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## Creating colorful worlds for young, eager readers

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

Opening up a world of wonder in Mountainside on Nov. 15 was Denise Brunkus, famed illustrator for children's books.

Brunkus visited the students in grades kindergarten through sixth at Deerfield School in Mountainside for a special presentation on how she performs the unique job of creating colorful worlds for young readers.

Her illustrations have appeared in 58 books including the popular "Junie B. Jones" series, "The Principal's New Clothes," and "Chocolatina." With titles published by Random House, Dial, and Scholastic, and work regularly appearing in national magazines, Brunkus has been successful enough to make a career doing what she loves.

Earlier, a brief slide show charted the development of the artist from childhood to the present, carrying through with a step by step creative process for each group that attended the presentation.

In a series of demonstrations that ran throughout the day, she described for each group what the publishing process entails, how she prepares to illustrate a whole book, and performed a drawing for the young audience, transforming Mrs. Ferdman, one of the characters from "Chocolatina," from a blank sheet of paper into a living, breathing person with a few touches of her colored pencils and chalk.

Colored pencils, are in fact, the main tool of her trade, along with chalk, paint and markers. Her illustrations for "Chocolatina" were done entirely by colored pencils.

Brunkus explained that she got the idea for "Chocolatina" through a mail order catalog and started to do sketches for some of the characters in the script shortly after. She described the process as starting out with lightly coloring in circles, slightly overlapping them, and not pressing too hard on the paper.

"When you're an illustrator, you try to make each page interesting," she said.

The plot involves the story of a girl who loves chocolate so much that she takes her health teacher's maxim of "you are what you eat" to heart and wishes it to be literally true. When she wakes up she turns into a girl made out of chocolate and finds out that things get worse for her until the book comes to a happy, surprising conclusion.

Brunkus told how she draws people's faces to correspond to their personalities in the books, showing through a drawing how certain attributes reveal Mrs. Ferdman's character. With a polynose nose, sharply-angled glasses, and rigid lines, she revealed the character as mean and unfriendly. She also showed how adding slightly different colors and styles of clothing to Mrs. Ferdman changed her personality, made her look more friendly and fun.

Instead of working with the details from the beginning, Brunkus said whenever she starts a drawing she always tries to get the big picture down first, then goes into the details as she moves along.

As she explained, when she takes an assignment, her publisher sends her a copy of the script and her job is to move all around the words to think

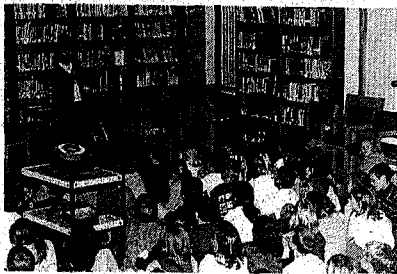


Photo By Ed Rybnick

Denise Brunkus, illustrator of numerous children's books, came to Deerfield School in Mountainside on Nov. 15 for a fun-filled day of demonstrations and discussions on how she does her work.

about a way to describe in illustrations the story that's being told.

She said one of the things that's always been a part of the job is the need for changes during the course of creating the work.

"As old as I am, I still have to follow directions," she said. "You have a teacher, I have an editor," she told students.

Not only is an author and editor involved in helping to create the book, but she said the book goes to an art director, color separator, printer, and other people who make the book into something readers can read.

Overall, students were excited to learn about how the illustrator does her job, with lots of props and drawings on her easel that gave audiences a chance to see her creations come to life.

Many of the students had already read some of her books in class and were eager to line up and have them signed by Brunkus.

Third-grade teacher Shannon Cas-

sini said the presentation gave her students inspiration for their own artwork.

"I think it's good because there's so many students who like to draw and it teaches practice and determination," said Cassini.

Her students were happy to take part in the presentation.

"I liked her drawing," said Kevin Forza, referring to the illustrator's sketch of Mrs. Ferdman on her easel.

"I liked the drawings of what she did and the slides," said Stephen Hart.

Kristen Schoen, who also likes to draw, agreed that her favorite part was seeing the illustrator do the drawing of the teacher before the audience.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller attended the event and was amazed at her abilities and the way students were drawn in by her skills.

"It provides the students with working knowledge of how they can perform their own artwork and how they can perfect it and not be afraid of it," said Schaller.

## Liquor store by armed rob

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

On Nov. 10 at 8:24 p.m., Springfield Wines & Liquors at 276 Morris Ave., was robbed at gun point by three men on Nov. 10 at 8:24 p.m.

The robbers made off with \$2,991 in cash, two 1.5-liter bottles of Hennessy Cognac worth a combined \$96, one 750 ml. bottle of Hennessy Cognac worth \$33, six packs of Newport brand cigarettes, and a personal check for \$70.

"It's been a long, long time since there's been any robberies downtown," said Police Chief William Chisholm. "There's been reported street robberies and things like that but no store robberies."

Chisholm said there was no vehicle seen in the getaway. Investigators are looking into all possible leads.

"We are working until conclusions and arrests can be made," he said. "It's an active case right now that is being investigated."

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Employees of Springfield Wines & Liquors said they could not discuss the robbery and the ensuing investigation.

Chisholm said the entire robbery only lasted a few minutes.

## With help of volunteers, old rooms get recreated

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

The old boys and girls locker rooms in the Auxiliary Gym at Jonathan Dayton High School have been refurbished and changed into a team room and a training room.

The project was completed by volunteers from Springfield Cares, Dayton staff members and students.

The team room is using some of the bigger mesh lockers that were located in the fieldhouse. The lockers are much bigger than the ones the old locker rooms used to have. They can fit big, bulky equipment, such as hockey gear, explained Springfield Athletic Director Dan Gallagher.

The team room is "really more for the girls than the guys," he said. "The guys have the fieldhouse to use."

Gallagher explained that the girls' tennis team, and other teams that use bigger equipment, such as the softball team, will now be able to store their equipment in lockers, rather than the closets they used to use.

"The coaches can bring the team into the room at halftime," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. Mahler said the old locker rooms are tight and crowded, and how are not very conducive for the coach to go over things with his team.

"It's a good use of the space available to us with the change," said Mahler. "The change improves the appearance of this area."

The locker rooms have been cleaned, repainted and a mural will be created.

The training room will be used to treat Dayton athletes who get injured during a game or in practice.

Gallagher pointed out how although there were several Dayton students who volunteered to help, he could only bring six or so because the Springfield Cares committee already had 20 people signed up.

"I didn't want to bring too many into such a tight space," he said.

Springfield Cares has been in existence for about a year. It was first formed, last year, after a bond referendum to improve athletic fields was voted down.

"Not passing it sent the message that perhaps people in the town did not care or didn't think that the school is that important," said co-founder Steven Kaplan. "The message sent was that the people put themselves in front of the good of the kids because of what might have amounted to a minor tax increase."

Kaplan stressed that Board of Education members were elected by the residents of Springfield and therefore should have the trust of the citizens, so when the board believes the budget is accurate and would help the school system, the budget should pass.

Springfield Cares consists of roughly 50 families, most of whom are new to Springfield, who want to improve the look and awareness of the town, he said.

"A bunch of families moved into town and there was a tremendous amount of apathy in the town," said co-founder Gary Bachman. "We want to increase awareness and get other people involved."

One of their primary concerns is that the school budget, up for a vote in April, gets passed next year.

"For the next school budget election, we're in the process of dividing up the entire town into blocks," said Kaplan. "So that someone can cover each block as it approaches. This way they can hand out fliers and make calls to vote for the school budget."

Kaplan said voters should look at the budget, study it for themselves, and then make their own decision as to whether or not to vote for it, but he said that in his opinion it is something that is important for the town to pass.

Springfield Cares has been responsible for several projects, and helped at the Fourth of July celebration, by collecting the food tickets.



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

By putting on a fresh coat of paint, Charles Bachman and Amy Damast of Springfield do their part in helping to transform the old locker rooms in the Auxiliary Gym at Jonathan Dayton High School into new team and training rooms.

They also want to help out with the schools.

"We asked Dr. Mahler, what's going on in the schools and how can we help," said Bachman. "Dr. Mahler thought that it would be great if right

before the basketball season started, to help increase school spirit. If we could help to create a team room."

"The locker rooms are a small step to get people involved and do stuff to help the town," said Bachman.

## Ready for Thanksgiving



Photo By Jeff Gross

Harriet Ginsberg and her second-grade class at Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School in Springfield recently participated in a group of Thanksgiving activities that included stories the kids are holding, T-shirts they made themselves, and the building of a tee-pee in their classroom.

## Local runners joined thousands for race

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Several residents from Springfield and Mountainside joined nearly 30,000 other people to run in the 26.2-mile New York City Marathon on Nov. 4.

Springfield resident Lauren Strollo, along with her husband Charlie Bayer, have participated in several marathons, but this was their first one in New York City.

"We thought that if you're going to do a marathon you have to do the New York City Marathon," said Strollo.

"My husband and I ran it together...well we started together," said Strollo. Her husband finished about an hour and a half before her and he had a chance to rest by the time she crossed the finish line.

"When you run in a race or marathon everyone talks to you and are friendly. You're never really alone," said Strollo.

Christella LaRosa of Springfield has always been a runner. She ran track at Jonathan Dayton High School when she was a student there. This was her first NYC Marathon though.

"The NYC Marathon just has a great reputation where everyone cheers for you," she said. "There was one I really wanted to do and it was this one."

Brian Pollock, a Springfield resident, ran his marathon in 1995. He said he enjoyed it even more this year. "We couldn't have had a better day," he said. "The weather was beautiful, 60 degrees and sunny."

Michael Guidiciopietro, a Mountainside resident and seven-year veteran of the marathon, would have liked the weather to have been a little cooler.

He said he has run in several Philadelphia and New Jersey marathons and he enjoys the race better when it's a little cooler the year.

Pollock noticed that security was heightened this year.

"There was a lot of police, helicopters and boats in the water when we went over the bridge," he said.

Strollo said she noticed there was a lot of security too, but said it wasn't a deterrent.

"The firemen and policemen were cheering us on," she said. "There were spontaneous chants of USA."

Guidiciopietro said he understood the need for the extra security.

"It was a pain to a degree but I understood," he said. "There were a lot of people cheering. It was a great event to participate in with everything that's been going on and the apprehension about going over bridges."

Mary Beth Dubinsky of Mountainside, a four-year veteran of the marathon, also noticed the extra security.

Dubinsky explained that because she ran exceptionally well last year, this year she got placed right behind all the great female runners. She was right by the starting line.

"I saw Giuliani and all the big wigs," she said. "There was a lot of helicopters going around and that was never the case before. There might have been one before for news coverage, but this was three or four."

Dubinsky also pointed out that there were many firefighters on hand, but they were cheering all the runners on.

Pollock said he runs regularly and he finished the marathon in the time he trained for — under four hours. He had trained for 18 weeks prior to the event, a regime that was outlined from an Internet site, New York Roadrunners, which is also the site that he registered for the event.

"It's not a beginner's program," he said. "I modified it to fit my schedule." The program called for him to run 40 miles a week.

Guidiciopietro runs regularly. He was accustomed to running 20 to 30

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## Newspaper office to close for Thanksgiving holiday

Because Thanksgiving is celebrated tomorrow and there will be no mail delivery, this newspaper is being published today. The offices of this newspaper will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and we will reopen Monday.

We will return to our normal Thursday publication on Nov. 29. Deadlines for that edition will also return to normal. This includes:

- Letters to the editor — Monday, noon.

- What's Going On — Monday, 3:30 p.m.
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- Sports news — Monday, 9 a.m.
- General news — Tuesday, 9 a.m.
- Classified advertising — Tuesday, 3 p.m.
- Legal advertising — Tuesday, noon.

We wish our readers and advertisers a Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

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# Runners share stories

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miles in a week and he built his training up from there.

He was disappointed with his time. After 12 miles, his leg tightened up. "I didn't want to limp across the finish line," he said. "So I decided to take it slow."

LaRosa started her training back in July. Since she is a regular runner, all she really needed to do was increase her stamina, which is no easy task. She'd run 10 to 20 miles and did speed training twice a week. All the training paid off for LaRosa. She finished the marathon in 3 hours and 51 minutes.

Srollo and Beyer started their training in August and took a break to get married on Sept. 23, as well as for their honeymoon in Hawaii.

They'd run up to 22 miles on the weekend and go for 5- to 6-mile runs periodically throughout their training.

Dubinsky worked up to her long 23-mile runs during her training. She'd start with shorter 8- to 10-mile runs, then worked her way up to 15- and 18-mile runs at the end of the summer. Then, after running that distance and building up her stamina, she was able to do 20- to 23-mile runs. "You got to make your body able to endure that kind of distance," she said.

A NYC marathon runner's day starts very early.

"The problem with the New York City Marathon is that no other marathon forces you to get up at the ungodly hour of five in the morning," said Dubinsky.

She caught the bus in front of the NYC Library at 6:30 a.m., that took her to Staten Island where the race began.

LaRosa, who ran with some of her friends from Westfield, drove to a checkpoint on Staten Island, parked the car, and then walked the rest of the way to the starting line.

Guidicopiro's wife drove him to the NYC Library at 6:30 a.m., that took her to Staten Island where the race began.

Pollock said that once at the marathon, there's a lot of food and drinks, including bagels, yogurt, juice and water. He said he spent a lot of the time, leading up to the marathon, just stretching.

Dubinsky said participants stand around, stretching, waiting for the race to begin, with the 26.2-mile distance looming over their heads.

But once the race began, they said, it's all worth it. "The thing that really stands out in my mind was that there was a tremendous amount of international teams running," said Srollo. "They were all wearing their countries' colors but also had an American flag."

Many of the local participants said they would definitely consider running the marathon again. "It's an excellent experience and I would do it again," said LaRosa, joking that her legs are still aching. "I'm just glad it's a year from now."

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

**Saturday**  
• A used clothing drive takes place at the Community Center, 29 Park Ave., Berkeley Heights, to benefit Project Graduation for Governor Livingston High School's Class of 2002.  
Items to be collected include wearable clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, hats, and gloves, in addition to table linens, curtains, bedspreads, towels, and stuffed animals. Items may not be torn or stained and must be delivered in tied plastic bags.

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

**Tuesday**  
• The Springfield Township Committee convenes a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

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

**Thursday**  
• Valley National Bank will celebrate the grand opening of its new Mountainside branch at 882 Mountain Ave. from 6 to 8 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be offered and the bank will be presenting a defibrillator to the Police Department and announcing its new defibrillator fund, where Valley will contribute \$10 for every new account opened during December and January.

**Friday**  
RSVP to Angela Arnt at 973-305-4067 before Friday, Dec. 1  
• Valley National Bank will celebrate the official grand opening of its newest branch at 882 Mountain Ave. in Mountainside with special offers, prizes, and refreshments for kids, plus hourly drawings for gift certificates to some of Mountainside's finest restaurants.  
For information, call 973-305-4067.

• Volunteers are needed to help with trail maintenance projects in the

Watchung Reservation. Interested parties can meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

For ages 14 and up. Bring a mug, shovel, pickaxe, and gloves if possible.  
To preregister, call 908-789-3670.  
Dec. 2

• The Lions Club of Springfield, in association with Marlin Art Inc., invites the public to a gala art exhibit and auction at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Springfield. Doors open at 1 p.m., with the auction beginning at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person.

For tickets and information, call 908-561-5267.  
• Kids' Costumed Capers, a unique blend of storytelling and drama, will provide a day of interactive fun for children ages 4 to 10 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.  
For information, call 973-376-4930, Ext. 32.  
Dec. 3

• The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, will host a rosary and novena at 7 p.m., followed by a service of the induction of new members with the Rev. F.J. Leonard at 7:30 p.m., and a holiday program at 8 p.m.  
For information, call 908-232-1162.  
Dec. 6

• The Poothill Club will meet at noon at B.G. Fields restaurant for their Christmas luncheon. The program will feature special holiday music by a few members of the Governor Livingston High School Choral Group. Guests are welcome.

For reservations, call 908-232-3626.  
• The Mountainside Board of Education will conduct a special board meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave., to approve bids for construction.  
Dec. 9

• Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield, 78 South Springfield Ave., will host a brunch for interfaith families at noon. Rabbi Goldstein will lead a discussion on issues facing interfaith families during the holidays.

# EVENTS

## Harry Potter quiz at Sandmeier School

While other schools wrestle with decisions to ban the popular Harry Potter books, the Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield, is embracing the novels as a way to promote reading and academic excellence.

More than 30 third- and fourth-grade students at the Sandmeier School are competing in the Quidditch Quiz, a College Bowl-type competition which uses game show buzzers to test players' knowledge of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." The buzzer system allows only the fastest player to respond to the quizmasters' question, and correct

answers are rewarded with points and a bonus question. The bonus question is answered through team consensus, which allow players of all ability levels to participate.

Created by fourth-grade teacher Keith Schoch and funded by a district grant, the competition was designed to encourage reading and dialogue about literature. There are no prizes for the winners and no compensation for the teachers who act as quizmaster, judges and timekeepers; the event's popularity is based solely upon a love for the literature.

The success of the first Quidditch Quiz last spring, plus the new movie based on the book, prompted the school to repeat the event this fall, with plans for additional literature competitions to take place following the New Year. The next round of

competition is Dec. 3, round two, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Thelma L. Sandmeier School, 666 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield.  
For information, call 908-281-5172.

## Toy drive at Children's Specialized Hospital

New toys and clothing are being accepted at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, now through Dec. 5 as part of its annual toy drive for the hospital's young patients.

Each year, the children's rehabilitation hospital collects new, unwrapped gifts for children who will be spending their holidays in the hospital. Only new clothing and toys will be accepted for children and adolescents.

ages newborn through 21 years of age. All gifts must be dropped off by Dec. 5, to allow for sorting, wrapping, and distribution of the items. Those who donate are asked to leave their name and address with the gift.

To schedule a delivery time or for more information, call 908-233-3720 and ask for the Volunteer Services Department.

## Used clothing drive benefits GL Class of '02

A used clothing drive to benefit Project Graduation for Governor Livingston High School's Class of 2002 will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center, 29 Park Ave., Berkeley Heights. The public is urged to bring their wearable, used clothing to the community.

## Correction

In the Nov. 8 edition, the woman identified as Margo Korsman in the photo caption on Page 4 about the Thelma L. Sandmeier School walkation should have been identified as PTA President Susan Bentivise.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, write Editor in Chief Tom Canavan, 1291 Stuarton Avenue, Union 07083, or call 908-686-7700, Ext. 329, weekdays before 5 p.m.

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## Outreach program offers interfaith family brunch

By Joshua Zaltz  
Staff Writer

The Outreach Program, which is part of Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield, will host a free brunch for interfaith families on Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m.

The outreach program is an organization that brings together the congregation's interfaith families, where one parent is Jewish and the other is Christian.

"Interfaith families have different issues than non-interfaith families," said Rabbi Josh Goldstein. "We plan on doing a discussion on the problems facing interfaith couples in the congregation and beyond."

At the brunch, Goldstein will lead a discussion on just what those issues are.

"There's a lot of issues, especially during the holiday season," said Outreach Chairwoman Patti Webb, who is Jewish and has a Catholic husband.

The rabbi's discussion will center on such topics as: what Jews and Christians should know about each other, a dual heritage and how to observe Christmas and Hanukkah.

One of the goals of the brunch is to show interfaith families just how welcome they are in the Sha'arey Shalom community.

"I can only speak from my experience but my husband is very comfortable in the temple," said Webb. "I think Rabbi Goldstein makes it very comfortable for the non-Jewish spouses."

One of the biggest issues facing interfaith couples is what religion to raise their children.

Sha'arey Shalom follows the relatively new patrilineal descent path for Reform Judaism. Whereas other branches of Judaism use the matrilineal descent path where the child is only considered Jewish if his or her mother is Jewish regardless of his

father's faith, patrilineal descent considers the child Jewish as long as one of his or her parents is Jewish and the child is raised following the rules of Judaism.

"A lot of parents have young children and they don't know how to handle it," said Webb.

Her son, Max, is 8 years old and is being raised Jewish. However, she stresses that they embrace both religions.

"In our house for every Christmas ornament there's a Hanukkah ornament," said Webb. "We have a Christmas tree and a menorah."

Goldstein estimates that roughly 25 percent of his congregation consists of interfaith couples. He explains that the figure is fairly close to the national number for Reform synagogues.

Interfaith couples often come to Goldstein for guidance.

"My guidance is clear as a rabbi," he said. "They have to make the decision for themselves as to how to raise their child. However, I tell them that after the holocaust we don't have the numbers that we did before. The Jewish faith is threatened because of interfaith marriages. Often times interfaith couples are indifferent to religion."

Webb stressed that interfaith couples have to embrace their religion as well as respect and understand their spouses.

A full bagel spread will be served at the brunch and there will be craft activities for children to partake in.

"My hope is to form some kind of club where interfaith couples gather outside the temple," said Webb explaining that they could all meet go bowling or to go for dinner.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom is located at 78 South Springfield Ave. The brunch is free and open to all interfaith couples, regardless of whether they are temple members or not.

## A day full of fun



Students at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield got a special treat on Friday when children's entertainer Eddie Coker, with teacher Jeanne Fitzgerald, who holds a noisy microphone, stopped by for a concert full of interactive fun and games.

Photo By Bob Mallich

## TV bulletin board to show school events

By Joshua Zaltz  
Staff Writer

Come December, Springfield residents will see a Community Bulletin Board on TV-36 that will showcase upcoming school events.

The announcement came at a Board of Education meeting Monday night where a demonstration of the bulletin board was given by Jonathan Dayton Principal Charles Serson and some of the students who helped create the bulletin board.

"You know that we've been doing a fair amount of work with our web site, with technology in the district, and he's been working with some of our students on something I think you are going to find quite exciting," Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler told board members.

TV-36 is a local public access channel that is shared by Springfield, Summit and Milburn.

"One of the initiatives that we have for the Board of Education has been to try to promote public relations through written communications," said Serson.

Mahler has been getting feedback from the public saying that the school system should give them more opportunities to find out about school events.

"We have an advanced computers class that some of our students were involved in and we decided to try to put together something that would

work and be a little unique and be able to help everybody out in meeting that particular goal," said Serson.

The students create the various announcements on the computer, display graphics, animate some of them, and then the whole program is brought to the Dayton television studio where it is recorded so it can be sent to the TV-36 studio.

Beginning in December, the Community Bulletin Board will be running and updated every week. It will broadcast the dates and times of various school activities throughout the entire Springfield public school system. School closings due to inclement weather conditions also will be announced during the broadcast.

The principals of each of the public schools send Serson the information via email and he makes sure it gets on the bulletin board.

"In order for us to do that we have to work on our TV shows and work on our things here and be able to put together all of our materials first and then send it over to TV-36 and then get them going so that they can broadcast," said Serson.

An Internet version of the bulletin board will be available on the web site, www.springfieldschools.com. A link for each of the five Springfield public schools also will be available.

"If you're a parent at Walton, you can click on Walton and get some of the current events," said Mahler.

## Library has host of interactive events next month

Two interactive drama programs are the highlights of the Springfield Free Public Library's youth services program for December.

Kids' Consumed Capers, a unique blend of storytelling and drama, will provide an interactive experience for children ages 4 to 10 on Dec. 2 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Karen the Storyteller narrates a tale as dozens of children from the audience, in fairytale costumes and makeup, bring the story to life. Classical music enhances the drama and evokes the mystery surrounding kings and castles, knights in shining armor, and fairytale princesses from long ago.

Funding has been made possible for this program by the New Jersey Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by

the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

On Dec. 20 from 7 to 8 p.m. Arc Out will present a creative dramatic workshop for 5- to 8-year-olds in honor of the Winter Solstice. Children will participate in making a winter story come to life.

Registration is required for both programs. To register, stop by the Children's Desk or call 973-376-4930, Ext. 32.

The library continues its children's programming for babies, toddlers, and young children, as follows:

• The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 1 1/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver.

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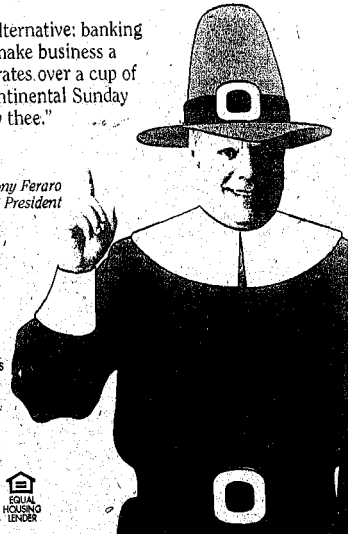


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# COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

## Give thanks, even in times of strife

As a nation, we will celebrate Thanksgiving tomorrow, our annual holiday to pause and express our gratitude for our many blessings.

Sadly, this year's Thanksgiving is overshadowed by a shared sense of national loss and outrage as precipitated by the horrific events of Sept. 11. Whether we personally lost a loved one on that horrible day or not is irrelevant. Each of us has been impacted and many of us wonder just how much thanks we can muster.

However, it is perhaps never more important to celebrate that which enriches our lives.

One should reflect on that first Thanksgiving so many centuries ago. In our commemoration of that event, our focus has shifted to sumptuous meals, family gatherings and the preparation for the holiday shopping season. We have lost sight of the heart of the holiday.

When settlers and natives first joined to give thanks for the harvest reaped by both factions, it was a celebration in the midst of hardship. Their meal was not purchased in a heated supermarket, prepared in a state-of-the-art kitchen, nor served on an Ethan Allen table. Theirs was a victory over oppression, not rendered by a despotic ruler, but by Mother Nature herself. In a strange land, and under the most rustic of conditions, these brave people defied the odds and brought forth a bountiful harvest. They accomplished this through unflinching commitment, diligent work, steadfast faith and mutual collaboration with the natives.

There were empty seats at that table, as there will be so many empty seats at tables tomorrow. But this did not stop them from honoring their dead by celebrating that goal which was so important to the lost souls — survival and liberty. Their thanks was not for the harvest alone, but for what the harvest represented: their ability to forge a better life for themselves despite opposition.

We should also reflect on the fact that their plight did not end with this joyous meal. Ahead of them lay a brutal and deadly winter, and the knowledge that with the spring thaw, the process would begin again, with no guarantees of success.

As we Americans deal with our grief in 2001, it is important for us to remember that the expression of thanks should not be limited for those prosperous, peaceful times. As difficult as it will be, we must give thanks in abundance tomorrow — thanks for the countless workers who have dedicated themselves to cleaning the wreckage; thanks for the overwhelming spirit of national pride and charity that has been inspired; thanks for the lost loved ones who were loaned to us and who enriched our lives, leaving effects that will live beyond them; thanks for the loved ones still with us, people we perhaps take for granted; thanks for our leaders and service people whose dedication will lead this nation out of strife.

Like those settlers, we will come to our tables during a time of hardship and leave them for an uncertain future. However, this fact should not be allowed to silence our thanks — on the contrary, it should challenge us to sing our appreciation more loudly than ever, to focus on the blessings we all too easily overlook.

We wish you all a joyous Thanksgiving, one filled with reminders and acknowledgements of the many blessings no terrorist and no hardship can take away.

## Delay of progress

Months of delay have finally come to somewhat of an end with the announcement of the Springfield Planning Board's approval of the developers' site plan for the senior housing complex on Black's Lane, pending several variances.

Now the project can finally get off the ground and become an asset to the township, which is in dire need of another housing development for its growing senior citizen population.

In previous meetings, representatives from K&K Developers have gone back and forth with Springfield's planning and engineering officials about various changes that needed to be made, most of which will improve the building and surrounding area.

The back and forth bantering regarding a few inches of the height of the building, however, is one of the things that has unnecessarily delayed the project to this point.

As the architect had pointed out numerous times, the height of the building at its tallest point was 43.78 feet, which is within the board's jurisdiction to give it clearance. According to the architect, they were allowed 10 percent beyond the 40-foot allowance. The height has finally been approved, but if they had always been less than the 44 feet, what was the problem? Even if they hadn't been, was the matter of a few inches on only a small portion of the roof reason to delay the project further?



A TERRIFIC TEAM — Troop 73 of Springfield worked hard to raise money for the American Red Cross to donate to victims of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Standing in front of Barnes & Noble bookstore, off Route 22 in Springfield are, from left, David Bertschy, Brad Kaston, Eric Patton and Sandy Kaston.

## Association works toward the common good

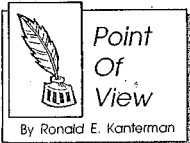
Editor's note: This is the first of two parts.

Some time in the middle of 1966, the chiefs of the 21 municipal fire departments in Union County formed the Union County Fire Chiefs Association. These pioneers believed they could get more accomplished by working together than by working alone and so it went. By-laws, rules, meeting schedules, committees, etc. Starting an organization takes hard work and commitment and this same hard work and commitment over time has produced longevity as well as success.

This one however is unlike any other, because the county is uniquely split career and volunteer fire departments. Career fire departments exist in Rahway, Linden, Westfield, Springfield, Elizabeth, Cranford, Plainfield, Summit, Union Hillsdale and Roselle. Volunteer fire departments can be found in Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Clark, Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Winfield Park, Mountainside and Garwood.

To complicate matters, they also invited the fire chiefs from industry, e.g., Schering-Plough, Merck, Ciba-Geigy, American Cyanamid, just to name a few. These facilities had their own industrial fire departments at that time and some still do today. The municipal fire chiefs had the foresight to invite industry to the table as the industrial chiefs had special knowledge and specialized equipment.

What can the fire chiefs possibly have to talk about every third Thursday of the month and how do we keep the meeting organized? The first thing decided was to use Parliamentary Procedure/Robert's Rules of Order. The association still uses this system today as most organizations do. It lends itself good order and a formal way of documenting and recording the business of the organization.



Basic committees were also formed, most of which are still active in today's fire chiefs association, along with other newly-formed committees: Fire Prevention, Arson and By-Laws & Constitution were some of the original committees, and things started to roll along.

However, things changed dramatically in the early 1970s with just one concept. Although the fire chiefs had made handshake agreements to assist each other at fires and other large incidents, they formalized a system of "Mutual Aid" which has since become law under Title 40A of the New Jersey Administrative Code and is applicable statewide. A written formal Mutual Aid agreement was drawn up and signed by the fire chiefs and government officials of the 21 municipalities.

The fire chiefs association immediately formed a Mutual Aid Committee to oversee the daily operation. The need and resources required for Mutual Aid grew through the years in the county and our system in Union County became the model Mutual Aid system that other counties used throughout the state. We are still very successful but not without associated problems and an occasional bump in the road.

The communications system was growing old and unreliable into the 1980s. In the late '80s and early 1990s the fire chiefs were seeking ways to improve the many aspects of the Mutual Aid system. As a first priority we looked at the communications sys-

tem. This radio dispatching system "traveled" around the county and had one permanent home. A few years in one firehouse and then a few years in another. What made it worse was that the "low band" radio frequently was becoming inadequate for a county-wide radio system, had dead spots and the equipment was in major disrepair.

In the early 1990s, the City of Elizabeth Fire Department had volunteered to take on the system and dispatch Mutual Aid for the rest of the county. As luck would have it, in the mid-1990s they embarked on a much-needed radio system upgrade for their own fire department. They switched their department's frequency to a clearer and more reliable higher band radio system, which left their frequency available. In the spirit of teamwork and working toward the common good, the fire chief in Elizabeth convinced the city government to transfer the FCC license to "Union County Fire Mutual Aid" and to also donate their used radio equipment to the 21 municipalities.

As we roll today to major fires and incidents throughout the county, all departments are not only the same channel but can clearly communicate through this newer communications system. Through partnering with county government, funding has also been allotted to maintain this system and to add improvements as time goes on.

The Elizabeth Fire Department also added a program to its computerized dispatch system for Mutual Aid so that dispatchers would have the "next to roll fire department" literally at their fingertips. This system in Elizabeth is currently supervised by Chief Louis Kelley who has been doing an outstanding job for many years with Mutual Aid, both as a responding coordinator and communications coordinator.

The Elizabeth Fire Department dispatchers also get credit for helping to hold it all together. In addition to the municipal fire departments, there are a few industrial fire departments left in the county that are also in the Mutual Aid system which as previously stated are used for highly specialized operations. Merck & Co. in Rahway and the Tosco refinery in Linden have full service fire departments, rescue teams and hazardous material units.

More often than not, when they are called upon it is for foam application on large flammable liquid fires like a tanker truck crash or a burning power transformer. In addition, there are other industrial brigades mostly in Linden that are accessible through the Linden Industrial Mutual Aid Council via Linden 9-1-1.

We also have 15 Mutual Aid coordinators made up of chief officers from around the county and who are members of the fire chiefs association. Despite their fire affiliation and whether they are normally a career or volunteer chief officer, these members of our association all volunteer to perform this task.

The main function of the coordinators at a large-scale incident is to assist the incident commander with getting resources to the scene and to assist with the various aspects of the incident command system, when requested by the incident commander. These men respond day and night in all kinds of weather. Not for pay. Just for the common good. The current chairman of the Mutual Aid Committee is Chief Leonard Dolan from Cranford. No small task by any stretch of the imagination and Chief Dolan and the other MACs do an excellent job.

Next week: fire training.

Ronald E. Kanterman is chief of Merck Emergency Services.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Put a stop to Kean for Senate

To the Editor:  
The talk of Tom Kean running for the U.S. Senate should stop. First, it discourages others from seeking the nomination. Second, he doesn't want to run, he enjoys being a university president. Third, he could not beat Torricelli.

Joseph C. Chieppa  
Springfield

### Traffic laws should be enforced

To the Editor:  
I don't know if driving like an idiot is a requirement for some people on Morris Avenue in Springfield or if it just seems that way. On more than one occasion I have almost been rear-ended while making a left turn into my doctor's office on Morris Avenue.

It is not like I don't signal. My bright amber left rear blinker is on a block and a half before the turn into the doctor's driveway, yet at least one moron each time insists on getting right on my bumper and either stopping short or leaning on his horn. Where does he expect me to go? Those idiots in oncoming east-bound traffic rarely, if ever, slow down to give one a break to make the left turn

— so you have to wait until there is a safe opening.  
I know there are a few anarchists out there who think traffic laws are only designed to make money for local municipalities, but I, for one, believe if every one of these was enforced to the hilt and fines were levied heavy enough to make these morons of the road really hurt financially, we would have roadways which are a lot safer.

Bob Faszczewski  
Springfield

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**Ruth Bodian**  
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**Jajujung Sun**  
"I'm thankful for Falun DaFa, the ancient practice of sound mind and body."

## Valley National Bank opens Mountainside branch

Valley National Bank will celebrate the grand opening of its new branch office, in Mountainside on Dec. 1 with special offers, refreshments, prizes and entertainment for the kids plus hourly drawings for gift certificates to some of the Mountainside area's finest restaurants.

Located at 882 Mountain Ave., the new office provides a full range of financial products and services for consumers and businesses under the direction of Branch Manager Carolyn Grisafi.

Gerald H. Lipkin, Valley's chairman, president and CEO, will present two defibrillators to Mountainside's Police and Emergency Services Departments and will announce a fund-raising drive to assist in the purchase of additional defibrillator

units. Valley will contribute \$10 to the Mountainside Public Safety Defibrillator Fund for every new deposit account opened through January 2002 at the Mountainside office.

In addition to convenient on-site parking, Valley National's Mountainside branch features a drive-up teller station, a walk-up ATM machine, a safe deposit box facility and a free V-CoinWorks coin-counting machine.

Valley's special introductory offers in Mountainside include a limited-time grand opening 12-month certificate of deposit and free checking for one year when you open a new Convenience Checking Account. Once your account is opened and you qualify for a Valley Check Card, receive a free \$25 deposit to your new account plus a 10-cent reward credit every

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through Dec. 31.

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## Assistant VP gets ready to open bank

Carolyn Grisafi has been named assistant vice president and branch manager at Valley National Bank's new Mountainside office. She will oversee all branch operations and will be responsible for business development efforts in the community.

The new branch office, located at 882 Mountain Ave., is scheduled to open in November, with a grand opening celebration planned for Dec. 1. In addition to convenient on-site parking, Valley National's new office features a drive-up teller station, a walk-up ATM machine, a safe deposit box facility and a free V-CoinWorks coin-counting machine.

The hours of operation at the branch are:  
Lobby: Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.  
Drive-Up: Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

"We are pleased to become a part of the Mountainside community, and look forward to introducing Valley to our new neighbors," Grisafi said. "Valley is large enough to provide a wide range of quality products and services for consumers and businesses, but small enough to do so in a responsive and understanding way. Because Valley is a New Jersey-based bank, local decision-making contributes to quick turnaround on local approvals."



Carolyn Grisafi, branch manager for Valley National Bank, and Isabel Rodrigues, assistant branch manager for the bank's new Mountainside office at 882 Mountain Ave., eagerly await the grand opening on Dec. 1.

## A surprise guest



Springfield resident Margarita Pappas greets former President Bill Clinton at a breakfast reception by Norcrown Bank in Florham Park on Oct. 17. Pappas, who is the manager and assistant vice president of Unity Bank in Springfield, was one of the 400 business and community leaders throughout New Jersey who were invited to attend the reception.

## HEALTH

### Red Cross fall schedule

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled its fall course/classes in lifesaving skills.

Adult CPR class will be conducted Tuesday. The course teaches participants how to deal with choking, breathing and cardiac emergencies. It will also include training in automated external defibrillation. The course is from 6 to 10:30 p.m.

First Aid Basics class will be offered on Nov. 29 from 6 to 10 p.m. and teaches participants how to check the condition of conscious and unconscious victims and how to recognize and care for life-threatening illnesses and injuries as well as handling choking and breathing emergencies.

All trainings take place at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. Advance registration is required and space is limited.

For more information, visit the

chapter house, call the chapter 908-232-7090 or send an e-mail to [johnson1@crossnet.org](mailto:johnson1@crossnet.org).

### Date changed for blood pressure tests

The Springfield Recreation Department has been notified by the Westfield Board of Health that the date for blood pressure screenings at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, has been changed from the second Wednesday of each month to the third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, call 973-912-2227.

The Springfield Senior Citizens are looking for members to join the "Young at Heart Singers." They meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Sarah Bailey from 2 to 4 p.m. They are also looking for card players to play Pinochle on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## What an award



The Mountainside Rotary Club recently inducted Sue Mecca into the club. Taking part in the ceremony are, from left, Paul Mecca, sponsor and brother-in-law of Sue Mecca, center, and Dan Falcone, first vice president and inducting officer.

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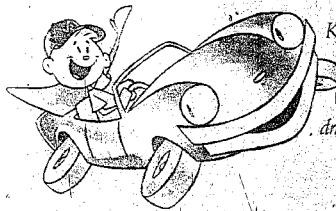
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# Something for everyone



Photo by Barbara Kalkules

Kim Mailley shows a hand-painted plate to fellow Springfield resident Pat Majewski at the wine and cheese holiday boutique at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield on Saturday. Mailley, who hand paints crafts that are custom made to order was just one of the many vendors found displaying their wares for early holiday shoppers.

# Springfield helps borough with brush fire

**Springfield**  
On Nov. 15 at 12:46 a.m., the Springfield Fire Department assisted Mountaintop with a brush fire on Charles Street.  
On Nov. 11 at 9:22 a.m., they responded to a South Springfield Avenue business for an alarm problem. At 4:12 p.m., they attended to an activated fire alarm at a Christy Lane residence. At 7:49 p.m., they investigated a natural gas leak at a Bartelhill Avenue residence.  
On Nov. 12 at 6:09 a.m., they responded to a Victory Road business for an activated fire alarm. At 10:17 a.m., they went to Morris and Short Hills avenues for a motor vehicle accident. At 10:21 a.m., they

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answered a medical service call at a South Maple Avenue residence. At 10:32 a.m., they responded to a Prospect Avenue residence for a medical service call. At 12:24 p.m., they attended to a car fire on Route 78 West. At 5:20 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Hillside Avenue residence. At 8:28 p.m., they responded to Route 22 East for a car fire. At 9:20 p.m., they investigated an activated fire alarm at a South Springfield Avenue residence.  
On Nov. 13 at 9:53 a.m., they responded to a Silver Court business for an activated fire alarm. At 10:05

a.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Garden Oval residence. At 4:28 p.m., they responded to a motor vehicle accident at South Springfield Avenue and Shampke Road.  
On Nov. 15 at 12:27 a.m., they investigated a report of a leaf fire on Jefferson Terrace. At 6:50 a.m., they attended to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Route 78 West. At 8:38 p.m., they responded to a Forest Drive apartment complex for a medical service call. At 9:08 p.m., they attended to a person hit by a car on Tucker Avenue.  
On Nov. 16 at 6:01 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Mountain Avenue business. At 4:16

p.m., they responded to a Morris Avenue apartment complex for a medical service call.  
On Nov. 9 at 8:20 p.m., the Mountaintop Fire Department attended to a smoke condition at a residence on Springfield Avenue.  
On Nov. 10 at 1:45 p.m., the Fire Department responded to a Hickory Lane residence on the report of a smoke fire.  
On Nov. 12 at 7:27 a.m., firefighters attended to a motor vehicle accident on Route 22 West. At 6:02 p.m., they responded to a Deer Path residence because of smoke coming out of a microwave.

# Armed robbery at Springfield liquor store

**Springfield**  
Springfield Wine and Liquors on Morris Avenue reported an armed robbery at gunpoint Nov. 10 at 8:24 p.m. Reported stolen was \$2,991 in cash, three bottles of Hennessy Cognac, six packs of Newport brand cigarettes, and a personal check for \$70.  
On Nov. 12 at 9:38 p.m., a Caldwell resident reported that his car was

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egged on Evergreen Avenue.  
On Nov. 13 at 1 p.m., a Troy

Drive resident reported that the front door to his residence was open and the door frame was broken.  
A resident of Evergreen Avenue reported that a herring bone necklace,

a sterling silver necklace, a sapphire necklace, a locket, gold earrings, and various other jewelry items were stolen during a burglary Nov. 14 at 6:26 p.m.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIABILITIES.**  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937 Title 54, Chapter 6, and the amendments and supplements thereto, an Act concerning articles of assessment and other municipal charges and real property, and providing for the collection thereof by the creation and enforcement of liens, together with the general laws of the State, the undersigned Collector of the Township of Springfield, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, will sell at Public Auction in the Town Hall, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, the 29th day of November, 2001 the property described and listed below. Said property will be sold for the amount of delinquent taxes and assessments due on the 29th day of November, 2001 as computed and shown on the list. Said property will be sold on a fee to such persons as will purchase same subject to the redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case less than One Percent (1%) per annum. Provided that any person who purchases said property shall be subject to redemption at a rate of interest less than One Percent (1%) per annum, then such person may, in lieu of rate of interest, offer a premium over and above the amount of taxes, assessments, and other charges, plus the highest premium which a purchaser may be subject to the State Comptroller and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 10:23-11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 14:27-1 et seq.), and the Industrial Site Remediation Act (N.J.S.A. 15:27-1 et seq.) in addition, the municipality to be sold shall furnish a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who may be the winner of any property sold to the prior owner of such property.  
The purchase price of any property must be paid before the completion of the sale by cash, certified check or money order, or the purchaser will be deemed to have forfeited the property. The purchaser will be deemed to have accepted the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, all the real estate described on the attached Parcel List (see page one) and the municipality shall have the same rights and remedies as other purchasers, including the right to file an application for the sale of real property. The purchaser shall have the same rights and remedies as other purchasers, including the right to file an application for the sale of real property. The purchaser shall have the same rights and remedies as other purchasers, including the right to file an application for the sale of real property. The purchaser shall have the same rights and remedies as other purchasers, including the right to file an application for the sale of real property.  
Copies of the Parcel List and the names of the persons liable for said taxes, assessments and charges are due, including interest to November 29, 2001 are set forth below.  
View under No. 100 of the 181 day of November 2001.

Corinne Goldman  
Collector of Taxes  
Township of Springfield

No.	Block/Lot	Location	Owner	Amount Due
1	12-14-2-1	41-43-45-47	Edna J. 7420 Realty	2,759.84
2	12-14-2-2	41-43-45-47	Edna J. 7420 Realty	6,916.84
3	12-14-2-3	101-103-105	Springfield Real Estate Investments	24.69
4	12-14-2-4	101-103-105	Springfield Real Estate Investments	3,889.25
5	12-14-2-5	101-103-105	Springfield Real Estate Investments	4,816.16
6	12-14-2-6	101-103-105	Springfield Real Estate Investments	4,863.12
7	12-14-2-7	101-103-105	Springfield Real Estate Investments	4,385.87
8	12-14-2-8	101-103-105	Springfield Real Estate Investments	6,964.64
9	12-14-2-9	101-103-105	Springfield Real Estate Investments	1,268.62
10	12-14-2-10	101-103-105	Springfield Real Estate Investments	1,470.55
11	12-14-2-11	101-103-105	Springfield Real Estate Investments	592.28
12	12-14-2-12	101-103-105	Springfield Real Estate Investments	(568.50)

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OBITUARIES

Carole Marcus

Carole Marcus of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Mountaineer, died Nov. 12 in the Hospice of the Valley, Phoenix, Ariz.

Born in Philadelphia, she lived in Mountaineer for 37 years before moving to Scottsdale. She was a certified public accountant for Neidich & Co., Mountaineer, for 20 years before retiring. She received a degree in accounting from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison. She was a volunteer with the American Association of Retired Persons in Scottsdale and had provided tax assistance to the elderly.

Surviving are a son, Jonathan, a daughter, Susan Adatto, and a grandchild.

Jean Brody

Jean Brody of Rohnert Park, Calif., formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 11 in Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Brody lived

in Springfield for 26 years before moving to Rohnert Park. She worked for Kempler Shoes, Irvington, for many years before retiring. Surviving are her husband, Donald A.; two stepsons, Bruce E. and Stuart N.; a sister, Shirley Monaco; and grandchildren.

Murray Spivack

Murray Spivack, 85, of Summit died Nov. 11 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Spivack lived in Forest Hills, Queens, before moving to Summit 21 years ago. He was a self-employed salesman and sold children's clothing for many years in upstate New York before retiring in 1980. Mr. Spivack volunteered at Overlook Hospital, Summit, for the past 20 years. He also was a member of the Grand Life Master Bridge in Essex County.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Sally; two daughters, Leslie and Cheryl Rossznweig; a brother, Lester; a sister, Sylvia Baron; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Kathleen Rousseau

Kathleen Rousseau, 57, of Summit died Nov. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Bronxville, N.Y., Mrs. Rousseau moved to Summit 25 years ago. She was an accountant with LaJolie Maison, Summit.

John J. Zinckgraf

John J. Zinckgraf, 69, of Caldwell, formerly of Summit, died Nov. 12 at home.

Born in Springfield, Mr. Zinckgraf lived in Summit before moving to Caldwell 25 years ago. He was an electrical contractor and owned Teco Electric, Caldwell, for more than 30 years. Mr. Zinckgraf was a Eucharistic minister, an usher and chair of the temporalities committee, all with St. Aloysius Church, Caldwell. He also was chairman of several parish fund raisers and volunteered his time as a parish electrician. Mr. Zinckgraf received the Jubilee Medal Pro Meritis of the Archdiocese of Newark for his service to St. Aloysius Church. He

also was a member and past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 2561 in Caldwell.

Surviving are his wife, Madeline "Maddie," three daughters, Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Spittle, Susan Marie Finnegan and Linda Mary Cioffe; three brothers, William, Richard and James; a sister, Jean Jones, and 10 grandchildren.

Sara Shechter

Sara Shechter, 87, of Summit died Nov. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Swansea, S.C., Mrs. Shechter moved to Summit 40 years ago. She received a bachelor's degree in home economics from Lander University, Greenwood, S.C. Mrs. Shechter also attended Art Student's League and the French Fashion Academy, both of New York City. She was a member of the Summit Art Group and a volunteer at Somerset Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Leon, and a brother, Edward Sharpe.

SAGE gets funds for home care aide van

The Baxter International Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Baxter International Inc., has provided \$50,000 to help SAGE expand its home care program to a greater number of elderly residents of Union County and surrounding areas. The grant will help fund operations of a van to transport home health aides to neighborhoods not accessible by public transportation. The program is the latest of SAGE's many services that help elderly residents who live at home.

More than one in five people living in Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset counties are over age 65. In fact, Union County, where SAGE is based, has the fifth largest senior population in New Jersey. The area's fastest growing age group is 85 and older. The challenge for society will be caring for the aging baby-boomer population in compassionate and cost-effective ways.

About 80 percent of elderly people are cared for at home, but more could be. Experts estimate that if more support services were available, 20 percent of institutionalized seniors could be cared for at home for one-fourth the cost. Programs like those offered by SAGE offer homecare solutions for elders.

"The new van will expand home care services to those frail elderly who live in areas that are not readily accessible by public transportation," said Jacqueline Vogelmann, executive director of SAGE. "Our Visiting

HomeCare Service helps seniors live as independently as possible, delaying the need for placement in a long-term health care facility."

Through the program, clients receive monthly nursing visits as well as regularly scheduled visits from certified home health aides. Since many of the aides rely on public transportation to reach clients, the service has been largely limited to the eastern portion of Union County where public transportation is more readily available. With the help of The Baxter International Foundation grant, health aides will now be transported by van to a wider service area. SAGE expects to add eight more home health aides and increase its number of clients by 25 percent.

"SAGE provides indispensable services for senior citizens in their community," said Patricia Morgan, executive director for The Baxter International Foundation. "We are pleased to support their home care van, as a cost-effective solution to health care for many elderly residents."

For 47 years, SAGE has been a pioneer in providing community-based care for the elderly. The agency serves almost 5,000 elders and their families annually by providing home-delivered meals, home health assistance, adult day health care, an information and referral service, a support group and a shopping service for the homebound. For information about SAGE and its services, call 908-273-5550.

Upcoming program focuses on holidays and terrorist aftermath

The Women's Resource Center, in conjunction with Intervoice and the Connection for Women and Families, is continuing to offer free programs and services to the community in the aftermath of the World Trade Center disaster. The Center has served hundreds of women and men on a variety of issues since the tragic events of Sept. 11.

"The holiday season always heightens feelings of expectation and disappointment, hope and discouragement, gratitude and loss," said a representative of the center. "We enter this season in the midst of war, continuing threats of terrorism, and the pain of missing those who died on Sept. 11.

Uncertainty shakes assumptions we used to take for granted. Yet we have also experienced the kindness and courage of strangers and neighbors, ordinary people displaying enormous grace under fire. There has been a renewed appreciation of the preciousness of family and friendship and faith."

"Moving Through Our Pains and Grief into the Holidays and Beyond," co-sponsored by the Women's Resource Center, Intervoice, and The Connection for Women and Families, will bring together community members and a panel of experts to explore the challenges residents face in moving through fears and grief to make

the holidays a time of renewal and remembrance. This can be an opportunity to deepen a commitment to live fully and build community.

Each presenter will give a short talk, after which there will be smaller-facilitated discussion groups. Handouts will be available. Donna Gaffney, faculty member at the International Trauma Studies Program at New York University and a New Providence resident, will talk about learning to face fears and to take pride in resiliency.

Ginger Nadel, therapist and specialist in grief issues, is a Chatham resident, and most recently member of the Community Based Coalition

"Facing Death Together On Our Own Terms"

She will address what people can expect during the grieving process, how to be helpful to friends and family who have suffered a loss, and rituals to incorporate into the holidays. Dr. and Episcopal Priest, is a Jersey City resident who will discuss the experiences and challenges of being single and living alone during this time of uncertainty and risk.

The open forum will be at Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Woodland Ave., on Nov. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. All programs related to the tragedy are free of charge.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

**BAPTIST**  
EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND REAR" - 2400 Springfield Road, Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors; 10:30 AM Worship - 11:00 AM Saturday Church. Children's Program for Children ages 4-11: 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Junior/Senior High Ministry; Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Music Programs; Sunday Services: 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Choir List provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office: (973) 379-4251.

Congregations (LHAC). Shabbat worship officiated by volunteer chazan, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3 on Tuesday and Wednesday for 4-7, and on Tuesday evenings for post bar mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, 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: (973) 379-5387.

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am. Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (July and August 9:30 a.m.) with nursery, personal growth and fellowship. Opportunities for families and care provided. Opportunities for education, church, church activities and fellowship. Communion first Sunday of each month. Ladies' Bible Study Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m., Ladies' Evening Group - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Kaffeklubb - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 a.m., Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The Rev. Daniel J. Russell, Jr., Pastor.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

**THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES**, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-8444. SUNDAY BICENTENARIST, Sat., 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Reconciliation, Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekly Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

**ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA**, 706 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Sunday, 8:30 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. Weekly Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM; 12:10 PM. Saturday weekly Mass, 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses. Ends at 8:30 PM. anticipated Mass and 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00-5:00 PM.

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LUTHERAN

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH** 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4555. Rev. 201-379-8887. Joel R. Voss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON 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.

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**NON-DENOMINATIONAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**, Mountain Ave., Springfield, beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Morning Services, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

PENTECOSTAL

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PRESBYTERIAN

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, 379-4320. Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:00



Ron Quarel, vice president and general manager of Baxter Healthcare Corporation in New Providence, and Joanne Goldberg, senior executive assistant of Baxter Healthcare Corporation, present Jacqueline Vogelmann, center, executive director of SAGE, with a check for \$50,000 from the Baxter International Foundation. The money will help SAGE expand its home care program by funding operations of a van to transport home health aides to areas of Union County and surrounding areas not readily accessible by public transportation.

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**PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

**Frungillo promoted to executive vice president**

Nicholas A. Frungillo Jr. of Mountaintide recently was promoted to executive vice president of Town Bank. He also was appointed to the bank's board of directors. Prior to his promotion, Frungillo served as senior vice president, chief financial officer and chief operating officer.

Frungillo has nearly two decades of extensive and diversified experience in manufacturing and financial services. Before joining the Town Bank in 1998, he served as senior vice president and chief financial officer for United Counties Bancorporation in Cranford.

Frungillo earned his bachelor of arts degree in accounting at Rutgers University in Newark. He is a certified public accountant, licensed in New Jersey. Frungillo is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants. He also serves as a trustee for the Mountaintide Youth Baseball Team. He and his wife, Mimi, are the parents of two children.



Nicholas Frungillo Jr.

He received a B.A. in chemistry and an M.S. and Ph.D. in physical chemistry from New York University. Sharkey is active with the American Chemical Society, where he serves on three national committees. His awards include the Outstanding Service Award of the ACS New York Section. Sharkey resides in Mountaintide with his wife, Dolores. They have three grown children, Laura, Ian and Brian and three grandchildren Ryan, Nicholas and Lacey.

**Chris joins telephone hotline as volunteer**

Springfield resident Helen Chris was among 35 men and women from towns throughout Union, Middlesex, Essex, Somerset, Morris and Monmouth counties who were welcomed as new telephone hotline volunteers for Contact We Care, when the 24-hour crisis hotline held its annual Commissioning Service in Westfield on Oct. 18. The new volunteers completed Contact's 50-hour volunteer training class during the past year.

"It is such a pleasure as Contact's new executive director to formally welcome these dedicated and compassionate women and men to the ranks of Contact volunteers," said Executive Director Katie Fecks of Far Hills. "I can't emphasize enough how much their contribution of time and energy means to our agency and the thousands of callers we serve each year. Now, more than ever, our volunteers serve the community in such a crucial way."

**Sharkey appointed Associate Provost**

Mountaintide resident John B. Sharkey has been appointed associate provost at Pace University.

Sharkey has been a professor of chemistry and physical science at Pace University since 1970. Most recently, he served as associate dean of the Dyson College of Arts and Sciences and prior to that as chairperson of the department of Chemistry and Physical Sciences.

In his new position as associate provost, the operational and academic administrative activities for which Sharkey has direct responsibilities include Student Accounts and Registrar Services, scheduling, the new program development process, department/program reviews, articulation agreements, New York State Education Department compliance, regulation and registration, the Pace University Press the provost's colloquia, the graduate and undergraduate catalogs, University Commencement, University Convocation and the Bedford Prison College Consortium.



Elaine Marshall and Pam Webb

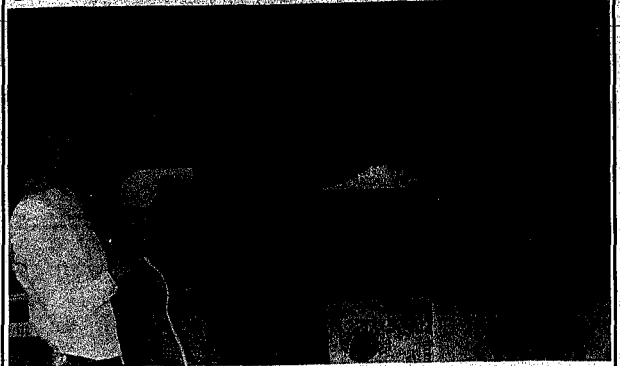
**Marshall and Webb end 60-mile walk**

Elaine Marshall and Pam Webb, both of Springfield, completed the 60-mile Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day walk on Oct. 28. The walk kicked off on Oct. 26 from Bear Mountain State Park and wound its way through New York and New Jersey before ending at Rockland Community College in Suffern.

Sponsored by Avon Cosmetics, the walk is conducted in various cities throughout the country to raise funds for early detection, awareness and treatment of the disease. Marshall and Webb were part of nearly 2,400 walkers who raised \$6.5 million in donations. Together, the Springfield women raised nearly \$18,000 for the cause.

Their training began in March of this year and the event was originally scheduled to take place at the end of September. The tragic events of Sept. 11 caused the sponsor, Avon Cosmetics, to change the original route and dates to Oct. 26 through 28. The women walked about 20 miles a day and slept in tents each evening. Though exhausted from their journey and the cold weather, both women commented on looking forward to participating in future 3-Day Breast Cancer events in their continued crusade to help eradicate this disease.

**Comets in the classroom**



Three talented teachers — Kim McGowan, left; Kristen Rahner, and Anthony Scarpelli — catch a comet on its way to stardom. Together, they recently presented a lesson to fifth-graders at Florence M. Gaudineer School in Springfield on comets, including their construction, paths of travel, and how old we will be when the comet returns in the year 2062, when Comet Haley comes back.

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## THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini  
 Sports Editor

For the first time since playoff games began in New Jersey in 1974, there will not be a team from Union County playing in a sectional championship contest.

That's because all seven that qualified are out.

The last three to be eliminated in North Jersey, Section 2 were Westfield in Group 4, Scotch Plains in Group 3 and Johnson in Group 2. All were defeated in semifinal-round action last weekend.

Union County schools have made it to sectional championship games every year since 1975. New Providence was declared the North 2, Group 2 champion by the NJSIAA during the first year of playoffs in 1974.

Union County schools will wrap their seasons today, tomorrow and Saturday. Linden is scheduled to play at Kearny tonight, there are seven games set to be played tomorrow morning on Thanksgiving and Rahway is scheduled to play at Johnson Saturday afternoon at Nolan Field in Clark.

As far as season-finale holiday games are concerned, there are some interesting matchups.

Scotch Plains seeks a third consecutive win over visiting Union. A victory by the Raiders will put Union at a 4-6 finish, which will be Union's first losing season since going 3-5-1 in 1976.

Summit and New Providence will renew their Thanksgiving Day rivalry at Leder Field in New Providence. The Hilltoppers need to win to finish 5-5 for a second consecutive season, while the Pioneers, at 6-3, have already clinched a winning season.

Brearley hosts Hillside in a battle of 5-4 teams from different divisions in the Mountain Valley Conference. Brearley, which resides in the Valley Division, has won four in a row (including a forfeit victory) after a 1-4 start, while Hillside, which resides in the Mountain Division, has won its last three games.

Roselle Park is seeking a second straight 6-4 finish and is out to snap a three-game losing streak as it pays a visit to Roselle. The Panthers have shut out the Rams the past two years and hold a slim edge in one of the longest-running Thanksgiving holiday series in the state.

Johnson seeks to bounce back from its playoff loss to West Essex by defeating Rahway for a ninth victory.

### WEEK ELEVEN GAMES

Wednesday, Nov. 21  
 Linden at Kearny, 7 p.m.  
 Thursday, Nov. 22  
 Union at S. Plains, 10:30 a.m.  
 Roselle Park at Roselle, 10:30  
 Hillside at Brearley, 10:30  
 Gov. Liv. at Immaculata, 10:30  
 Elizabeth at Cranford, 10:30  
 Summit at New Prov., 11 a.m.  
 Plainfield at Westfield, 11  
 Saturday, Nov. 24  
 Rahway at Johnson, 1 p.m.

### WEEK TEN NJSIAA SEMIFINAL SCORES

Friday, Nov. 16  
 North 2, Group 3  
 West Morris 32, Scotch Plains 20  
 Saturday, Nov. 17  
 North 2, Group 4  
 Montclair 41, Westfield 21  
 North 2, Group 2  
 West Essex 29, Johnson 8

### WEEK ELEVEN PICKS

Linden over Kearny  
 Scotch Plains over Union  
 Roselle Park over Roselle  
 Hillside over Brearley  
 Immaculata over Gov. Livingston  
 Elizabeth over Cranford  
 New Providence over Summit  
 Plainfield over Westfield  
 Johnson over Rahway  
 Last weeks 1-2  
 Season: 70-28 (.714)

### UNION COUNTY

1. Elizabeth (8-1)
2. Westfield (7-3)
3. Plainfield (7-2)
4. Scotch Plains (7-3)
5. Johnson (8-2)
6. Union (4-5)
7. Summit (4-5)
8. Roselle Park (5-4)
9. New Providence (6-3)
10. Gov. Livingston (4-5)
- Hillside (5-4)
- Linden (5-6)
- Brearley (5-4)
- Roselle (8-4)
- Cranford (2-7)
- Rahway (2-7)

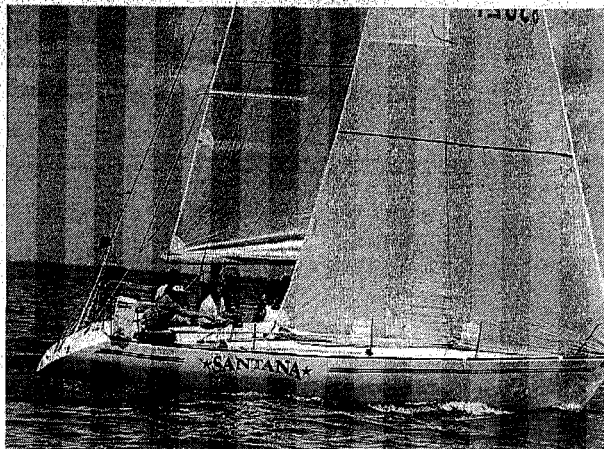


Photo by Susan Van Meter

Paul Jeka at the helm of his award-winning Soverel 33, *Santana* squirts out front at the start of one of the 24 club races conducted by Keyport Yacht Club on Raritan Bay. This boat and crew took the club championship for 2001 in spinnaker (A) division. Jeka grew up in Mountainside and now resides in Keyport.

## Captain Jeka wins crown for spinnaker division on Raritan Mountainside native, crew sweep to victory

At the Keyport Yacht Club awards ceremony on Nov. 4, Paul Jeka, son of local Mountainside residents, Yvonne and Don Jeka, took the club championship trophy for the spinnaker division of the 2001 season of racing on Raritan Bay.

Sailing the white-hulled Soverel 33, *Santana*, Captain Jeka and his crew swept to victory in amassing lowest total points for the season's 24 major club races.

Paul, a member of the New York Yacht Club as well as Keyport Yacht Club, is helmsman and owner of *Santana*, the 33-foot vessel. He also crews as a mastman on *Brighi Star*, a 75-foot R/P 75 'turboasted.' This maxi-boat finished second in the NYYC-Royal Yacht Squadron America's Cup Jubilee Regatta in Cowes, England in August, with Jeka aboard.

Paul's crew on the Soverel 33 for the season included his father Don Jeka, Bruce Van Meter, Tim Siegfried, John Miller, Victor Saap, Bill and Kevin Wright and Greg Van Der Moore.

In addition to the major races, *Santana* participated in each of the 16 Wednesday night races that make up the official recreational weekly season at Keyport.

"We got off to a flying start this year by sweeping the first Wednesday night series, placing first in all the races," Jeka said. "We stretched our lead in the three series thereafter."

"We also did well by placing first in the Governor's series and first in the Duke Schumacher race."

The ambitious racing program at Keyport Yacht Club included 34 boats that actively participated in the PIHF (performing handicap rating formula) A, B and Cruising divisions. The A division permits flying spinnakers, the big, colorful head sails. This type of sail is not permitted in either the B or C divisions.

Jeka's boat is rated for PIHF racing and also races one-design. He took a second place in the Soverel Nationals (a one-design race where all boats are rated equally), on Lake Norman in North Carolina in November 2000, losing first place in a tie-breaker to America's Cup contender Dennis Conner.

Paul Jeka grew up in Mountainside. He was active in the local swim team at the municipal pool and still holds records that stand to this day. He attended Dayton High School and Franklin Pierce College in NH, where he was a member of the sailing team.

Over the past three seasons at Keyport Yacht Club, the Jeka family has built up a formidable sailboat racing record. In 1999, Don Jeka took the B (non-spinnaker) division championship trophy with his Bristol 40, a third-place trophy in the A (spinnaker division) in 2000 with the same boat, and his son Paul the A division trophy with the Soverel 33 in 2001. Paul was tactician and helmsman for his father in both 1999 and 2000, while his father crewed for him in 2001.

"He's better than I am," his father said.

## Summit had many ups, few downs

### Hilltoppers were successful

By Jeff Wolfrum  
 Staff Writer

Many ups, few downs.

That was the fate of the Summit High School girls' soccer team. "We had an impressive season and had some nice accomplishments," Summit head coach Matt Lachman said.

The Hilltoppers finished with a 13-3-5 record and qualified for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs.

In the semifinal round on Nov. 6, the top-seeded Hilltoppers dropped a 2-1 decision at home to fourth-seeded Chatham. Junior Karen Jann scored an unassisted goal for Summit. Sophomore goalkeeper Beth Dickey made 13 saves. In the Union County Tournament, the Hilltoppers reached the semifinal round and were defeated by eventual champion Westfield 3-0.

### High School Girls' Soccer

"The thing that we're most disappointed about this season was not winning something," Lachman said. "On the days we lost in the county and the states, the other team was better than us that day."

The season started in fine fashion for Summit as the Hilltoppers won their first three decisions.

Summit opened Sept. 10 and won a 4-1 Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division contest over visiting Dover. Junior Jana Lee recorded a "hat trick," while Jann scored a goal and had two assists. Dickey made six saves between the pipes.

Dickey recorded her first shutout of the season when Summit defeated host Morris Hills 4-0 on Sept. 14. Abi Ardington had two goals, while Lee and junior Lindsay Lecky had one goal apiece.

A week later, Summit won a 1-0 decision over visiting Union. Monica Jones had the only goal off an assist from Lee. Dickey made 11 saves for her second consecutive shutout.

The next day, Dickey recorded her third straight shutout as Summit tied host Parsippany 0-0.

On Sept. 24, the Hilltoppers got back in the win column as they defeated host West Essex 2-1. Daniella Maurizi scored in the first half and Ardington in the second. Dickey stopped seven shots.

Dickey shined again by stopping eight shots in earning her fourth shutout of the season in a 3-0 win over visiting Mount Olive on Sept. 28. Senior Mackenzie Clark, Jones and Jann had the goals, while Lee and Ardington earned assists.

The Hilltoppers then tied visiting Oak Knoll 2-2 on Oct. 1. Jann and Lee scored in the second half.

Summit improved to 6-0-2 on Oct. 3 after a 4-1 victory over host Hanover Park. Lee and Jones scored twice, while Dickey made six saves.

Three days later, Dickey earned her fifth shutout as the Hilltoppers blanked host Dover 3-0. Jones, Ardington and Lee found the net.

"Jana is one of our leaders and top scorers," Lachman said. "She and sweeper Shane Coifield were All-County selections this year."

On Oct. 10, Summit dropped its first decision of the season as host Mendham won 2-0 in conference play.

The Hilltoppers bounced back and won their next two contests. Summit then played to ties in back-to-back games to bring its record to 9-1-4 heading into the quarterfinal round of the UCT.

On Oct. 24, Summit hosted West Essex and came away with a 3-0 victory. Lee had a goal and two assists, while Maurizi and Valerie Mulbeck had one goal each. Dickey made six saves to post her ninth shutout.

A day later, the Hilltoppers defeated host Mount Olive 3-1. Lee had the "hat trick" in the victory, while Dickey posted eight saves.

After a loss to Westfield in the UCT semifinals dropped the Hilltoppers to 12-2-4, Summit tied visiting Mendham 0-0 on Oct. 29. In a game which was suspended due to darkness, Dickey made six saves to earn her 10th shutout.

"We gave Mendham a fight for the league title," Lachman said. "Even though we finished second, the division wasn't decided until the very end."

On Oct. 31 in their last regular season game, the Hilltoppers improved to 13-2-5 as they defeated visiting Hanover Park 6-2. Lee had three goals and two assists, while Jones had two goals and Jann one goal and one assist.

In losing only four seniors to graduation, Lachman will have his own group of players coming back next season.

"We'll still be a very young team, but we'll have experience," Lachman said. "The girls have a great attitude heading into next season."

## Webster competes with best in state

By Jeff Wolfrum  
 Staff Writer

HOLMDEL — An uphill struggle.

That's the obstacle runners faced in the NJSIAA's cross country Meet of Champions held last Saturday morning at Holmdel Park.

Summit junior David Webster was among the best in the state, that had to deal with the course for a second consecutive Saturday.

In the MCC, Webster finished among the top 75 runners.

"I wasn't too happy with my performance," Webster said. "It was a good experience, though."

Webster felt that the start of the meet had a bearing on his finish.

### High School Cross Country

"The beginning of the race was pretty rough," Webster said. "It was a real factor because you couldn't really go anywhere until you reached some open space."

Cherokee senior Marc Pelerin took top honors with a 15:43 time. Chris Platt of Haddonfield was second at 15:48 and Jim Flannery of St. Joseph of Metuchen was third in 15:51.

"I went out fast and couldn't get back into the race because I was tired," Webster said.

Summit coach Rich Thomasey is extremely pleased with the outstanding season Webster put together.

"You can't judge a season by one race," Thomasey said. "One meet doesn't tell you how good you are."

In the Group 2 championships on Nov. 10 at Holmdel Park, Webster set a school record with a 16:54, 1 time for a fourth-place finish.

"I think David has improved every step of the way," Thomasey said. "He just gets better with every race."

In the UCT, Webster had a fine showing as he finished second with a 16:20 time. Scotch Plains' Bob Walden took the crown in 16:09.

The Summit boys' team placed in the 10th spot with 239 points.

In the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championships, Webster took top honors with an outstanding 16:59.8 finish. The boys' team finished ninth with 197 points.

"I was really pleased with David because he ran most of the season by himself," Thomasey said. "He didn't have anyone to train with."

The Summit boys' team finished the season at 6-6, while the girls' squad finished at an impressive 10-2.

"Overall, we made great strides this season," Thomasey said. "The kids were consistent and worked hard."

Even though the boys' team is losing only one senior and the girls' team only two, both teams lack depth.

"We had only nine girls and 10 boys," Thomasey said. "So what we need are numbers. If someone goes down, we'll really be hurting."



Photo by Bill Allen

**WINNING SEASON** — The Governor Livingston High School boys' soccer team, sparked above by the play of senior forward Jake Dilorio (No. 6) and below by goalkeeper Jonathan Moss turned in a 12-9 winning season. The Highlanders, seeded ninth, advanced to the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals, falling at fourth-seeded Pequannock 3-1 on Nov. 7. GL won at eighth-seeded Caldwell 2-1 in the first round and then upset top-seeded Parsippany 3-2 on penalty kicks in the quarterfinals. Dilorio scored twice in the second half against Parsippany to tie the game at 2-2 and then scored twice in the penalty kick shootout that GL won 5-4.





