. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program is scheduled for Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. No advance registration.

To register for programs, call (973) 376-4930 or stop by the library. All children's events are in the children's room of the library.

### 'Great Jazz Vocalists'

"Great Jazz Vocalists," a lecture with rare audio and video recordings, will be featured at the Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, on Monday at 7 p.m. David Cayer, the presenter, will discuss the history of jazz vocalists, from the pioneer singers of the 1920s to a sampling of today's young stars. The event will include rare film clips and recordings

of classic performance by Sarah Vaughn, Louis Armstrong, Fats Waller, Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra.

Cayer teaches American studies and music at Rutgers University. He also serves as co-editor of the Annual Review of Jazz Studies, published by the Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies. The program was developed and funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is free and open to the public.

Call the library at (908) 233-0115 for more information or to reserve space for "Great Jazz Vocalists."

### Kids' program today

The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, offers its children's programs for the winter:

- Toddler Time for 2-year-olds, Friday, 10:30 a.m. until March 9. Stories and nursery rhymes for children, accompanied by parent or caregiver. The program lasts approximately 30 minutes.
- Preschool Storytime for 3- and 4-year-olds, today, 2 p.m. Stories and simple crafts for children ages 3 and 4. Parents must remain in the library during the program. The program

lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Registration is required for all programs and for Mountainside Library card holders only. Visit the library or call (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

### Collectors are sought

Mountainside Public Library is seeking hobbyists and collectors who would like to place exhibits in the library's display case in 2001.

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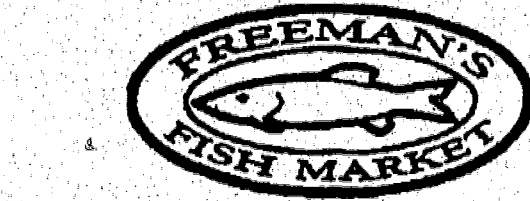
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## Summit hockey unit triumphs in states

The Summit High School ice hockey team began the week with an 18-6-2 record after skating to a couple of state tournament victories last week.

The Hilltoppers edged Ridge 5-4 in a shootout Thursday after downing Nutley 3-1 Feb. 27 in the NJSIAA Public Schools Tournament. Both games were played at Warinanco Rink in Roselle.

Ranked No. 10 in the state, Summit reached the championship game last year after upsetting Brick in the semifinals.

Summit came all the way back from a 3-0 deficit to oust Ridge. Mike Nelson, Keith Schroeder and Craig Oliver scored in the shootout for Summit, which won the overtime by a 3-1 count.

Richard James made 25 saves in goal for the Hilltoppers to notch the state playoff victory.

Oliver and Schroeder scored in the first period for Summit to put it back in the game at 3-2.

Nelson scored in the second and then again in the third to give Summit a 4-3 lead. Ridge tied the game with 3:56 left.

Matt Starker scored all three goals to lift the Hilltoppers past Nutley. James was solid in goal again, coming up with 27 saves.

## Springfield hoop team victorious

The Springfield Minutemen 8th grade basketball team rebounded to post three victories.

The Minutemen played quite well in defeating Bound Brook in the Dunellen Tournament and then they downed Millburn and Warren.

In the convincing 56-32 win against Bound Brook, center Kevin Johnson scored 22 points and point guard Mike Tiss had nine. Ross Kivowitz scored eight, Robbie Shabat seven, Jesse Weatherston five, Kenneth Suarez four and Kevin Kleyman one.

Johnson scored 21 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in the 58-53 triumph over Millburn. Weatherston and Shabat scored 10 points each and Kivowitz had eight points and eight rebounds.

Tiss scored five points, Suarez had three in the fourth quarter and grabbed six rebounds and Jake Floyd scored one point.

Kleyman did not play in the non-league game, as he was sidelined with an ankle injury.

Johnson scored 24 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to help Springfield defeat Warren. The Minutemen lost to Warren last year.

Kivowitz had eight points and 11 rebounds and Weatherston scored seven points. Tiss scored six points and grabbed four rebounds and caused Warren to turn the ball over four times.

Shabat scored five points, Suarez had three assists and caused four turnovers and Floyd also played an outstanding game.

Springfield lost to Maplewood 65-49 in the Springfield Tournament. Johnson scored 17, Suarez 10, Kivowitz nine, Shabat six, Tiss four, Weatherston two and a returning Kleyman one.

Springfield was expected to play in the league playoffs, which could have started as early as yesterday and will continue in the following days.

Springfield's 7th grade team was defeated by Hillside, Millburn and Warren and were then defeated by Wayne in the Springfield Tournament.

Alan Steinberg and David Steinman had four points against Hillside, Jesse Galinkin four vs. Millburn, Floyd nine points and 11 rebounds against Warren and Stephen Suarez eight points vs. Wayne.

Kyle Seeley, Alex Silverman, Dan Shabat, Jordan Fish, Eric Dworkin, Brandon Gincel, Adam Hirst, Steven Decter, Dan DeCocco and Kevin Jiang also turned in solid efforts for the Minutemen.

Springfield is to play in the league playoffs later this week, depending upon the weather.

## Summit YMCA seeks soccer players

The Summit YMCA is looking for soccer players. Spaces are still available on first grade and second grade teams in the Youth Soccer Association spring league.

The spring soccer season runs from April 8 to June 10.

YSA is an instructional soccer league where children learn basic skills, build confidence, participate in games and have fun. The cost is \$72 plus a YMCA Youth or Family membership.

For more information call Sports Director Lore Zuchowski at (908) 273-3330.

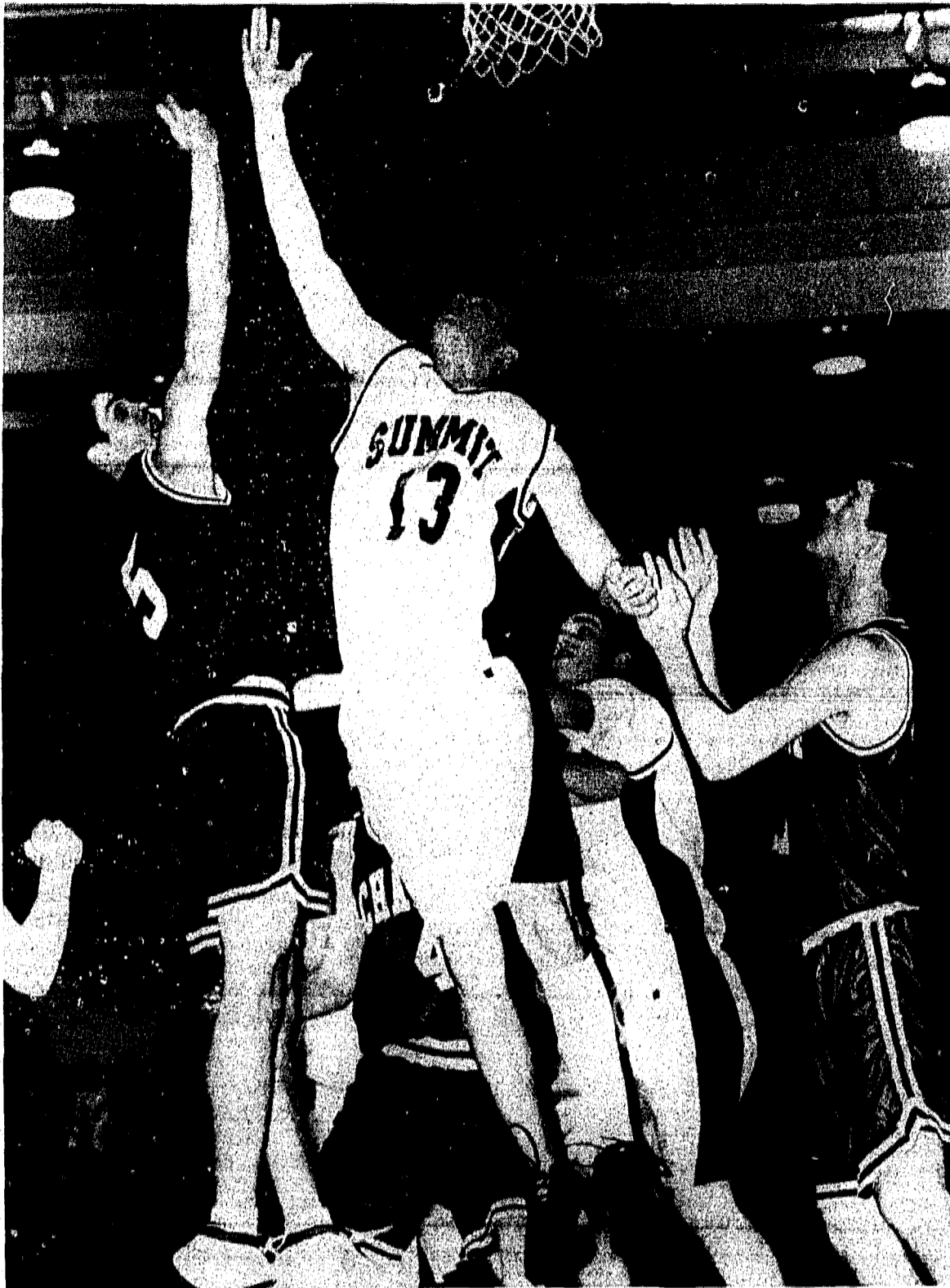


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Summit High School standout senior guard Ryan Carey (No. 13) scored 12 points to help the Hilltoppers defeat Chatham 42-39 in last week's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 quarterfinals at Summit. The fourth-seeded Hilltoppers finished with a 15-7 record after falling at top-seeded Weequahic 76-62 last Friday.

## Summit boys' hoops did well to reach sectional semifinals

By JR Parachini  
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The Summit High School boys' basketball team had an outstanding season this year. If only if it weren't for Weequahic.

The Hilltoppers concluded with an impressive 15-7 record. However, three of those losses came to Weequahic.

The third came last Friday in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals as top-seeded Weequahic pulled away with a 76-62 victory. The Essex County school, which defeated Summit twice en route to capturing the

Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division title, improved to 23-2 with the victory.

Fourth-seeded Summit advanced by eliminating fifth-seeded Chatham 42-39 Feb. 28 in Summit.

Standout junior forward Dan Dugan paced Summit in scoring in both state tournament games as he had 14 against Chatham and a game-high 27 against Weequahic.

Standout senior guard Ryan Carey poured in 12 against Chatham and 18 vs. Weequahic. Alex Sprinzen scored 11 against Weequahic.



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Summit High School standout junior forward Dan Dugan (No. 20) scored a team-high 14 points in the Hilltoppers' state tournament win against visiting Chatham. Dugan scored a game-high 27 points, including five 3-pointers, in Summit's loss to Weequahic.

## Dayton is one win from reaching goal Bulldogs in section final

By JR Parachini  
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One more win for a sectional championship.

The Dayton High School boys' basketball team began the week just one win away from accomplishing its No. 1 goal this year.

The top-seeded Bulldogs were scheduled to play second-seeded Kinnelon in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 final at Millburn Tuesday, but because of this week's snow, the game was moved. As of Tuesday's press time, the game had yet to be rescheduled.

## High School Boys' Basketball

Dayton took care of Cedar Grove and New Providence to reach the final for the second time in three years.

First came a 69-67 triple-overtime win at home over eighth-seeded Cedar Grove last Thursday. Then came a 51-44 win at home over fifth-seeded New Providence last Saturday.

After falling to New Providence in the final two years ago, the Bulldogs have now eliminated the Pioneers the past two seasons.

Dayton, which began the week at 18-4, last faced Kinnelon two years ago in the states and came away with a 46-35 win at home in a first-round encounter.

Standout senior point guard Carmine Santarella scored six of his team-high 20 points in overtime to lift the Bulldogs past Cedar Grove. Matt Paz scored 17, Jeff Stapher 12, Dario Ruggiero 11, James Cariello four, Chad Freundlich three and Mo Abdelaziz two.

The outstanding defensive play of Abdelaziz was key in the victory over New Providence. The 5-6 junior guard came off the bench to cause two critical turnovers in the fourth quarter to help Dayton outlast the Pioneers.

Stapher and Santarella scored 14 points each, Paz 10, Ruggiero five and Cariello and Abdelaziz four each.

Dayton's led 28-13 at the half after outscoring New Providence 20-6 in the second quarter.

Dayton has been on a mission ever since falling to New Providence 56-39 in the final two years ago at Millburn. The Bulldogs, seeded second, attempted to get back to Millburn last year, but were defeated quite handily at home by Newark University 74-54 in the semifinals.

Dayton had defeated University 59-57 in Newark the year before in the semifinals, which was the Bulldogs' third state tournament victory as the section's No. 8 seed.

Here's a look at Dayton's record in state tournament play the past three seasons:

2000-2001

Present record: 19-4

Top seed in North 2, Group 1

Defeated eighth-seeded Cedar Grove 69-67 in triple overtime at home in quarterfinals.

Defeated fifth-seeded New Providence 51-44 at home in semifinals.

Is to face second-seeded Kinnelon in final.

1999-2000

Final record: 17-5

2nd seed in North 2, Group 1

Defeated 10th-seeded New Providence 50-41 at home in quarterfinals.

Lost to third-seeded Newark University 74-54 in semifinals.

1998-1999

Final record: 14-10

8th seed in North 2, Group 1

Defeated ninth-seeded Kinnelon 46-35 at home in first round.

Won at top-seeded Roselle Park 41-36 in quarterfinals.

(Roselle Park reached the 1997 and 1998 sectional finals.)

Won at fifth-seeded Newark University 59-57 in semifinals.

Lost to third-seeded New Providence 56-39 in final at Millburn.

(New Providence went on to win Group 1 state championship.)

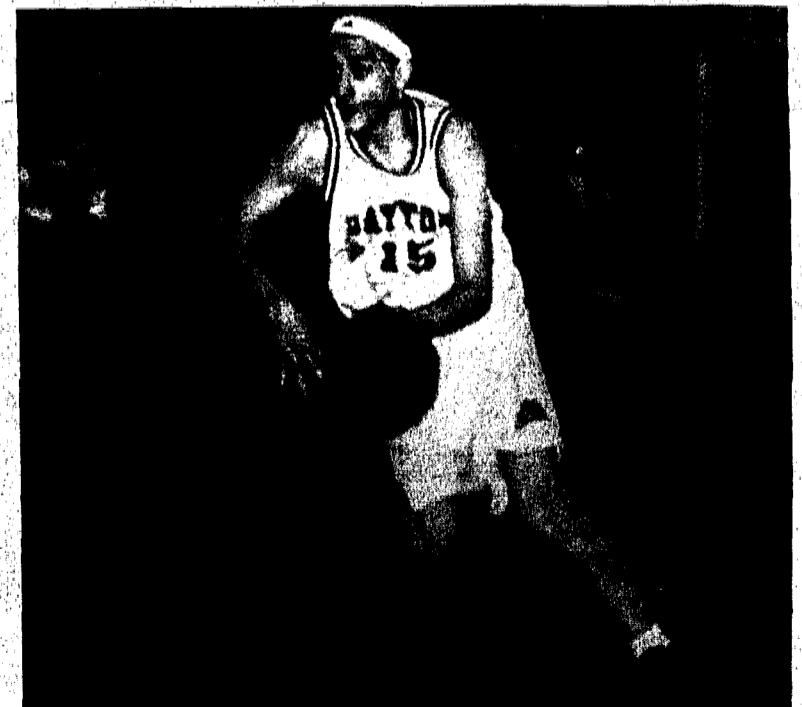


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Dayton High School standout senior point guard Carmine Santarella (No. 15) scored a team-high 20 points to lead the Bulldog boys' basketball team to a 69-67 triple overtime victory over Cedar Grove last Thursday in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 quarterfinals in Springfield.



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Dayton High School standout senior forward Jeff Stapher (No. 35) scored 12 points to help the Bulldogs best Cedar Grove in last week's sectional quarterfinals. Dayton improved to 18-4 after beating New Providence 51-44 in last Saturday's semifinals. The top-seeded Bulldogs are to face second-seeded Kinnelon in the final at Millburn.

