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# Sunday starts local Hanukkah services

By Joan M. Devlin
— Staff Writer
The warm family Jewish "Festival of Lights," or Hanukkah, is early this year, beginning at sundown on Sunday and lasting for eight days.

Area synagogues and temples will be observing it in many ways, with perhaps more emphasis on the family aspect this year because of the tragic events of Sep. 11 and everyone's awareness of their own precious loved ones. Appropriately this 'year also, Hanukkah — which means literally 'dedication' in English — is the

ones. Appropriately this year also, Hanukkah — which means literally 'dedication' in English — is the celebration of a miracle which took place in 165 B.C. Rabbis tell of local miracles of those who narrowly escaped the destruction at the Worl Trade Center on Sept. 11, and so people are once again very aware of what a miracle is.

In 165 B.C., the tribe of Maccabees triumphed over the Hellenistic Syrians in a "revolt. After the battle reclaiming the Temple Mount, the temple had to be purified and rededicated, but there was only one jar of sacramental oil, enough for one day. Miraculously, the oil burned on for eight days, duss the eight days of Hanukkah, with candless being lit each day.

ay.
The special candleholder is called a The special candleholder is called a menorah, and the center candle is the Shamash, the one used to light each of the others, and it is lit every night, with prayers and thankfulness. Gifts are given to children, and it is a festive, family week rather than a reliable to the control of the gious one, according to area rabbis, but one which everyone enjoys and looks forward to nevertheless.

looks forward to nevertheless.
"The obvious focus this year for.
Hanukkah is going to be the symbolic,
as taking the meaningful Pestival of
Lights and making a rededication of
our energies and our activities and

bring this light to the world, as a bea-con," Rabbi Mark Mallach of Conser-vative Temple Beth Ahm in Spring-field said. Mallach said Hanukkah has never

been a major religious one, but, he said, "It recognizes the ability of good overcoming evil; the ancient Macca-bees overthrowing of oppressors who tried to destroy their way of life. They succeeded against great odds." He said this message of Hanukkah still

said this message of Hanukkah still shows the way.

At Temple Beth Alun, there will be a Hanukkah program at 10:30 a.m. on.
Sunday, sponsored by the religious school, with parents and all family members invited. The program will run until noon.
On Tuesday at 6 p.m., the temple will sponsor a Hanukkah party for everyone, with food, dreidel games, and candle lighting. Continuing in the Hanukkah isstire mood, there will be hanukkah isstire mood, there will be

Hanukkah festive mood, there will be an early family Shabbat at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 14, after which dinner will be served for all following the service.

After dinner, there will be a pupper show for children called "Mac is Back show for children called "Mae is Back
the Legend of Judah Maccabee."
Dimer is by reservations only, which
must be in by 3 p.m. Friday. Call the
temple office at 973-376-0539. For
adults, the cost will be \$14 and for
children, \$6.
At the Reform Temple Sha'arey
Stalton on Seath Stringfield A seence

At the Resolut Pringfield Avenue in Springfield, with Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, there will be programs honoring Hanukkah beginning before the event. The temple's youth group will babysit the night before Hanukkah will babysit the night before Hanukh-ah, and Goldstein said of this night, "Before, lighting the candless singing the blessings and songs, and distribu-ing the presents, take a few hours out with your significant other while the youth group takes responsibility for



Rabbi Allan J. Yuter of the Orthodox Congregation Israel in Springfield will be part of the many local syna-gogues and temples observing Hanukkah with a variety of services.

the children." |
There will be an Outreach Brunch
at 10 a.m. on Sunday and there will be
a third and fifth night candlelighting
at 6 p.m., where all are welcome. This
is called the "Hanukkah Light-In."

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Also at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 14, the seventh night of Hanukkah, the rabbi invites everyone to bring their own menorah and light the candles together with the other families. The Shabbat is preceded by a potluck din-ner. The last night of Hanukkah, Dec. 18, the congregation will celebrate with its Renaissance Group in a Rusunt in Springfield

Restaurant in Springfield.

The Orthodox synagogue, Congregation Israel in Springfield, headed by Rabbi Allan Yuter, will have its regular services, with additions for Hanukkah. "On Hanukkah we have two objectives; one is to light the Hanukkah andles at night ahd the second is to say Psalms 113 depoigh 118 during the eight days of Hanukkah."

He said that by custom, they have See HANUKKAH, Page 2

# Township to bor \$4M for firehouse

Staff Writer
With interest rates at their lowest
point in decades, the Springfield
Township Committee introduced a
bond ordinance at its Nov. 27 meeting
to borrow \$4.26 million for the construction of a new firchouse.
"This is another step that we are
now taking towards the completion of
the new firchouse that is going to be
built," said Committeeman Steven
Goldstein.

This is the only bond that the township will be purchasing to complete the firehouse. The ordinance will be (? put to a vote by Township Committee members at their next meeting on

put to a vote by Township Committee, members at their next meeting on Tuesday.

"This gives us the bonding capacity for the firehouse and that's one of the issues we have to be concerned about with cost increases over time, yet in a good sense because the economy has had some difficulties. In the long run this could help us," said Committeeman Roy Hirschield.

The bond cost of \$4.26 million was calculated by township officials as well as the architect of the project.

"It sounds like a big number, but we do have to remember, beside the fact that we need the new firehouse, now is the opportune time for any-body to be borrowing money," said Goldstein. "As everyone knows, interest rates are at their lowest point."

In addition to the actual construc-In addition to the actual construc-tion of the firehouse, the money from the bond will go toward the cost of materials used in the project such as-furniture. fixtures, pavement, land-scaping and labor.

"Also know that the five of us up here are watching this thing very-closely to make sure that this thing tress within the realm that a progress.

stays within the realm that was prom-

ised to a when the project was undertaken," said Goldstein. "It's being watched yery closely by the fire chief, the township administrator and by the Township Committee, but it's a project the town needs and now is a good time to be doing it."

When construction begins, the township will take out a short-term bond, with a one-year term. As the project is near completion, the short-term bond will be converted to be more like a mortgage. The oridinance calls for the bond to be paid oft in 30 years. years

"We're lucky in the sense that the

"We're Incky in the sense that the cost of this borrowing is probably (fit least it's been in 50 or 60 years, may be even longer," said Goldstein. Township Administrator Richard Sheola said the number of contractors who bid on the project will depend how the economy is doing. The ordinance calls for the construction to take 400 days to complete. "A job like this guarantees work for over a year," Sheola said. "To me it sounds pretty lucrative."

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He also said one of the biggest criterion the contractor must fill is the experience of having built firehouses in the past.

The firehouse will be 26,000 square

The firebouse will be 26,000 square feet and have 40 parking spaces, all of which will sit to a 112-acre lot. "One thing to really keep in mind is that the Township Committee is clearly committed to, once this process starts with the frebouse to also both at the current frehouse for rehabilitation or refurbishing for our 9-fixe Department, "said Hirschield." It's very important to look at the office and structural needs of our Police Department as well, it clearly needs some work and some improvements."

Plans for that renovation are still in

Plans for that renovation are still in the tentative stages



By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

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The negotiating seams for the teachers union and the school board have reached a tentative agreement for a new contract in the Mountainside School District.

On Nov. 27, the same night as the last Board of Education meeting, representatives from both sides were meeting at Beechwood School in an effort to settle a new deal. As of Friterion. effort to settle a new deal. As of Fri-day, Mountainside Education Associday, Mountainside Education Association President Jeanette Marafit confirmed what Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller had said during the Board of Education meeting. "There is a bentative agreement, but not a find one."
"Pending salary step schedules."
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in obox very positive, and it goes well."
Maraffi said. "When that bridge is crossed, we will bring the new confract to the teachers for ratification."
[Members of the negotiating team for the MEA, besides Marafit, are Deborah Pošner, Millat Smikozeciis.

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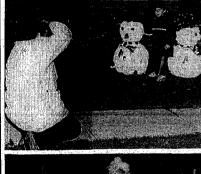
Members of the negotiating team for the Board of Education, besides Schaller, are Peter Goggi and Sally Rivieccio, both members of the school board.

Maraffi said a tentative agreement means there could not be a job action by teachers while the agreement is in other Union County districts. "It also would indicate an air of compromise the next meeting is their move," site said. Will the next meeting be held before the New Year? Maraffi strong. before the New Year? Maraffi strong-

ly hopes so.

At presstime, Schaller could not be ly hopes so.

At presstime, Schaller could not be reached for comment, but he had stated earlier that although all was hopeful, and moving in the right direction, there was nothing definitive yet, and therefore he could say nothing as yet. Maraffi, also anxious to resolve the stalemate, said she contacted the union's representative. riacted the union's representative directly, who also had no word of another — and hopefully final —







READY FOR CHRISTMAS — The holiday lighting celebration at the front of the Springfield Municipal Building got local residents into the festive spirit on Sunday with lighted decorations, carols, and an early visit from Santa. At left, Santa Claus arrives from the tower of the Municipal Building and comes down the ladder of the fire truck. Above, the Clintons have fun with their little reindeers. From left are, Mom Teri, daughters Mallory, 4, and Halley, 3, and Dad Joe. At top left, Eugenio Piazza snaps a photo of son, Alessandio, 4, with some snowmen friends.

# New rules set for students entering AP and honors courses

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer
At the Springfield Board of Education meeting Monday night there was
atla of new criteria for students to be
placed into and be allowed to stay in
Advanced Placement/honors courses
with high echool

Advanced Placement/honors courses at the high school:

Superindendent of Schools Water Mahler held up his copy of the gourse of Studies and talked about what was different in this year's copy than in previous years.

"The changes are minimal," he said, "There are some language changes to clarify things to correct previous misuites."

ious mistakes Mahler went on to discuss the more important changes in the guide.
"The School Government Committee knows that when we met with the supervisors we had a nice healthy dission about standards, about expectations and how the children qualify for honors or AP classes," said

for honors or AP classes, said Mahler.

The biggest change, for most department courses, would be that in order for a student to move from one honors class to the next level honors class the following year, the student must have a 3.5 grade point average in that class. It used to be that a sindent only needed, a 3.0 to moye on.

"There are some changes that we are making to slowly make them more meaningful, have them be a little bit more rigorous, more applicable to stu-

more rigorous, more applicable to stu-dents of that caliber," said Mahler.

If a student is in a regular level course and wishes to move up to an course and wishes to move up to ar

ment would state that the student must be averaging a 4.0 in that regular level class. Also, the student must fill out an application explaining why they feel they should be in the AP course. Teacher recommendations also would

reel ney should be in the AP course. Teacher recommendations also would be considered. The average is only for each specific subject level. For instance, a student could average a 3.5 in honors level math but only average a 2.5 in honors level English. With these new-guidelines, the student would be able to stay in honors level math but not an honors level English.

honors level English.

Board Vice President Linda Duke suggested that a student meet two of

suggested that a student infective of three criteria to get into or stay in an honors level course.

"If they had scored such-and-such on the standardized test and had the

'The changes are minimal, there are some language changes.' - Walter Mahler

teacher recommendation that would be two out of the tirree requirements and that would be acceptable," she

examined on a case-by-case basis and if the student had been in an honors course for several years and shows the desire and motivation to continue in desire and individual to continue in an honors level course, then that stu-dent might not necessarily be bumped down to a regular level course just because they did not average a 3.5.

The other thing that we retained, and was a strong recommendation from the committee, was that in every case there would be an appeal pro-cess," said Mahler. Mahler said the honors classes will

Mahler said the honors classes will be left open ended as far as enrollment goes, saying they will have to determine just what is efficient enrollment. We haven't yet determined what sufficient is," said Mahler. "There's no formula like five, 10 or whatever it happens to be. Because in some cases it would be better to have independent sady for some of these kids."

All typos' and minor mistakes will be corrected on the Course of Studies

And typos and minor mistages will be corrected on the Course of Studies packet. It will be distributed to the board members to go over again. The board will vote on whether or not to adopt it at its next meeting on Dec. 17.

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# Hanukkah services to begin

(Continued from Page 1) one psalm at the end of the prayers: the 30th psalm, which is about dedithe 30th-psalm, which is about deal-cating the ancient temple. "Dedica-tion is the meaning of Hanakkah," said ytter. "As for traditional gift-giving, that is for Parim; however, I am sure children of the congregation will be requesting and receiving gifts at home from their loving parents." The Orthodox congregation is allowing itself one happy holiday event, however. Its Sisterhood is sponsoring a concert, performed by

sponsoring a concert, performed by the band, Shlock Rock of Israel, at 2, p.m. on Dec. 16 in the Jonathan Day-ton High School auditorium. This will

ton High School auditorium. This will be the eighth and last day of Hanuksah, and is open to the public. Reservations must be made by calling the synagogue at 973-467-9666. Trickets are \$8 for children up to age 12, and from 13 to adult, tickets are \$10. They will also be sold at the door.

# Workplace thefts reported

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Springfield

Three Union residents all reported that their pocketbooks were stolen from their place of employment at 681 Morris Turmpike on Nev. 25 between 3:20 pm. and 3:31 pm. Among the stolen items were credit cards, car and house. Jens. checkbooks disensing the stolen items were credit cards, car and house. The stolen items were credit cards, car and house. Jens. checkbooks disensing the stolen items were credit cards. storen tems were credit cards, car and house keys, checkbooks, drivers' licences, a cell phone and a combined \$800 in cash. • On Nov. 19. William Ezeremous-ka, 25, of Elizabeth, was arrested on Mountain Avenue for an outstanding

Mountain Avenue for an outstanding warrant at 3.45 p.m.

On Nov. 22 at 5.04 p.m., a Mapes Avenue resident reported that a wooden lawn swan was stolen from their property. It had a value of \$30.

On Nov. 22. Springfield Motor imports on Route 22 East reported a smashed driver's window and a stolen radio from a Leep Grand Cherokee. If was also reposted that a 1999 Acura lattegra had four tires and rims stolea and the taillight assemblies and door and the taillight assemblies and door handles damaged.

• On Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m., a Moun-

tain Avenue business reported tha \$300 in cash and a payroll check for \$216 was stolen.

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\* The Foothill Club of Mountainside meets at noon in B.G. Fields restaurant for a Christmas Juncheon, The program will feature special holiday music by a few members of the Governor Livingston High School Chorale Group. Guests are welcome.

For reservations, call 908-223-3626.

\* The Union County Prosecutor's Office Save-A-Life Today project and the state Department of Corrections Promoting Responsibility in Drug Education. Project PRIDs. present a program to CYO students at St. James Church gymnasium, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, at 7:30 p.m. The program refers to the effects drugs and alcohol have on decision-making. Por information, call 908-527-4500.

The Mountained Park

The Mountainside Board of Education conducts a special board meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave. to approve bids for construction.

• The Union County Board of Chosen Precholders sponsors the county's 12th annual holiday tree lighting ceremony and charity drive from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Watchung Stable, 1160 Sammit Lane, Mountainside. In lieu of an admission fee, residents are asked to bring along tiem of dry or canned food, or a new, unwrapped toy. For more information on the Union County tree lighting ceremony, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900. In the event of rain, the program will be presented on Saturday at same time and place.
• The Veterans Allience of Saturday

place.

The Veterans Alliance of Springfield, which consists of American Legion Continental Post 228, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7683, and the Jewish War Veterans Elin-Unger Post 273, conducts a ceremony commemorating the 60th annivegary of the attack on Pearl Harbor at 11 a.m. in Veterans Memorial Park, Mountain Avenue and Shunpike

Saturday

 A Christmas open house takes place at the Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., Springfield. The house, which dates back to 1740, will be decorated for an 18th century holiday tour from 3 to 5 p.m. nd 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call 973-376-4784

Sunday

• Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield, 78 S. Springfield Ave.
host brunch for interfaith families at noon. The rabbi will lead a discussion on issues facing interfacing families during the holidays.
For reservations call 973-379-5387. All are invited.

Monday

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

Tuesday

• The Springfield Township Committee meets at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Montain Ave.

• The Mountainside Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

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

Wednesday

The next regular meeting of the Springfield Board of Health has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Springfield Annex Building, 20 N. West Ave.

Jan. 12

• The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor the second annual Adopt-A-Trail orientation meeting, rescheduled from Nov. 27, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 432 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

Preregistration for the orientation meeting is required. Call Trailside at 908-789-3670, Ext. 221, to register.

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Ongoing

• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. 1t is open to all residents of Springfield For more information, call 973-912-2227.

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

• "Write Your Life Stories" is a writing group that meets regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 10-30 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Writing expertise is not required and sharing is optional. The meeting is facilitated by writer/teacher Zella R.P. Gelman: No registration is required.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

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Upcoming

The Springfield Library Board of Trustees will meet at 8 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain

Ave.

• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Rouse 22 East.

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Fall International Film Festival with "Bossa Nova" at noon and 7 p.m. Set in Rio de Janeiro, this romantic comedy offers the hope for love the second time attound.

Admission is free for all films. For information, call 973-376-4930. Admission is free for all films. For information call 973-376-4930.

• The vivid images of Springfield resident Morton Panish, a longtime photographer and scientist whose work on digitized photographs will be on display at the Donald B. Palmer Musuem of the Springfield Free Public Library, 64 Mountain Ave., through Jan. 24. An artist's reception will be from 1 to 4 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

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Dec. 18

The Mountainside Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. for a regular session in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. Dec. 19

The Mountainside Woman's Club invites the public to its holiday outique and hurchen 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at L'Affaire, Route 22 East. Mountainside. Shop early for the holidays and get 50 percent off sterling silver jewelry, handbags, fashion accessories, photo ornaments and more For information, call 908-789-1819.

Dec. 20
• From 7 to 8 p.m., Act Out will present a creative dramatics workshop for 5-to 8-year-olds in honor of the Winter Solstice at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Monantain Ave. Children can have a part in helping a winter story come to life.

For information, call 973-376-4930, Ext. 32.



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# Cottage awarded for dedication in career

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer
John Cottage doesn't think of himself first. He thinks of the community.
He thinks of Springfield.
As the emergency management coordinator, Cottage has seen his share of natural and man-made disasters but her to produce the coordinator. ters, but he's not planning on vacating

his position anythme soon ... or perhaps ever,
"As long as I enjoy doing it. I'm
going to do it," he said. "When it's not
fan anymore I'll retire."
However, he doesn't see that coming any time soon.
Cottage first became involved with
the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) back when he was in
high school.

high school.

"I've always enjoyed being involved with things in the community." he said. "I just have an interest in doing stuff that's for the good of the

ommunity."
In 1973, Cottage was appointed to be position of deputy coordinator and in 1975 he was appointed as coordina-tor. At the time he was the youngest

To At the time he was the youngest coordinator in the state.

"It was a significant change from the past 18 years," Cottage said, explaining how he replaced someone who had been in the position for a very long time, someone to whom everyone had become accustomed. "It was a challenge to build credentials." But he prevailed and has remained coordinator ever since.

In his position, Cottage is accountable for the auxillary police and has been integral in implementing an emergency operations plan.

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"If we didn't have the volunteers we have in Emergency Management we wouldn't have the unit that we have," he said. "It's the volunteers that make the unit the success that it

is."
"Emergency Management comes into play when the town's normal resources can't handle the scope of the emergency." Cottage said. "If all the traffic lights in town were to go out at once. Emergency Management would have to help direct traffic because there wouldn't be enough police officers to cover each light at each intersection."

However, OEM is responsible for a lot more than just broken traffic lights. During times of crisis, such as Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and the ter-

Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and the ter-rorist attacks on Sept. 11, Cottage and his volunteers worked around the clock, helping where they could. He explained how the town's Emergency Operations Plan calls for the OBM headquarters at Sarah Bal-ley Civic Cottet to be used as the police headquarters in the event regu-lar headquarters could not be used. That was the case during Hurricane Floyd when the Municipal Building became flooded. "Within a couple of hours the collice users and mornies 'Cottone.

Within a couple of hours the se were up and running." Cottage "They had to stay there three this until Town Hall could be bished."

On Sept. 11, after the tragic terror-ist attacks took place, Cottage sa attacks took place, Cottage sat wn with members of the Emergenrun members of the Emergen-cy Management Committee, of which he is the chair, the town leaders and the superintendent of schools. Cottage said there were

the superintendent of schools.
Cottage sald there were two huge
concerns facing Springfield that day.
The first was that the town's Fire
Department had been dispatched to
Staten Island and the First Aid Squad
was on hand to help take fictims in
Hoboken over to hospitals.
"Our concern was that we didn't
have the amount of coverage that we
usually have in town," he said.
Cottage explained how there are
other towns on hand to help Springfield in case something happens here,
but it isn't the normal amount of
coverage.

coverage.

The other concern involved child-ren in the school system. School offi-cials had looked over the telephone numbers students wrote down in case of an emergency. Several of those numbers were New York City

Cottage said there was no way of immediately knowing if those kids' parents were injured during the attacks.

attacks.
"We made sure that no kid was sent
or taken home to find that no one was
home or was coming home." he said.
That plan called for students who
were not picked up to be looked after
at the cafeteria in Jonathan Dayton



John Cottage, emergency management coordinator for Springfield, was recently honored with a town procla-mation by Mayor Sy Mullman for winning the Outstand-ing Coordinator of the Year Award from the New Jersey Emergency Management Association.

High School by teachers who volun-

teered to help out.

Fortunately, the plan was never used, as every child was picked up and accounted for.

and accounted for.

At the Springfield Township Committee meeting on Nov. 27, John Cottage was honored with a town proclamation for winning the Outstanding Coordinator of the Year Award from the New Jersey Emergency Management Association.

Cottage received the actual award back on Nov. 17 at the Emergency Management Conference in Atlantic City, where he said he was very surprised to with.

ised to win. The Outstanding Coordinator of the Year Award is presented once a year to one of the 566 emergency management coordinators in the state.

"It was an equally nice surprise to get a resolution from the Township Committee and I are Committee and I am very pleased to be here tonight to formally accept this from the Committee," said Cottage at e meeting. Commiteeman Steven Goldstein

Committeeman Steven Goldstein said it is a tribute to Cottage's dedication that he has served so long and that so many of the volunteers who have served under him have-stayed just as long.

"It's obviously a testiment to your dedication, personality and overall ability to deal with people and we're lacky to have you," Goldstein said. Several people were on hand to witness the award presentation, including

Best election Cottage's family and several mem-bers of Springfield's emergency

"I'd like to thank the people who are in the audience tonight. Many of them are our volunteers, without them are our volunteers, without whom we would not have an organi-zation," said Cottage. Committeewoman Clara Harelik

Committeewoman Clara Harelik commended Cottage and said that his dedication to the community is the reason there were so many people in attendence to celebrate his honor. "It's not that you do it alone because obviously it's a team effort, but you do a terrific job at it." said Harelik.

Harelik.

Cottage is also a member of the Take Pride in Springfield Committee. He helps organize the Memorial Day Parade and is an integral part of the July 4th Celebration.

"The thing that always amazes me about John is that sometimes we often forget that he has a life, too," said Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld, "He has a career, a very productive career, and it's amazing to me that he's able to give all this time and manage all to give all th

When the town has an emergency "When the town has an emergency it's nice to see everybody work as a team and get the town through what-ever occurs," said Cottage, "We've had our share of emergencies in the last 25 or 30 years but we've managed to get through all of them."

# Palmer earns technology award from state agency

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

Staff Writter
The Mountainside school system is
very proud of him, and with good reason. Randall Palmer, computer
teacher/coordinator, recently received
the New Jersey Technologist award
for this year.
Palmer's \$500 prize was rendered
in two checks, and he chose to give
one of those checks for \$250 back to
the Mountainside Board of Education.

one or those enteres for \$250 outs. Which Chief School Administrator Obrard Schaller received gratefully at the recent Board of Education meeting Nov. 27. Photographs were taken and Palmer received much applause from those in attendance. Palmer himself was surprised with his award, which he received at the annual conference of the New Jersey, held in Lakewood early in November. He was chosen from all of the schools throughout the state, one

the schools throughout the state, one

"I am the winner for the northeast-

em region of the state, and while at the conference, I gave a presentation session entitled 'Evaluating on-line graduate schools' for teachers who were interested in continuing their education through distance learning," said Palmer. Palmer has been head of the Tech-nical Department at Deerfield School for over seven were now and it is his

for over seven years now and it is his first job out of college. He went to Rutgers University and received his master's degree in computer education from Nova Southeastern Univer-sity in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where he say in re. Lautertaue, Fin., where he is continuing to work on his doctorate degree. Palmer does this via computer, an experience in long-distance learning.

learning.

He has installed all the computers He has installed all the computers in classrooms from kindergarten through eighth grade. In grades five through eight, the children come to his classroom to learn about computers at their own individual levels.

The school has not as yet decided how the money will be spent.



Randall Palmer, a computer teacher and coordinator at Deerfield School in Mountainside, recently won a Technologist of the Year award from the New Jersey Association of Educational Technology.

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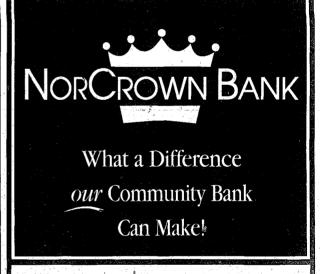
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# **COMMUNITY FORUM**

EDITORIALS

# Season of lights

The season of lights is upon us. Business districts and residential neighborhoods in many communities are a panoramic display of colors from holiday lights.

The menorahs of Hanukkah will be lit in home windows

and in larger displays throughout the area to celebrate the eight-day diurnal climb to complete luminescence.

This festival was instituted by Judah the Maccabee in 165

This festival was instituted by Judan the Maccacee in 105 B.C. to celebrate the purification of the Temple of Jerusalem. It had been descerated three years' earlier by the Greek Antiochus Epiphanes, who set up a pagan altar and offered sacrifices to Zeus. He also forced the Jews to convent and abandon their beliefs and rituals.

Hanukkah celebrates the miracle when a small amount of cit only apound to last one day, burned for eight days,

oil, only enough to last one day, burned for eight days. In Jewish homes, a candle is lit on each night of the eight day festival. To light the candles for Hanukkah, the shamas, an extra candle, is used. With this tool, the flame is spread to the other candles.

Everywhere at this time of year, we turn to light to represent the goodness and hope that is expressed in our beliefs.

This is a time to recognize the commonality of all mankind and to reach out with warm and heartfelt greetings not only to family and friends, but also to acquaintances and even

May the light of the season shine into your lives and bring you all the hope and happiness that is possible in our world. We wish the best of holidays to you and your family and trust that the spirits of generosity, kindness and brotherhood If be in your homes during the special days ahead. This message is not limited to Jews celebrating Hanukk-

ah. Everyone, everywhere can celebrate miracles. Together, all of us should become small miracles to those in need. By lighting one candle, by affecting one person, the flame will grow. That person, in turn, will spread the warmth of the

miracle.

In the aftermath of the tragedy of Sept. 11, people are learning that the important things in their lives must not be taken for granted. The value of family and friends becomes even more important during the holiday season, It is a time to count our blessings.

# Give us the right

The Assembly Judiciary Committee is expected to meet today and consider one of the most important bitls lawmak-ers could vote on in this state. It's the state's Right to Know Law, a law that allows access by the citizenry to open government, but a law that hasn't been reviewed or updated in

many years.

We urge the Judiciary Committee to take swift action on this bill, one that already has received the support of the full Assembly and Senate. We urge the committee to approve the Assembly and Senate. We urge the committee to approve the bill in order to get it out of committee, where it has sat since July, and submit it to both houses of the Legislature. We urge the Legislature to approve the bill and send it to the governor, and we urge Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco to sign the bill and make it law, ending a tedious discussion phase that has lasted far too long.

The bill, in its revised form, would make all government records public, including internal memos, policy drafts and countless other documents, unless specifically excluded through an executive order or legislative resolution. Criminal investigation files and individual files kept by victims' rights agencies would remain in effect, based on a compro-

rights agencies would remain in effect, based on a compro-) mise reached between the Attorney's General's Office and the New Jersey Press Association, which has been struggling to have the outdated high to Know Law amended on behalf of the state's residents for many years. And that's the target audience of the bill — residents of

New Jersey, who should be able to walk into their local municipal building, ask for a specific document and be treated with the respect they deserve as citizens and be given the information. We have heard too many times of residents being treated as second-class citizens when they want to question the operation of their government. Passage of this bill would make it easier for citizens of this state to obtain that information.

that information.

Time is of the essence. This is a bill that was approved by the Assembly in May, and approved by the Senate in June. The reason it is back in the Assembly Judiciary Committee is because it had been amended when it reached the Senate. We urge the Judiciary Committee to release this bill to a vote of the full Legislature.

"Free speech is meaningless unless it tolerates the speech that we hate."

-Henry I. Hvde U.S. Representative (R-Ill.), 1991

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A THANKFUL CELEBRATHANKFUL CELEBRATHANKFUL CELEBRAINDO — On Nov. 21, the
kindergarten classes at
Edward V. Walton School
In Springlield celebrated a
Thanks giving feast
together. It was a fun feast
with all the trimmings.
Some students came as,
Native Americans and
others, as Pilgrims. In the
back row, from left, are
Elaine Cladek, Principal
Rose Krosche and Rosa
Scannaplego, and front
row, Meghan O'Brien,
Amanda Tocci, Julianna
Ginefra, Nina Mozino, Kyle
Schmidt and Andrew Della.

# Eight changes necessary for our state government

During this year's election campaign, you heard from candidates who tried to convince you that they have a better idea for the future. Some of the ideas were good. A lot of them were not.

A lot were obvious. Who, after all, is against better schools, and safer streets? The deeper question is how we are going to get these results. What we are really talking about is how the

we are really talking about is how the same state povernment its going to get different results. The real question we laye to ask is, as configured, is our current state government up to the job? This is not an idle question. Let me put the question in context. We operate under a constitution writ-ten in 1947. It gives us a strong execu-tive, a strong legislature and a very independent judiciary. We have this set up because the one before it from the 1844 constitution, did not work for the 20th Century.

the 1844 constitution, did not work for the 20th Century. Lincoln once said that "whenever the people grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it." That's what we did in 1844 and 1947. Should it happen in 2001? I say no, but standing pat is not the answer, either.

ceither:

A generation ago, we did a better job of keeping up with the times. In the '70s, New Jersey embarked on its last major wave or Feforms, fighting environmental destruction by creating the Department of Environmental Protection, organized crime by creating the Division of Criminal Justice, and consumer fraud by creating a Division of Consumer Affairs.

The last time New Jersey took a serious look at the way it organized its government. James Gandolftan wasn't in high school yet and the Sopranos

in high school yet and the Sopranos were still only a section in the church choir. There have been profound

# Assembly, Report

By Richard H. Bagger

changes in the last 30 years.

And more changes are on the way.

One is a tsunami of demographics:
every eight seconds a Baby Boomer
turns 50. Within 20 years, the number of New Jersey's elderly will double or better. Here's another. Since the 1947 better. Here's another. Since the 1947 Constitution, the state's population has doubled. Where are we going to put these people, since our popularity as a place to live is not stackening? One more demographic reality to poder.'Not only are there a lot more of us, there's a lot more diversity among who we are.

sis. there is a bot more diversity among who we are.

What's the government doing to keep pace? Not much. The hot book in American business is "Who Moved My Cheese?" The silly title reflects a great ruth: we do not like change, we fear and often hate it. This is why we've had only three constitutions in 225 years, why we have spent the last 30 years nibbling at the edges. We've moved banking out, then back into the Department of Insurance a few years latet. We renamed the P.U.C. the B.P.U. We created a Department of Engery, moved it into the D.E.P., then made it a D.O.A. "If people behaved the way nations do.," Tennessee Williams noted, "they would all be put in straight jackets." The same could be said of states.

Some thious beauty changed. We

said of states.

Some things haven't changed. We still want the Department of Corrections to keep bad guys in jail. We still want DEP to ensure our drinking water is clean. We still want the Department of Agriculture to keep the

garden in the Garden State. But with so many changes that have happened and will continue to happen, that's not

and will continue to nappen, that's not enough.

We do not need to rewrite our con-stitution. We do need to renovate the government we do have. I suggest the following eight structural changes, which make function the key and form irrelevant to the way we meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

the challenges of the 21st Century.

1. Create a Department of Senior Affairs With 40 percent of our population projected to be seniors in the next 20 years, we should deal with uniquely senior issues in one place under one roof.

2. Create a Department of Youth Services. We ask the Department of Plucation to teach the Department of

Belucation to teach, the Department of Human Services to parent, and the Department of Human Services to parent, and the Department of Health to play doctor. It is an open question how well we serve our children, particularly disca at greatest tisk, when we spread children's services from pillar to post.

3. Convert Community Affairs into exclusively a housing development and community planning agency. Part of the problem with sprawl in our state is that no one is really in charge.

4. Give the Department of State the exclusive and sole job of preserving, protecting and capitalizing on our historical and cultural resources. Put the Division of Travel and; Tourism in Education to teach, the Department of

torical and cultural resources. Put the Division of Tavel and, Tourism in State since the places we want people to go to are, generally, our historic and cultural sites.

5. Give the autome general jurisdiction over all public safety issues. Put the Division of Motor Vehicles back

there as well. Convert to digitized photo drivers' licenses so New Jersey. ceases to be known as the home of the fake driver's license,
6. Merge the Division of Criminal Justice and State Police. Both agen-

es are supposed to fight crime, both

cies are supposed to fight crime, both fight over turi?

7. Merge the Ratepayer Advocate, Insurance Ombodsman and the Division of Consumer Affairs. All of these agencies have been created to ensure raintees in the commercial markeplace. It makes no sense to scatter them in three different agencies.

8. Privatize the New Jersey Brod-cast Authority. The Bastern block

cast Authority. The Eastern block

cast Authority. The Eastern block countries have gotten out of the state-controlled media; why do we still have state-run TV? For a generation, we have tinkered while the world has gone whizzing by. We can'do more of the same—but that would be a huge mistake. There is a story about an English Kine Canute. Someone fold bim that

King, Canute. Someone told him that if he were really powerful, he could stop the ocean tides from coming in stop the ocean ides from coming in.

Canute marched to the shore and gave
the order. When the water was lapping at his knees he realized he did not
have the power he thought he did.
We can be Canute. We can order
the flood of change to go back, to
recode, to not disturb us. But when the
changes start of drown us. we can

recede, to not disturb us. But when the changes start to drown us., we can wonder why no one anticipated any of this and did something about it. We spend a lot of money on our state government. Before we increase our budget a penay more, we ought to make sure we are getting our money's worth. The best way to do this is to take an engle-eyed look at the future, our vision for it, and make sure our state government is ready for it. state government is ready for it.

A resident of Westfield, Republi-A resident of Westheld, Republican Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountainide. He is state senator-elect for the new 21st District, which will include Mountainside and Springfield.

# Radio hosts add to an all-consuming topic

Do you ever wonder what radio show hosts discussed before the terroristic attacks occurred in Septembel?

Since that fatal Sept. 11 date, no radio host has found any subject worthy of discussion other than the attack. It now has gotten to the point that this all-consuming topic has over-ridden every other topic in the world. The only reason our actions in Afghanistan are even mentioned is because of the connection to the thine attacks.

nistun are even mentioned is because of the connection to the plane attacks. I wouldn't care if some new information were being brought to the subject, but the same issues are discussed to the point of nauseum by so-called authorities, who apparently know as little as I do. With rare exception, none of these radio hosts is dieussing the lack of action in Washington. Or a few may discuss the issue of trying Osama bin. Laden in front of a milliury tribunal,

Laden in front of a military tribuna but, generally speaking, we keep hearing the same topics discussed over and over again with no new

# As I See It

By Norman E. Rauscher Correspondent

information revealed.
Why don't we stop lingering about Ground Zero and get to the points that Congress is doing next to nothing?
Why aren't we screaming about the lack of upgrades in airport safety?

Why aren't we calling talk show hosts to task when misinformation is supplied? As an example, just the other day I heard one caller say the tragic losses at the World Trade Centragic losses at the World Trade Cen-ter were in excess of the losses during the battle at Antietam. What type of history is that? No one wants to demean the losses in New York, Washington or Pennsylvania, but the losses at Antietam were in excess of 24,000 men. Anyone can make a mis-take, but the radio show host has an obligation to correct incorrect information.

The time has come to heat. Everyone talks about helping the victim families, but the constant chatter helps

What will these radio hosts do if the

Sept. 11 attack no longer attracts attention? What did they talk about before? Or does no one remember

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

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# We're asking Are you spending more or less this holiday season?



"I am going to be out of the country; we are visiting our relatives in India, so I will probably be spending less."



Steve Tasetanno

"I haven't even started shopping, but I will probably be spending more this year. My wife, Patricia, just gave birth to our baby girl!"



Gienn Flanagan

'About the same, I think. I have



"I will be spending less this year; I was just retired and I want to be careful of my spending."

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Life is too short, remember 9-11

o the Editor.

I'm sick and tired of people complaining about the deer and the bears: Who as here first? I don't blame these animals at all. I blame the humans for building these monster houses and mails.
When you drive into Sussex or Mommouth counties that is all you see. Millium, Princeton and even other counties that have forest are complaining. We earl just through a terrible tnegety in the World Trade Center, why don't you thinking about people that lost their lives in the WTC instead of our animal isends?

friends?

So why did you move to the country anyway? I live in Springfield about a year and I heard that there is an owl and wild turkeys. I have a bird feeder, the sequirrels and birds enjoy the seeds. I used to live in the city when I saw all the wildlife here. I was excited. So was my husband, he came from a city too. So stop complaining about nature, enjoy it, life is too short, remember 9/11 Joan Faszczewski

Arafat's actions show true colors

To the Editor: :
On Nov. 14, Yasser Agafat ordered the arrest of a prominent Palestinian-Agah

terrorist. Mahmoud Tawalbi, That made headlines in The New York Times and American media. A few hours later. Arafat ordered the terrorist released That didn't seem to interest The Times. Apparently, the newspaper that claims to publish "All the news that's fit to print" had decided not to publish that

On Nov. 15. The Times printed a lengthy article emphasizing that Arafat was bravely cracking down on terrorists/but did not publish the fact that this terrorist was released by him a few short hours later. Dore Gold, a journalist, commented on this,omission, and The Times responded the next day with a 22-paragraph article saying nothing about Arafat freeing Tavalbi, but instead, portrayed an embattled Arafat, courageously fighting the terrorists despite his domestic opposition along with a photograph showing distraught-looking Palestrian-Arab children in front of some damaged homes in the Gaza Strip. It did not above any of Tavalbic Istratic livetime. show any of Tawalbi's Israeli victims

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright referred to Arafat's justice system as a "revolving door," President George W. Bush said that in the light against terrorists every world leader must be "either for us or against us."

Arafat's actions demonstrate that he is on the side of the terrorists. When will uses Bennet of The New York Times report this?

Mildred Schwartzberg Springfield

# Students' artwork will be on display at local bank

The sindents of Kat Block's art studio were too distraught to meet for their weekly art lesson on the night of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. When they met for their art class the following week, they had a very emotional discussion about the events of the past week and their responses to them. It was decided that they would channel their emotional energy into their

artwork.

The students — Luren Cassagnola, Lauren Chiaravali, Patricia Finnegan,
Briana Kika, Hannah Redberg, Mark Rosenthal, Shelby Smith, Kimberly
Wantz and Adrienne Wong, ages 8 to 13 — created beautiful images of patriot

ism, pride and prayers for peace. Block felt these pieces were so extraordinary and so consistent with the national mood that they should be exhibited publicly. She approached Jod McLaethlan, manager of the First Union Bark on Morris Avenue in Springfield, and got a positive response. McLaethlan and the bank staff prepared a reception for the young artists. The patriotic images will be on view in the bank until the middle of December, at which time Block's art studio will hang an exhibit entitled "Peace on Earth" for the bolidars at the hank.

the holidays at the bank.

For more information on Block's art studio, call 973-912-8837

# **CLUBS IN THE NEWS**

### Senior group plans trip

The Galabout Senior Group of Mountainside sponsors a lunch at the Russian Tea Room in New York City, plus a visit to the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox, Cathedral and the "Pearly exhibit at the American Museum 67 Matural History Dec. 15. Lunch and transportation is \$80.

Call Loretta for details and reserva-tions at 908-232-3025.

For information, call Helen Zimmermann 908-232-1206.

### Woman's Club offers holiday boutique

The Mountainside Woman's Club rivites the public to its holiday bou-tique and function on Dec. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Laffaire, Route 22 East, Mountainside. Shop early for the holidays with 50 percent off sterling silver, handbags, fashion accessories, crafts, holiday wreaths, silk flower arrangements, photo orna-ments and more. Stay for highed or just come to shop. A donation from the profits will be made to the Mountainside Woman's Club.

For more information and a luncheon reservation, call Cindy West at 908-789-1819.

# Foothili Club meets

The Mountainside Footbill Club will meet today at noon at B.G. Fields restauruant in Westfield for its Christmas luncheon. The program will fea-fure special holiday music by a few members of the Governor Livingston High School Chorale Group. Guests

Call Genevieve at 908-232-3626

# B'Nai B'rith group plans winter getaway

plans winter getaway
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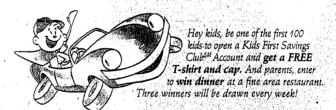
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important "December Dilemma." Children are invited to attend and will perform some craft activities

while the adults have their discuss while the adults have their discussion. This is an important program for interfaith couples and all are urged to attend. You do not have to be a temple member to attend the brunch.

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tainties in the financial markets, would like to increase your retirement income and at the same time support a world-renowned institution, Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation

ren's Specialized Hospital Foundation in Mountainside now offers charitable gift annuities to the community. Philip Salerno III, executive direc-tor of Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, describes the new program as a "win-win" for supporters and the children served by the hospital. A charitable gift annuity is a simple

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commendating the 60th antiversary
of the attack on Pearl Harbor Friday
11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in
Springfield.

### Christmas open house at Cannon Ball House

Achristmas Open House will take place at the Historic Cannon Ball House. 126 Morris Ave The circa 1740 house will be decorated for an 18th century holiday and open for tours Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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The church invites residents to this presentation arranged by Deacon Michael DeRoberts and its respective Michael DeRoberts and its respective offices. The program refers to the effects drugs and alcohol have on decision making. Over 20,000 Union County school students ranging from the fourth drough the 12th grades have witnessed this educational program since 1999.

For intormation call 908-527-4500.

### HEALTH

# Meeting rescheduled

The next regular meeting of the Springfield Board of Health has been re-scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Wed-nesday. The location of the meeting will remain at the Springfield Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave. Members of the public are welcomed to attend.

# Date changed for

Date changed for blood pressure tests
The Springfield Recreation Department has been notified by the Westifeld Board of Health of a date change forblood pressure screenings at Sarah Bailey Civic Center. 30 Church Matl The screenings have been changed from the second Wednesday to the duird Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, call 973-912-2227.
The Springfield Senior Citizens are

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

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### **OBITUARIES**

# Harry Devlin

Harry Dovlin, 83, of Mountainside, legendary cartoonist, artist and author of American architecture, whose career in the visual arts spanned 60 years, died Nov. 25 at home. He also was known for his exceptional recreations of Victorian homes throughout New Yersey.

tions of Victorian homes throughout New Jersey.

Mr. Devlin began his career as a cartoonist and illustrator. He met his wife, Wende, at Syracuse University, before he graduated from there. A professional artist, she ultimately worked with him on the illustration of children's books. Mr. Devlin served in the Navy during World War II and while assigned to the Identification and Characteristics Office of Naval Intelligence, he created illustrations and technical drawins that were used and technical drawings that were used to identify Japanese, German and Italian aircraft

in a directing singularies, German and contri-bilitian aircraft. He worked for newspapers and magazines in New York and contri-bited drawings and paintings for such publications as "Collier's Weekly" and political cartoons for The Daily News in New York City, Mr. Devlin served as president of the National Cartoonist Society. He and his wife collaborated on "Fall House," a car-toon strip based on their life with their seven children. The title later was seven children. The title later was changed to "Ragmopp," the name of the family poodle. Mr. and Mrs. Devlin published their first children's book, "Old Black Witch," in 1963. A movie was made of the book, which was translated into different lan-guages. After that, the Devlins colla-borated on more than 20 children's books, including "How Fletcher Was Hatched," which sold about 2.5 mil-lion conies, First Lady Barbara Bush seven children The title later was lion copies. First Lady Barbara Bush read it on her literacy campaign. Mr. Devlin then began photograph-ing Victorian homes in new Jersey.

He wrote and illustrated books on ver-nacular American architecture in the 1970s. Among them were "To Grand father's House We Go: A Roadsid Tour of American Homes" and "What Kind of House Is That?" which was Kind of House Is That?" which was prepared for children. He published "Portraits of American Architecture: Monuments to a Romantic Mood," which contained his paintings of old homes added to his text. Random House reprinted it in 1996. Among his paintings of famous landmarks, such as the Pink House in Cape May and December in Eleminaton, were simple. Roselawn in Flemington, were sim sites such as paintings of telepho sites such as paintings of querylione poles, modern cars and power lines, Mr. Devlin's paintings of a Victorian-style home built in 1874 on Union Street in Lambertville, was actually used as a "Discover NJ History" license plate

He promoted the arts in New Jersey and served on the State Council of the Arts from 1970 to 1979. Mr. Devlin as a member of the Advisory Coun cil on Children's Literature and estabcil on Children's Literature and estab-lished the Rutgers University Collec-tion of Children's Literature, a repo-sitory of more than 3,000 works spanning 50 years of American book illustration, during the 50 years they lived in Mountainside. It can be found at the Jane Voorhees Zimmerfi Museum at Rutgers in New Bennavirk Brunswick.

There was a documentary about Mr. Devlin's life, "An Artist's Odyssey," which won the International Film Critic's Award in 1995. He also

Film Critic's Award in 1995. He also worked on the state Committee for the Humanities and the Governor's Task Force on Literacy in the Arts. Also surviving are two daughters. Wende Devlin Gates and Alexandra Devlin Ethirdge; Tive sons, Harry Nocl, Geotfrey Anthony, Brion Phillip, Nicholas Kirk and David Matth-

ew; 18 grandchildren and two great-

### Dr. Saul Gladstone

Dr. Saul Gladstone, 85, of Spring-field died Nov. 20 at home. Born in Newark, Dr. Gladstone field died Nov. 20 at home.

Born in Newark, Dr. Ghdstone
lived in Union before moving to
Springfield 50 years ago. He maint
ained a private dental practice in
Newark and Springfield for 61 years.
Dr. Gladstone also served on the
staffs of Newark Beth Israel Medical
Center and Jersee City Medical Cen-Center and Jersey City Medical Cen-ter. He graduated from Seth Boyden School of Business, Rutgers Universi-ty, Newark, and received a bachelor's ty, Newark, and received a bachelor's degree from Upsala College, East Orange. Dr. Gladstone received a dental degree from Temple University Dental School, Philadelphia, where he was a member of the Omicron Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Epsilon Delta fraternities

fraternities.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. Dr. Gladstone served with the Medical Corps in the Pacific Theater, New Guinea and the Philiphines and also during the occupation of Japan. During his youth in Newark, he performed in amateur theartracles produced at the Newark Youth Mén's and Women's associations. During and wonters associations. During the 1930s. Dr. Gladstone also appeared in various radio programs and once won the Major Bowes "Amateur Hour." He also served as social director at White Roe Lake Resort, Livingston Manor, N.Y. Dr. Resort, Livingston Manor, N.Y. Dr. Gladstone played the tipple and guitar while a professional entertainer alongside of such stars as Danny Kaye, Phili Silvers, Henny Young-man, June Havoc, Roger DeKoven and Jules Munshin. He dater per-formed with Imogene Coca at Camp Taminant in Banathusish. Pomise. Tamiment in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountain region under the direction

of the legendary producer, Max Lieb man. Dr. Gladstone was a member o the American Dental Association, the New Jersey Dental Association and B'rith of Newark and

pringricid.

Surviving are his wife, Anne; two
ons, Dr. Jay Gladstone and Mark;
or grandchildren and a great-

### Alfred Rutz

Alfred Rutz, 87, of Florham Park, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 27 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Switzerland, Mr. Rutz lived in Springfield and for many years in Rio Rancho, N.M., before moving to Florham Park recently. He was a pharmaceutical operator with was a pharmaceutical operator with Ciba-Geigy, Summit, for many years before retiring, Mr. Rutz was a past president of the International Chemical Workers Union 9. During World War II, he served in Italy with the, Army Medical Corps. 351st Infantry, 2nd Battalion. Mr. Rutz was active in the American Legion. He was a Union County commander: and past commander of Post 228, Springfield, and Post 118, Rio Rancho. Mr. Rutz awas an American Legion volunteer was an American Legion volunteer with the Special Olympics.

He was chef de gare of Volture 703 of the 40/8, Albuquerque, N.M., and a charter member of the Rio Rancho Veterans Honor Guard. He was an active participant for 30 years in the mixed seniors bowling league in Rio

Rancho.

Surviving are two daughters, Carol

A. Allen and Ellen B Decker; three
sons, John A., Willis G. and Wayne

A.; 13 grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren.

### Joseph Torres

Joseph Torres, 48, of Springfield died Nov. 27 in St. Michael's Hospi-

tal, Newark.

Born in Newark, Mr. Tomes lived in Springfield for the past 13 years. Surviving are his mother, Josephine Torres; a brother, John M. II, and two sisters, Linda Kohr and Elizabeth DeJesus

Born in Summit, Mrs. Mooney lived in Springfield before moving to Brick 46 years ago. She was a bank teller for First Union Bank in Toms

Surviving are a son, Edward F., two daughters, Therese and Dianna Fraw-

ley; a sister, Kathleen Flynn, and three grandchildren.

Mildred Lowenstein

Mildred Lowenstein, 80, of Spring-field died Nov. 29 at home. Born in Newark, Mrs. Lowenstein lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield 30 years ago. She was an underwriter with Kemper Insurance Group in Summit before retiring. Surviving are a son. David: a

Surviving are a son, David; a daughter, Shsan Tufo; a brother, Philip Talkowsky, and three

Mark Bruce, 40, of Summit died Sept. 11 in the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers. New York City. He was a bond trader at Sandler & O'Neille Partners on the 104th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center. Born in California. Mr. Bruce came the Part Coast in 1901 and moved.

to the East Coast in 1991 and moved

to the East Coast in 1991 and moved to Summit five years ago. He gra-duated from the University of Califor-nia at Chico. Mr. Bruce took a job as a management trainee for a retail store in California, but came to Wall Street

as a bond trader.

Surviving ate his wife, Dawn; his mother, Diane Bruce, and two brothers. Steve and David.

Joseph E. Barile, 88, of Union, for-merly of Summit, died Nov. 26 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Joseph E. Barile

Mark Bruce

River and retired in 1996.

### Irene C. Mooney Edwin A. Lundell Irene C. Mooney, 71, of Brick, for-nerly of Springfield, died Nov. 27 in ersey Shore Medical Center,

Clifton

Born in Italy, Mr. Barile lived in Summit and Chatham Borough before moving to Union in 1954. He was the manager of Poodtown supermarket of Colonia for 12 years and retired in 1978. Mr. Barile was a member of the Retail. Clerks Union Local 1262.

Surviving are two daughters, Phyl-lis Lombardi and Lois Doerwang: five

grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Edwin A. Lundell
Edwin A. Lundell, 83, of Summit
died Nov. 24 in Runnells Specialized
Hospital, Berkeley Heights.
Born in Jersey City, Mr. Lundell
moved to Summit 50 years ago. He
was a painter for Beech Spring Apartments, Summit, for 35 years and
retired in 1990, Mr. Lundell was an
Army veteran of World War II. He
served with the Pirst Division and was
the, recipient of the Bronze Star.

### Ann B. Andrews

Ann B. Andrews, 91, of Summit died Nov. 21 in the Berkeley Heights

died Nov. 21 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center. Born and raised in Chicago. Mrs. Andrews moved to Summit 30 years ago. She was a supervisor in the credit department of Tandy Corp., Chicago. for 20 years and retired 31 years ago. Mrs. Andrews was a member of the Golden Age Club of Summit. Surviving are two dashletts. Cor-

Surviving are two daughters, Cor-inne Belasser and Dorothy Vicendese; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

# Norma J. Gwathnev

Norma J. Gwathney, 66, of Summit died Nov. 22 in Morristown Memorial Born in Nashville, Tenn., Mrs

Born in Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Gwathney lived in Summit for 42 years. She was the supervisor of Hotel Suburban, formerly The Grand Sum-mit Hotel, for 28 years before retiring. Mrs. Gwathney also was a personal chef in Summit. She was a member of

cher in summit. She was a member of the Court of Calanthy, Summit. Surviving are, her husband, James R.; three sons, James R., Jr., Ernest Z. and Philip A.; her mother, Ona Phil-lips, and five grandchildren.

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Toy Hills Board of Adjustment and
man, Springfield Lions Clab, and
Rent Leveling Board and the Union
Beautification Committee were all of Directors. Pablic Schools; Ruth and Stan Grossman. Springfield Lions Club, and Ruth 'Schwartz of the Springfield Beaudifeation Committee were allhonored at the 4th Annual Springfield Chamber Leadership Dinner on Nov. 1 at Bathrost Golf Club.

Each year the chamber honors leaders in business, education and volunteerism. A Special Lifetime Achievement Award was also presented. Patrick Paolello, vice president and director of Human Resources and director of Human Resources and Banking Operations at Pulassi Savings Bank, was honored as the Business Leader of the Year. Paolelia, active in community activities is co-

active in community activities is co-chair of the Springfield Kiwanis Club and a member of the Take Pride in Springfield committee. He has served as an instructor and president of the Institution of Financial Education, institution of rimancial Education, Northern New Jersey Chapter 11. He has been president of the Kiwanis Club of Clifton and the Passippany Chapter of UNICO International.

Paolello also participates in the Parsippany-Troy Hills Sentor Clitzens, Housing Corp., the Boys and Girls

of Directors.

As an active member of the Spring-field Chamber, Pat Irvs been able to integrate "Savings" into the fabric of the community, making the bank a positive force in numerous Township and Chamber activities.

Ruth Schwartz's commitment to civic improvement and her personal dedication to making Springfield a better place is which a "Live State of the State o

have camed her the chamber's ope-cial Lifetime Achievement award. Ruth has held leadership positions in numerous community organiza-tions. She served as president of the Springfield Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women and the Millburn/Springfield Kiwanis Club, an alternate to the Springfield Board of Adjustment and chair of the Springfield Democratic Party. Ruth also served on the Deve-lopment Review Committee and cur-rently chairs the Beautification 

pringfield. In presenting Ruth with her award, Mayor Sy Mullman stated "Springfield can be "Springfield can be viewed as one of the luckiest towns in New Jerse because Ruth Schwartz lives here.

The 2001 Educator of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Pamela Gray, supervisor of education for the Springfield Public Schools. Dr. Gray is responsible for programs in the areas of professional development, basic skills, and gifted and talented. oasic skills, and gifted and talented. She works closely with staff members in every grade level as a peer coach, presenting workshops and organizing professional development opportunities. Her work supervising other programs includes many components ranging from the identification of participants to program evaluation.

Dr. Gray has co-authored two nildren's books for the bicentennial. She has been recognized as an out-standing educator in Who's Who in American Women

Ruth and Stan Grossman are co-recipients of this year's Volunteer Leaders award.



Several of Springfield's most networthy leaders were recently honored at the Spring-field Chamber of Commerce 4th annual awards dinner on Nov. 1. From left: Ruth Schwartz, Pamela Gray, Ruth and Stan Grossman, Patrick Paolella, and Scott Seidel, co-chair of the Springfield Chamber.

### **AT THE LIBRARY**

# Digitized photos on display Dec. 14

The vivid images of Morton Pan-The Vivie images of Motion Panish, long-time photographs; and scientist, capture life as only an artist might see it, in a cutting edge technique that enhances the ease of the process. His digitized photographs, printed on watercolor pager, will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Motion of the Schenfield Lee and the page of the process. Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from Dec. 14 to Jan. 24. An artist's reception will be Dec. 15 from

artist's reception will be Dec. 15 from 1 to 4 pm. A Springfield resident since 1964, Panish prefers the simplicity of form that still-lifes and landscapes provide, and this exhibit utilizes both as though

he were to take an abstract form and

he were to take an abstract form and render it representational. He uses a Hasselblad camera, which is 2½ inches square. Occasionally he uses a 4 by 5 view camera.

While skilled at silver priuss and gumprints, Panish prefers digitally printed photographs. The initial image is taken with a film camera, but then the image is digitized using a high-resolution scanner. Although it has been possible for soveral years to process the resulting images on a computer with an amazing versatility for both color and black and white for both color and black and whi photographs, it is just in the past 18 months that it has been possible to months that it has been transfer the image on the screen to paper without sacrificing the perma-

nency of the image. "Only after it became possible to prepare digital prins that were archival did I relegate printing in the darkroom to the past." says Panish.

The skills he developed over the years in the darkroom were not wasted, however. In the darkroom it was necessary to visualize the desired result, which is also the mental process a photographer goes through cess a photographer goes through when originally taking the shot. The same process takes place when using

a computer.

Panish is perhaps best-known logphotographs of early Springfield now on exhibit at the Springfield Munici-pal Building. Panish has exhibited previously at the Palmer Museum, as well as at the Doubletree Gallery in Montelair; North: Salem Gallery; Summit Art Center: the Bergen Museum of Art and Science, and the St. John's Church in Newink. In addition, Panish currently serves on the Human Rights Committee of the National Academics. He serves to the National Academics the service of the National Academics the service the National Academic onal Academies. He received the 2001 Kyoto Prize in November for his ientific work at Bell Labs. The Donald B. Paliner Museum is

The Donald B. Palmer Museam is located in the Springfield Free Public Library. 66 Mountain Ave., Spring-field, Hours of the exhibit are Monday. Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday liour.

### International film festival continues

The Springfield Free Public Eibrary continues its fall International Film Festival with "Bossa Nova" on Dec. 13 at noon and 7 pm.

Dec. 13 at noofn and 7 pm.
As befitting a light-as-air comedy-reality takes a back seat to charin-Gone are Rio de Janeiro's slams and betakness, replaced by azure skies, smooth beaches, postcard views and frame after frame of the brightest ima-ginable blases and reds — all to the tune of seductive bossa nova rhythms. Of course, romantic entanglements

and mistaken identifies abound.
Still in a base following the acquient death of her Brazilian bushess.
American widow Mary Ann achieved brings supports herself feacher.
English in Rin. Complicating or already upside-down life, she first herself pursued by three very different would-be suitors, an elegant bush and expenses of the property of the pro would-be suitors, an elegant lawy preening soccer star and a suppo-SoHo artist who thinks she's si woman he's been charting with one: Internet. The director of "Dona E and Her Two Husbands 'intended film as a valentine to wife fivis Love the second time around 'Ye.

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# Pipes of Christmas return for holidays at Central Presbyterian

A holiday favorite, "The Pipes of Christmas," returns to Summit this year by popular demand. The Celuic Christmas concert will be performed on Dec. 16 at Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St. Given the overwhelmino demand for (deks. two-helmino demand for (deks. two-helmi Church, /O Maple St. Given un-whelming demand for tickets, two concerts will be performed at 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Summit's Clan Cur-rie Society, the program will feature Socutish and Irish bagpipers and other guest musicians performing every-one's favorite holiday selections accompanied by a selection of read-ings taken from Celtic customs and Scripture msored by Summit's Clan Cur-

accompanied by a selection of readings taken from Cellic customs and Scripture.

"Like many public events, we carefully weighed the pro's and con's of moving forward with our annual holi-day concert in the afternath of our recent national tragedy", said Robert Currie, honorary claiman of the event, "After careful consideration and consultation, we have concluded that the concert should go on as scheduled. The Pipes of Christmas affords our community a unique opportunity to come together, set aside time for personal reflection in an otherwise hectic and demanding season, and celebrate through song and verse this very important time of family, community and prayer."

Featured performers include the return of recording artists Pipe Major Event Manual Performers include the return of recording artists Pipe Major Revin R. Blandford of Redlands, Calif., on the highland bagpipes and scottish smallpipes. Celtic Hüller Paul Woodiel of Maplewood and the Solid Brass ensemble from Chatham. Pipe Major Blandford brings to his music as special blend of Scottish pipe music and a classical repetioire. His interest in the bagpipes began at age 13. By 17. In had risen to the position. In 1981, Blandford of regys of San Benardino.

In 1981, Blandford began a long association with University of Red-lands organist and composer Jeffrey H. Rickard. That musical relationship

lands organist and composer Jeffrey H. Rickard. That musical relationship H. Rickard. That musical relationship led to the recording of two CDS popular with Scots throughout the country. "The Pipes of Christmas" and "Amazing Grace: A Selection of Hymns for Bagpipes and Organ." Rickard will also be returning to Summit for this year's concert.

A noted exponent of traditional fiddle styles. Woodiel is a three-time

Like many public events, we carefully weighed the pro's and con's of moving forward with our annual holiday concert.' Robert Currie

New England Fiddle Contest champ-ion and performs here and abroad with the Scottish Dance band, Local Hero. Currently performing as con-certmaster of the Broadway hit "The Music Man," he previously served in the same capacity for the Broadway

production of "Ragtime Woodiel was a studen Woodiel was a student of the late Leonard Bernstein, who was most impressed to find a young person who not only played classical music but also had a working knowledge of the traditional music of his own region. One of Paul's first New York engage-ments was to play violin on Berns-tein's studio recording of "West Side

tein's studio recording of "West Stde Story."
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SolidBrass has recorded on the Musical Heritage Society label, Dor-ian Recordings, Joseph Grado Signa-ure Recordings and Craig Dory Recordings and has appeared on PBS TV's "The State of the Arts."

Demand for tickets is at an all-time high with both concerts approaching sold-out status. Tickets may only be purchased by mail order in advance of the concert. Absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door. To cover the sub-stantial production expenses asso-ciated with the concert, all seats are

To purchase tickets, send payment, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The Clan Curie Society, P.O. Box 541, Summit, NJ 07902-0541. Specify matinee or evening performance. For information, call 908-273-3509 or e-mail the Society at clancurrie@mail.com.



Pipe Major Kevin R. Blandford is one of the bagpipers who will bring his Celtic-music talents to 'The Pipes of Christmas,' a Soutilish and Irish musical concert at the Central Presbyterian Church on Dec. 16.



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Senior forward Matt Paz (No. 23) is the only returning player for the Dayton High School boys' basketball team. Paz helped the Bulldogs finish 19-5 and capture the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship last year. In the sectional playoffs, Paz scored 17 points against Cedar Grove, 10 against New Providence and 18 against Kinnelon. Dayton, under the guidance of first-year head coach Justin Petino, is scheduled to open its season at home Dec. 14 against Mount al in Valley Conference-Valley Division rival North Plainfield.

# Dayton boys' basketball to show hustle, intensity

# First-year coach Petino up for challenge

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

Hustle and intensity.

That's what first-year Dayton High School boys' basketball coach Justin Petino expects from his team this

Petino, an assistant at Dayton for seven years, takes over Petino, an assistant at Daytoin for seven years, takes over or Bitl Berger, who retired after leading the Bulldogs to a 19-5 record and North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship.

Top-secded Dayton defeated second-seeded Kinnelon 63-45 in the title game. The championship was the Bulldogs' first since 1971.

In the Group 1 semifinals, Dayton lost a heartbreaking 49-44 overtime decision to North 1 champ Cresskill at Union.

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Out of those seven, Dayton lost four starters in point guard Carmine Santarella, shooting goard Dario Ruggiero, center Jeff Sûpfer and forward James Cariello. The only returning starter is Matt Peza, 6-1 senior forward. Paz was a leading scorer for Dayton last year and came back strong after suffering a wrist injury that sidelined him for seven games in the middle of the season. Paz will be joined in the starting lineup by four guards. They include 5-10 senior point guard Chase Pierundlich, 5-9 senior Mo Abdelaziz and 5-9 juniors Mike Nittolo and Tim Homilish.

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"Chase and Mo played a lot last year." Petino said.
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gets heathly."
Rdunding out the Bulldogs' eight-man rotation will be 5-9 genior guard Justin Woodruff, 6-foot utility player LaQuan Boone, 6-foot junior center Lindsay Stearns and

6-3 sophomore center Bryan Stitt.

"We're going to play guard by committee, so players like Justin will be interchangeable," Petino said. "In Bryan we have a player that we expect big titings from We just need him to gain confidence and be consistent."

One advantage Petino feels be bas going for him is his relationship with the players.
"They know and respect me because I've coached their brothers and have seen a lot of them grow up." Petino said. "They're familiar with me and know what I'm all about." A weakness, besides inexperience, will be a lack of size. "That will hurt us a little," Petino said. "We're on the smaller size."

smaller size."

Looking to make the states with a .500 or better record,
Dayton seeks to remain competitive in the Valley Division
of the Mountain Valley Conference. The Buildogs were
second last year to St. Mary's of Elizabeth.

"In the past, we would go into games as the best team on
the floor talent-wise," Petino Bild, "flow we have to flight

for everything. If we don't play hard, we'll get knocked

Dayton is scheduled to open its season Dec. 14 at home against conference rival North Ptainfield: The Buildogs are then scheduled to play at Bound Brook on Dec. 18 and host New Providence on Dec. 20.

New Providence on Dec. 20.

The Bulldogs will then compete in the Morris Catholic
Christmas Tournament from Dec. 26-29.

"I would like to get off to a good start," Petino said.
"Then win two out of three in the tournament."

While having fun calling the shots for the first time,
Petino wants to be successful and have his team play qualtive bastehall.

ity basketball.

"I want the team to have a foxhole mentality in sticking together and respecting each other," Petino said. "If they do that while hustling and giving everything they've got, the wins and losses don't matter."

# Dayton ice hockey seeks success

Let the season begin!
The Dayton High School lee hockey team, psyched to have an outstanding campaign, was scheduled to play
its first game of the year last night
against Montclair-Kimberley
Academy at the Clary Anderson Arena in Montclair.

na in Montclair.

The Bulldogs are looking to their defense and goaltending as a gauge for the 2001-2002 season.

Michael Rodrigues and Jeremy Kovacs, both juniors, will share time in goal for Dayton. Both are be mak-

### Dayton Boys' Basketball

Dec. 14 North Plainfield, 7 p.m. Dec. 18 at Bound Brook, 7 Dec. 20 New Providence, 7 Dec. 26-29 Morris Catholic T. Jan. 3 at Roselle Park, 7 Jan. 4 Newark Central, 7 Jan. 8 at Oratory, 7 Jan. 10 at Manville, 7

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Jan. 15 St. Mary's, 7
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Jan. 28 Bound Brook, 7
Jan. 25 at New Providence, 7
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Feb. 12 at Brearley, 7
Feb. 15 at St. Mary's, 7

ing their varsity debuts this season and have put a lot of time into learning their new position.

Likewise, the Bulldogs' will rely on their defense to dictate the tempo of the games. Four juniors are leading the way, those players being Ross Kravetz, Jared Preston, Eric DEcter

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Berger, a co-capiain who played center last season, is playing on defense as Rodrigues moved to

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contribute on defense as well for the Bulldogs.

The goallending and defensive play of Dayton will go a long way in determing the success of the team under coaches Todd Drevitch and Peter Finkel.

Dayton's first scheduled home game is Saturday at 9 p.m. against conference rival Newark East Side. Homming:

Upcoming Upcomings
Saturday: Bast Side, 9 p.m.
Dec. 15 MKA, 9
Dec. 16, at Gov. Liv., 4:15 p.m.
Dec. 20 at Passale V., 6:10 p.m.
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Jan. 25 at Mountain Lakes, 8-45
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Jan. 30 at Johnson, 6 p.m.
Feb. 1 at West Orange, 7 p.m.
Feb. 2 Lawrence, 9
Feb. 8 at Watchung Hills, 8-45
Feb. 9 Johnson, 9
Feb. 15 at Bayonne, 7-45 p.m.
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physical presence for Dayton and all four defensemen bring a wealth of experience to like team.

Newcomers Steven Cox, a senior, and freshman Justin McElroy seek to contribute on defense as well for the Bulldogs.

# Quite a mix of grid champs in North Jersey, Section 2

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It was quite an interesting mix of football champions we had in North Jersey, Section 2 this year.

Phillipsburg won Group 4 as the fifth seed by beating an 11-0 Montclair team 10-7 Sunday at Rutgers. The second-seeded Mounties, who finished 11-1, failed to become the first team in North 2, Group 4 to win the section undefeated since Union last did with an 11-0 record in 1992. Montclair's last loss was at Elizabeth 13-7 in last year's title game.

Phillipsburg became the section's fifth champion from Warren County and the first repeat. The Stateliners won their only other playoff championship in 1977 when they won at top-seeded Parsippany 26-0 in the North 2, Group 3 final. The Redskins, like Montclair, were undefeated at the time with a 10-0 record.

record.

Waren County has now had a champion in each of the past three seasons.

Waren Hills won Group 3 last year and Belvidere Group 1 two years ago.

Hacketstown won Group 2 in 1981 when it defeated Dayton Regional 7-6 in

the title game. Essex County had two champions for only the third time, 1980 and 1983 being the other years. West Essex became the first public school in New Jersey to win playoff championships in three different Group sizes, having previously won in Group 3 in the first year of the playoff is 1974 and in Group 4 in 1980. West Essex came back to beat Orange 16-6 in Sunday's Group 2 title game at Kean Hoiseschip In Living.

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While West Essex won its first playoff championship in 21 years, Verona — Essex County's other champion — won its first-ever playoff championship and capitred its first title of any kind since 1973, the year before the playoffs. The Hilbillities defeated Cedar Grove 15-14 Saturday in Cedar Grove.

Verona, the sixth seed in Group Lywon at third-seeded Bootton in the quarterfinals, won at second-seeded Mountain Lakes in the semifinals and them won at top-seeded Cedar Grove in the final. Verona, which finished 8-4, had lost to all three of the teams it beat in the playoffs during the regular season. Cedar Grove, which won the Group 1 championship last year, Ihad a 12-game winning steak snapped by Verona. Its last loss was a 30-28 setback to Verona on Thanksgiving last year. That was Cedar Grove's only loss in an 11-1 championship season in 2000. Cedar Grove finished 11-1 again this year, including a 42-20 win over Verona on Thanksgiving, but did not win the sates, championship.

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Group 3 winner West Morris, which defented sister school Mendham is a Saturday's title game in Long Valley, became Morris County's 45th particular, the most of any of the four counties in the socious With Montclair and Cedar Grove Iosing this past weekend, no team in North Jersey, Section 2 finished undefeated this year.

Here's some other tidbit information about North 2:

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Union County has the section's only sweep, that coming in 1985. Union won Group 4, Linden Group 3, Hillside Group 2 and Brearley Regional Group

Union County had three of four champions in 1993, 1989, 1988, 1979 and 1976. Morris County had the other champion all five years.
 Morris County had three of four champions five times as well, those years being 1998, 1996, 1995, 1990 and 1975.
 Morris County has had a team in a title game every year except for 1981.
 Union County has had a team in a title game every year except for 2001.
 Morris County has had a team in a title game every year except for 1981 and 1985.
Morris County had three finalists in 1985 and none in 1981. Union County had store finalists in 1985 and none in 1981.

 Union County has had a champion every year except for 1975, 1983, 1996, 1998 and 2001. Three times in the past six seasons Union County has not had a champion.

Seese County has had two champions in 1980, 1983 and 2001.
 Seese County has 45 champions, Union County 43, Essex County 19 and Warren County five.
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There are 17 one-time champions.
 There are eight schools that have won in two different Group sizes: Butler (2 and 1), Randolph (3 and 4), New Providence (2 and 1), Morristown (4 and 3), Summit (3 and 2), Middison Borough (2 and 1), Caldwell (3 and 2) and Morris

• There is one school that has won in three different group sizes: West Essex (3, 4 and 2). The Knights are the only public school in New Jersey to have won

(3, 4 and 2). The familian are the only pointe school in New Jersey to have won in three different group sizes.

Union, although it has not won a title since 1993, still has the most champion-ships in the section with 10.

Here's a breakdown of the 112 championships awarded during the first 28 asons (1974-2001) of playoff football:

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7: Butler.
6: Elizabeth, Randolph.
5: Morristown, Summit, New Providence, Madison Borough.
6: West Morris, Caldwell, Brearley Regional.
3: West Essex, Montclair, Morris Knolls, Rahway, Dover, Cedar Grove, Rosetle Park, Glen Ridge.
2: Westfield, Phillipsburg, Jefferson, Pequannock, Mountain Lukes.
1: Barringer, Roxbury, Linden, Nutley, Morris Hills, Scotch Plains, Warren Hills, Hilliste, Roselle, Johnson Regional, Hanover Park, Hackststown-Mendham, Whippany Park, Chatham Borough, Belvidere, Verona.

Here's a took at all of the football champions from North Jersey, Section 2 ince the first year of the playoffs in 1974:

Group 4: Phillipsburg (Warren) Group 3: West Morris (Morris) Group 2: West Essex (Essex) Group 1: Verona (Essex)

Elizabeth (Union) Warren Hills (Warren) Pequannock (Morris) Gedar Grove (Essex)

4: Elizabeth (Union)
3: Morristown (Morris)
2: Pequannock (Morris)
1: Belvidere (Warren)

4: Roxbury (Morris)
3: Morristown (Morris)
2: Caldwell (Essex) 1: Madison Borough (Morris)

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2: Caldwell (Essex) Butler (Morris)

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Group 4: Morris Knolls (Morris) Group 3: West Morris (Morris) Group 2: Johnson Regional (Union) Group 1: Butler (Morris)

4: Montclair (Essex)
3: Morris Knolls (Morris)
2: Summit (Union)
1: Butler (Morris)

4: Union (Union)
3: Morristown (Morris)
2: Summit (Union)
1: Roselle Park (Union)

4: Union (Union)

3: Nutley (Essex)
2: Dover (Morris) 1: Roselle Park (Union)

1991 Group Group 4: Union (Union)
3: West Morris (Morris)
2: Caldwell (Essex)
1: Brearley Regional (Union)

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Group 3: Randolph (Morris)
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Group 1: New Providence (Union) 1987

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Group, 1: New Providence (Union)

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1: Brearley Regional (Union)

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4: Union (Union)
3: Linden (Union)
2: Hillside (Union)
1: Brearley Regional (Union)

Group 4: Union (Union)
Group 3: Rahway (Union)
Group 2: Dover (Morris)
Group 1: Chatham Borough (Morris)

Group 4: Montclair (Essex)
Group 3: Randolph (Morris)
Group 2: Butler (Morris)
Group 1: Cedar Grove (Essex) 4: Union (Union)

Group 3: West Morris (Morris) Group 2: Butler (Morris) Group 1: Glen Ridge (Essex)

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Group 4: Union (Union) Group 3: Rahway (Union) Group 2: Madison Borough (Morris) \*Group 1: Roselle Park (Union)

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Group 3: Rahway (Union)
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Group 3: Phillipsburg (Warren)
Group 2: Madison Borough (Morris)
Group 1: Glen Ridge (Essex)

Group 4: Westfield (Union) Group 3: Summit (Union)
Group 2: New Providence (Union)
Group 1: Mountain Lakes (Morris)

1975 Group 4: Barringer (Essex)
Group 3: Morris Hills (Morris)
Group 2: Madison Borough (Mo
Group 1: Mendham (Morris)

Group 4: Morristown (Morris)
\*Group 3: West Essex (Essex)
\*Group 2: New Providence (Union)
\*Group 1: Mountain Lakes (Morris)

\*Declared champions by the NJSIAA because they were the only teams in their section to qualify with records of

### Each county has had a champion on two occasions

On two occasions

There have been two seasons in which each of the four counties in North Jersey, Section 2 — Essex, Morris, Union and Warren — had a champion in the same year:

Those years were 2000 and 1977.

Last year, Ehizabeth (Union) won Group 4, Warren Hills (Warren) Groug 3, Pequamock (Morris) Group 2 and Codar Grove (Essex) Group 1.

The first time it happened was way back in 1977. Westfield (Union) won Group 4 by beating Barringer and

Group 4 by beating Baringer and Andre Tippett 33-12 at Giants Sta-dium behind running back Butch Woolfolk.

Phillipsburg (Warren) captured Group 3, Madison Borough (Morris) Group 2 and Glen Ridge (Essox) Group 1.

# Springfield Recreation sponsors trip

in Lyndhurst at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 27. Register at the Sarah Balley fee is \$34 per person for the dinner and perfor- Mall, or call 973-912-2227.

# Brunch planned for interfaith families Sunday

Temple Sha'arey Shalom of pringfield, 78 S. Springfield Ave., ill host a brunch for interfaith fami-

lies on Sunday, Rabbi Josh Goldstein will lead a discussion on the issues facing interfaith families including

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