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Goldstein is new mayor

By Joshua Zaltz
Staff Writer

At Springfield's reorganizational meeting Tuesday, Steven Goldstein was sworn in as mayor, among thunderous applause from his family, friends, fellow Township Committee members and his public.

"Today is New Year's Day," Goldstein's speech began, "and is there anyone here who is not relieved to be bidding farewell to 2001?" Goldstein said that all the good

things that happened in the previous year were overshadowed by the tragedy of Sept. 11.

"We can hope for a year of peace, harmony and prosperity in 2002," he said. "The events of Sept. 11 changed not only our world, it changed our country, our state and our town. It is with these new realities that we must reflect upon what has been accomplished in the last three years by this Township Committee and what lays ahead of us in the future."

Goldstein has served on the Township Committee for the past three years. He was re-elected to the committee in the November election.

He talked about the accomplishments the committee has made in those last three years, citing the maintaining of property taxes at a relatively stable minimum, the study of both the Police and Fire departments with the intention of enhancing both faculties, the farmer's market, the jitney with its increased ridership, and family events such as the July 4th celebration.

Goldstein said that there were issues, however, that also divided the township.

"The bond referendum to renovate our fields failed by a narrow margin, as well as our school board budget," said Goldstein.

The new mayor said that it's always distressful when a community does become divided.

"When I think of community, I think not of just the physical place but an inner place, a spiritual place; a place from where we all draw our identity and form our common trust. We're all in this together, young and old, and a community divided really cannot stand," Goldstein said.

Also at the meeting, Committeewoman Clara Harelik was selected as deputy mayor. This is her fourth year on the Township Committee and she has previously served as mayor in 2000.

In a previous meeting, Dec. 26, Sy Mullman made his last speech as mayor of Springfield. He thanked everyone on the Township Committee for their help and devotion.

"We had a lot of trials and tribulations, a lot of happiness and a lot of sorrow, but everyone always stepped to the front, everyone always gave their all," he said. "There were heated battles at times and it was not because we were in different parties — they were because we had different philosophies and in the end the only thing that counted was the outcome of how it would benefit the township and the residents."

Mullman sent a special thanks out to Gregory Clarke, the deputy mayor,



Photo By Jeff Grant

Committeewoman Clara Harelik takes the oath to serve as Springfield's new deputy mayor. This will be her fourth year of service on the Township Committee.



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Township Committeeman Steven Goldstein gets ready for his first term as mayor of Springfield. He was officially sworn in at the township's reorganization meeting Tuesday.

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saying how he helped out a lot since Mullman's work hours were sometimes not conducive to the township's hours.

This was Mullman's second time serving as mayor.

"The thing I enjoyed the most this whole year was when we went to the school and we did all the stuff with the kids," said Mullman. "There's nothing that brings more joy to your heart than to see these little kids and the questions they ask you and the attitudes that they have and they want to learn, it's tremendous."

Mullman also sent a special thanks out to Township Administrator Richard Sheola, joking that in the

closed-door meetings the two of them had, at times their discussions would get quite heated, but that it was a good thing because it showed they both cared.

Mullman thanked all the department heads and congratulated them on the wonderful jobs they did all year, saying that it was unfortunate that they don't receive more praise for their hard work.

"I really want to thank everybody for your philosophy and your attitude and the homework you did. The ones who benefitted the most were the residents of this community and I thank everybody for the hard work they did," said Mullman.

Despite recruits, borough mayor cites need for more

By Joshua Zaltz
Staff Writer

After announcing the appointment of two new volunteers for the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department, Mayor Robert F. Vigilanti pleaded with the public, saying, "The Fire Department needs volunteers. The Rescue Squad needs volunteers."

The appointment came at a Borough Council meeting Dec. 18. Due to a lack of volunteers, Mountainside has hired Atlantic Ambulance Corporation, a division of Atlantic Health Systems, to provide emergency medical coverage on weekdays between 4 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The mayor's plea led to questions from the audience as to how much

longer Mountainside's emergency services can rely on volunteers for the daytime and weekend shifts.

"I hope to God I'm wrong on this, but I don't think we have another year," said Vigilanti.

He explained how the borough has done heavy advertising through flyers and on TV-35 asking for volunteers.

"Mountainside's situation today is not different than, I would say, 70 percent of Union County," the mayor said.

He said that some of the neighboring communities were using their fire departments for coverage or paying for outside help.

Atlantic handles Mountainside's emergency medical services, as of

now, during the weekday 12-hour shifts from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m., but a formal contract has not yet been signed. Atlantic houses personnel and emergency medical vehicles in Mountainside.

"The other services that we know of would not have had any vehicles housed in Mountainside. It would not be dedicated to Mountainside," said Vigilanti.

The mayor said that right now, this is their only choice.

"The only organization that would house in Mountainside, have personnel in Mountainside and be prominent in Mountainside was Atlantic," he said.

The borough will most likely sign a

one-year contract with Atlantic. If Mountainside or Atlantic wants, for any reason, to opt out of the contract, both parties can only do so 120 days after the initial date that the opt-out request was filed.

"If Atlantic says to us that there's really no money in this, they can't just walk out the door immediately. They have to wait 120 days," said Borough Administrator James Debbie.

The 120 days will give Mountainside time to find another company, or maybe get more volunteers.

Atlantic will provide Mountainside with monthly reports which will outline the company's response time and the medical procedures they used. The borough's Rescue Squad and

Police Department will review the reports.

Having the emergency medical services provided by Atlantic does not increase residents' taxes. Instead, a fee of \$325 is charged to the insurance company of the person who is receiving the medical treatment.

There is no fee charged if the person refuses medical attention, once the ambulance arrives.

If more residents don't volunteer for the First Aid Squad, Mountainside will be forced to contract Atlantic to cover all its shifts.

"I hope I'm wrong," said Vigilanti. "I hope a year from now the squad has its members, but I just don't see it in today's society."

Borough man arrested on arson charges

By Joshua Zaltz
Staff Writer

Mountainside resident Daniel Cahill Jr. was arrested on a third-degree arson charge Dec. 26 after several fires were reported on the property of Elizabethtown Water Co. over the past month and a half.

Cahill's home, on Charles Street, where he lives with his parents, is approximately 100 feet from where the fires had been set.

Cahill, 47, has been employed as a Union County social worker since 1985. Due to the arrest, he has been suspended from his job. However, officials have not yet determined if he will be paid during the suspension.

"There are different degrees of crimes for the severity of the crime and the severity of the crime that he qualified for was third-degree arson," said Mountainside Police Sgt. Allan Attanasio, who is also assigned to the Union County Arson Task Force. "This is in the middle of the upper end of a criminal offense."

The first reported fire in that area occurred Nov. 15. It was a small brush fire, approximately 100 by 100 feet, at a pumping station on Elizabethtown

Water Co. property.

"That was reported to the Police and Fire departments. The Fire Department responded and extinguished that fire," said Attanasio.

On Nov. 26, there was a shed set ablaze on the property. The Police and Fire departments didn't know about that fire originally because it was never reported. It was extinguished by the homeowner.

On Dec. 22, another small brush fire was set on the property. The Police and Fire departments were notified and responded to this one. The police report makes note that this was the second time in a month's period that a fire had been started in that same area.

On Dec. 25, another small brush fire on the property went unreported to authorities. "It was either self-extinguished or was put out by the person who lit it," said Attanasio.

Finally, on Dec. 26 at 12:53 a.m., a resident called the Fire Department to report the latest brush fire. That resident turned out to be Cahill's mother, Olga Cahill.

The Fire Department responded to the scene and discovered that there

were two aerosol cans in the fire.

"Knowing the history of fire in that area and that this was suspicious in nature, they allowed the fire to extinguish itself and preserved the scene as evidence," said Attanasio.

The Fire Department notified the Police Department and the Union County Arson Task Force, which arrived on the scene and conducted an investigation.

According to the police report, Olga Cahill stated that she was in her home when she heard a loud boom. As she went to see what the noise was, her son walked into the house and immediately went downstairs to the basement where he sleeps.

Police officers went down to the basement to question Daniel Cahill. The police report states that Cahill was standing in front of a sink with a toothbrush in his mouth, moving it back and forth, without any toothpaste on it. When asked what he was doing, Cahill said that he was brushing his teeth.

The officers went back upstairs to talk to Olga Cahill and get some information on her son. She stated that her

son has some mental problems and that she did not think he had been taking his medication.

"We were able to develop information that the individual who was arrested had set the fire," said Attanasio.

When the initial information determined that Cahill may have been the one to set the fires, he was brought to Mountainside Police Headquarters and questioned.

"He gave a statement that he had set all the fires," said Attanasio. "At that point, he was charged with third-degree arson."

In his statement, Cahill said that the reason he started the fires was because he wanted to get rid of all the brush in the area, the leaves, the sticks and growth. He said that he started the fires with lighter fluid.

Bail was set at \$10,000. Cahill was released on bail and sent to an inpatient facility at the request of his family.

"It will most likely go to a grand jury for an indictment and if he's indicted, there will be a court date set," said Attanasio.

CVS, housing approved

By Joshua Zaltz
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At the Springfield Planning Board meeting on Wednesday night, the senior housing project on Black's Lane and the application for a Commerce Bank and CVS drug store were both unanimously approved.

The senior housing project was approved with variances pending drainage issues and approval of the adjacent lot, Lot 6.

On Nov. 7, the board gave preliminary approval to the senior housing project pending additional variances, including the fulfillment of a height variance, the submission of an affordable housing market plan, and that the plan meets the township engineer's requirements.

The area is currently zoned for affordable housing, which will enable the senior housing proposal to comply with the township's Mt. Laurel obligation, since it will provide for eight units to be reserved for low- to moderate-income housing. The remaining 32 units will be market rentals.

The 40-unit complex will contain 22 two-bedroom units, and 18 one-bedrooms. The site is an area that has a density of 17 units per acre, allowing slightly more than 40 units to be constructed on the site.

Over the past several months, the site plan has seen several revisions. Some of those included: a crosswalk for the handicapped parking spaces, a survey plan incorporated into the site plan, providing the building dimensions on the site layout plans, providing ground elevations at all the corners of the building, obtaining agreements with the adjacent property owners, the addition of four catch basins situated throughout the property to help with the draining systems, and the elimination of half of the slope caused by the steep embankment along Main Street.

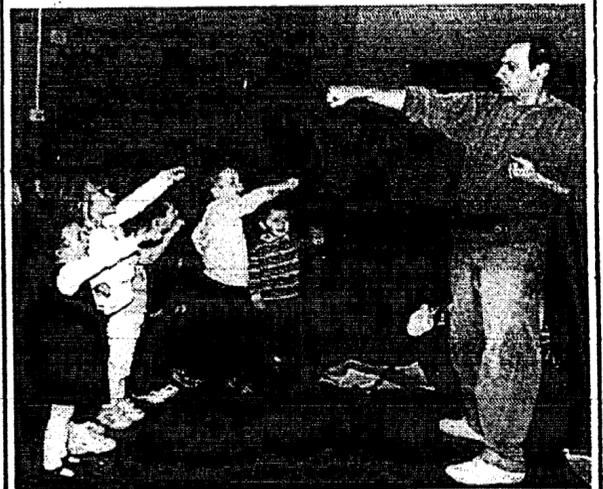
The Commerce Bank and CVS site plans have gone through similar revisions, dealing mainly with the possible increase of traffic flow on Black's Lane. The new bank and drug store will be coming in on Morris and Springfield avenues where Stanley's Restaurant currently resides.

The preliminary approval for the site plans came at a Dec. 5 Planning Board meeting. The preliminary approval was pending changes including the entrance going into Black's Lane, signage changes, meeting the adjoining properties conditions, and drainage issues.

One of the main concerns of the Planning Board, when reviewing the application, was how the proposed project would affect Black's Lane. There was talk of increased traffic and danger to seniors who attend functions there, especially once the new senior housing project is constructed.

Officials do not know when construction will begin on either project or when they will be completed.

Karate kids



Springfield YMCA students in the 'Focus 4 You' class show off their karate moves with their teacher, Carmen Puglio. The Springfield YMCA offers several karate programs along with sports classes for preschoolers and school-age children. Registration is open for winter classes. Call 973-467-0838 for more information.

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Grant funds lectures

The Union County Board of Chosen Frecholders has awarded a HEART — History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands — Grant to Temple Beth Ahm's Hazak group and Kean University's Jewish Studies and World Affairs program.

The keynote lecture in January will be presented by Kean University President Ronald L. Appelbaum on the series theme: "Crossing Boundaries: Problems and Prospects of Multicultural Communication."

The lecture series will be presented monthly from January through May at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, and are open to the public at no charge.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR: The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.

RELIGION: Judaism course will offer fresh insights. Temple Beth Ahm will offer Hebrew names. For a job well done: The Mountside Cub Scout Pack 177 presented a check for \$900 to the Mountside Volunteer Fire Department.

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New fire pumper is approved

By Joshua Zaltz Staff Writer: Hoping to lower Springfield's fire insurance rates and make the residents safer, the Township Committee approved the purchase of a new fire pumper at a Dec. 26 meeting.

Township Administrator, Richard Sheola explained that the town has three fire pumpers, one of them being 27 years old. Sheola said that the Insurance Service Organization does a rating of municipalities' first line apparatuses roughly every 10 years.

The new pumper was funded for the amount of \$286,400 and will replace the 27-year-old pumper. "We came in tight at the amount we budgeted," said Sheola.

Fire pumpers are custom made to fit the needs of each town, explained Fire Chief William Gras. "This is not something you just pick out in a showroom," he said.

The new pumper, named Engine Three, will be Springfield's new first-aid piece. This means the engine will be the first to arrive on scene. It will go out on every Fire Department call.

"What we try to do is carry as much as we can on as small a pump as we can," said Gras.

Engine Three will hold medical equipment, extrication equipment and firefighting equipment such as hoses and a small ladder. The ladder truck will hold the big ladders.

The new pumper will measure 32 feet in length, which Gras explained is small for a pumper.

"One of the most important things is to keep the wheel base down," said Gras, citing many of Springfield's narrow streets and small parking lots as the reason for this. "This makes it easier to turn and to get in and out of areas as fast as possible."

Engine Three will hold 750 gallons of water. "We try to carry as much as we can because of Route 78," said Gras. "There's no water supply there."

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First-hand fire prevention



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By Joshua Zaltz Staff Writer: Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que wants to come in where Steak and Ale used to reside on Route 22 East in Mountside.

"We do have to appear in front of the planning board for the building's signs because there were no building signs on the Steak and Ale," said operating partner Robert Fanelli.

Valerie Saunders, zoning board officer for the Borough of Mountside, explained it further, saying that Steak and Ale had a pole with the restaurant's name on it but that was the only signage.

"The town says if you replace a sign with a sign, I can just grant permission for that, but they want to put wall signs up on the building where no wall signs have ever been, so they do need planning board approval for that," she said.

The theme of the restaurant is a hunting/fishing lodge with four separately named dining rooms. "Pretty much except for the bar, the rest of the place is gutted," said Fanelli.

B'nai B'rith group plans trip: Join the B'nai B'rith Kutubah Married Couples and members of Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, N.Y., Jan. 18 to 20.

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OEM seeks new volunteers

By Joshua Zaltz Staff Writer: In a recent mailing, Springfield residents were sent an application form to fill out if interested in joining the township's Auxiliary Police.

The Auxiliary Police are a division of the Springfield Office of Emergency Management. They have been active in the township for more than 35 years.

Currently, the Auxiliary Police have 23 members but they would like to have between 26 and 28 members, explained OEM Coordinator John Cottage.

"People retire or move out of town, so we've lost some members through the years," said Cottage. "From time to time we run a recruitment drive. We figured everyone's interested in homeland defense these days, so we kind of tuned into that theme to get a better response."

Springfield requires its members to work at least eight hours a month. The state mandates that each member has to work a minimum of 96 hours a year.

The Auxiliary Police are strictly volunteers, much like the Volunteer Fire Department and the Volunteer First Aid Department. They do not get paid.

"There are three ways for people to help in the town's public safety arena and each has a different emphasis to fit the person's personal preference," said Cottage. "All of them need members. It's a matter of asking yourself which one you want to join."

The Springfield Auxiliary Police work in the evenings. They assist the Police Department in many areas. "The purpose is to augment the regular Police Department when a situation in town exceeds the capacity of the number of regular working police officers," said Cottage.

He cited a power outage in Springfield as an example. If that occurred, the restaurant has a tentative date of March 25 to be fully up and running.

"Mountside is a great area," said Fanelli. "Of the towns that we targeted in New Jersey, Mountside fit the criteria for what we are looking for as far as the type of building we want to build and how it will fit into the neighborhood."

Local Kiwanis give holiday party for community spirit: The Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis, a chapter in an organization that is active in 79 countries with more than 600,000 members, recently entertained the children of the Millburn Regional Day School Dec. 13 by sponsoring a Christmas party.

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Kent Place forms new chapter

This fall, Kent Place formed a chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the National High School and Junior College Mathematics Honor Society, inducting 10 members from the senior class. Membership in Mu Alpha Theta is by recommendation and invitation from the math department.

By accepting the invitation for membership in Mu Alpha Theta, the students agree to become peer tutors in mathematics for the rest of the student body in the school. The 10 charter members, who satisfied the criteria for membership as juniors, have been enrolled in consecutive math courses during all of their years in Upper School. They have received a year-end grade of A or better in all their mathematics courses, have no honor code offenses and are students in good standing at Kent Place.

Head of School Susan C. Bosland welcomed the inductees and their families who had come to witness the

special event. Math Chair Carolyn Kostal spoke of the organization's history and purpose before the candle lighting induction ceremony began. Among the 2001 inductees were Julia Chabrier, Vardit Haimi-Cohen, Charlotte Hansen, Jessica Keeley, Samantha Lane, Samantha Lynch, Elizabeth Perry, Sarah Putcha, Rebecca Racusin and Tara Wedin.

In recent years Kent Place has seen a rise in the number of students interested in mathematics and pursuing advanced level courses in the Upper School. In addition, nearly half of the students in grades nine through 12 voluntarily participate in the American Mathematics Competition, a national event aimed at increasing interest in mathematics among secondary school students and developing talent through solving challenging problems in a timed multiple-choice format.

"We are so proud of our students



Holding their new Mu Alpha Theta certificates are, from left, Kent Place School students Julia Chabrier, Jessica Keeley, Charlotte Hansen, Tara Wedin, Sarah Putcha, Samantha Lynch, Elizabeth Perry, Samantha Lane, Rebecca Racusin and Vardit Haimi-Cohen.

WRC programs offer spiritual solutions and coping strategies

Whether suffering recent losses or feeling out of sorts due to our changing world, this new group program will look at psychological and emotional healing with a spiritual, non-religious focus. The way we look at our pain, our loss and our world can change, when we view it from a deeper place inside ourselves. This place can speak to us of hope, new meaning and a greater connection to each other and ourselves.

At the Women's Resource Center,

31 Woodland Ave., this group will use Wayne Dyer's book "Spiritual Solutions to Every Problem," which is available at the Center for \$24. The book is profound and thought provoking, yet filled with pragmatic advice. It is about self-awareness and tapping the healing energy within all of us. Therapist Kathleen Williams-Baldolph, LCSW, will facilitate the discussion.

This program will be conducted on eight successive Wednesday begin-

ning Jan. 23 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. To register by Jan. 18 call the Women's Resource Center at 908-273-7253. The fee for the program is \$105 for Center members and \$135 for non-members. For qualified participants scholarships are available. For information about similar programs call or go to www.womensource.org.

As a community service the Center is offering three different programs, for a varied audience, addressing

questions and problems caused by the recent terrorist attacks.

"Terrorism and Sex Roles: Making the Connection" will feature Bobbi Francis leading an enlightening discussion of Robin Morgan's book, "The Demon Lover: On the Sexuality of Terrorism." This program will deal with the relationship between male dominant cultures and the systematic oppression of females and explain how that dynamic is a necessary component of the politics of terrorism.

All three programs will be conducted at the Center and are co-sponsored with Interweave and The Connection of Women and Families of Summit.

Although there is no charge, calling the Center at 908-273-7253 to register is important. Located on the parish house of the Calvary Episcopal Church on the corner of Woodland and DeForest Avenues in downtown Summit, the Women's Resource Center is a nonsectarian, nonprofit organization celebrating 18 years of programs and services designed for and by women in North Central New Jersey.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE, 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield, N.J. 9:30 AM Holy Communion for all ages. Nursery through Seniors. 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care. 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for children ages 4-12. 6:00 PM Evening Service. A "New Hope" on Wednesdays. 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry. Wide-Range Music. Prayers, Sunday Seniors 9:30 AM. Bible School for all ages. Lunch. Ample Parking. Choir. Gift shop. Free assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information, contact church office 973-379-4351.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-9044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 10:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

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

LUTHERAN
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. 201-379-4525. Fax 201-379-8857. Joel R. Yost, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at B'nai B'rith, DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-10:00 p.m. REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH 401 S. RICHMOND ST., 229 Coppenhaver Ln., Weatfield, NJ 08854. Pastor: Rev. Paul E. Kirsch, Pastor 908-232-5137. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship at 10:00 AM. Family and children's services are provided regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Wednesdays and Fridays. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors the Schalom Women's League. Men's Club, young adults, and a Boy's Adult Education Program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Schroeder honored at Georgetown

Georgetown University standout senior goalkeeper Scott Schroeder of Summit received an Honorable Mention selection by Face-Off Yearbook in its pre-season men's lacrosse publication.

Schroeder was one of six in the nation to earn that honor.

A First Team All-ECAC selection in 2001, Schroeder posted an impressive 8.47 goals-against average that was 10th best in the nation.

For the upcoming 2002 season, Schroeder was named a team captain along with fellow seniors Steve Dusseau of Columbus, Ohio, Mike Harney of Concord, Mass. and Mike Kanach of Annandale, Va.

Schroeder started all 14 games in goal last season for the Hoyas.

Georgetown is scheduled to open its season Feb. 23 against Ohio State at Harbin Field. Prior to the regular season, the Hoyas will face off against Maryland and Notre Dame in scrimmages scheduled for Feb. 9 and 15.

GU, led by head coach Dave Urick, finished the 2001 season with an 11-3 record and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

MYBL registration starts tomorrow

The Mountaineer Youth Baseball League will hold registration at the Deerfield School cafeteria Jan. 5 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Jan. 7 from 7-9 p.m.

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

The number of teams and spaces available for participants depends on how many volunteer coaches help sign up. Fees are payable at the time of registration.

The league has five divisions for ages 6-14. Introduction to Baseball is for youngsters age 6, T-Ball is for ages 7, American League for ages 8 and 9, Major League for ages 10-12 and Pony League for ages 13 and 14.

Mountaineer Youth Baseball is an all-volunteer association and all parents are required to volunteer for at least four hours of time during the season.

More information may be obtained by calling Sandy Burdge at 908-232-4373 or John Amalfi at 908-273-3262.

SJBB final walk-in registration Jan. 12

The final walk-in registration session for Summit Junior Baseball League's 2002 season is Jan. 12 from 9-11 a.m. in the entrance hall at the Summit Middle School.

Anyone registering by mail after Jan. 12 will be charged a late fee of \$25 per player.

Representatives from the league will be available to answer questions.

Fees are \$65 per player for grades K-3 and \$130 per player for grades 4-8. The season starts April 6 and ends June 15.

Registration forms can be downloaded from Summit Junior Baseball's web site, www.summitjbsports.com. Registration forms will also be available at the registration session.

More information may be obtained by calling 908-273-6529.

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Hot Stove League Dinner to be at L'Affaire Jan. 16

The 66th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner, sponsored by the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, will feature Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Jeffrey Hammonds as a guest speaker.

Hammonds, a former Scotch Plains High School slugger, will induct his brother, Reggie, into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame during the proceedings.

The awards dinner and induction ceremonies will be held on Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountaintop.

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

The evening's other honored inductees, besides Reggie Hammonds, include Ernest Finizio of Roselle Park, George Gross of Summit and Al Blaziejewski of Union Township.

According to James Iozzi, dinner chairman, the awards for Most Outstanding Male and Female Athletes of Union County, which will be presented that evening, will be announced soon.

Proceeds from the dinner help fund the Union County Youth Baseball League for youngsters ages 8-15 and the newer Fall Teen League, which just completed its third season of play.

Begin in 1945, the Summer Youth League reached a new high in participation this year.

Tickets for the dinner are \$35 and can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, County Administration Building-Elizabethown Plaza, Elizabeth.

More information may be obtained by calling 908-527-4910.

Kean University to host seven-week soccer program

Kean University in Union will host a seven-week winter soccer program for boys and girls ages 6-16. More information may be obtained by calling Kean men's soccer coach Tony Ochrimenko at 908-327-2936.

SPORTS

Summit has a quality cast Ice hockey team sports 6-1 mark

By Jeff Wolfram
Staff Writer

"We're just a very good team," is what Summit High School ice hockey coach Keith Nixon said in describing his squad this season.

With a 6-1 record as of today, Summit is ranked No. 10 in the state.

"We play as a team and not as individuals," Nixon said. "Everybody does their job and knows what role they play in our system."

The Hilltoppers finished last season with a 18-7-2 mark. Summit reached the quarterfinals of the NJSSIAA Public Schools Tournament after reaching the final two years ago.

"We've reached the quarterfinal round the last four years," Nixon said. "I would like to go further this season."

Having lost goaltender Richard James to graduation, Summit has used Dan Churchill and Kyle Hartlaub as its varsity roster.

Leading the way is the senior trio of Craig Oliver, Keith Schroeder and Matt Starker.

"They're our top scorers," Nixon said. "They're also great leaders."

The Hilltoppers are also receiving excellent play from senior Kyle Kramer and juniors Ned Hillenbrand and Eric Lupton.

Mike Tamaro has also been a big contributor.

"Players like Kyle have carried the load of late," Nixon said. "They've really stepped up their play."

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The Hilltoppers then won their next two games, which included a 5-2 victory over Westfield last Thursday at Warinanco. Oliver, Starker and Tamaro each had a goal and an assist, while Lupton and Hillenbrand also scored.

"Our goal is to make the state tournament and see what happens from there," Nixon said.

Summit's next scheduled game is today at Bayonne. The Hilltoppers are then scheduled to face Montclair on Jan. 10 and then Morristown-Bear the next day. Both of those contests are to be played at Warinanco.

"We're going to be tested next week," Nixon said. "They're both very good teams."

GL boys' basketball wins Roselle Park Tournament

Dayton began week at 4-1

By Jeff Wolfram
Staff Writer

The Governor Livingston High School boys' basketball team captured the Roselle Park Tournament last week, while the girls' squad finished second in the final minute for the tie. Kevin Giglio had two goals and two assists, while teammate Anthony Intornicola also found the net.

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Wrestlers 5th at Rahway

The Governor Livingston wrestling team did well to place fifth at last week's Rahway Tournament.

The Highlanders had 101 points, while champion J.P. Stevens gained 139. Rahway was second with 119, GL had two champions in Mike Fulloway at 130 and Jon Rogeyne at 152. Highlander grapplers that finished second included Brett Vanderveer at 125, Colin Price at 189 and Shawn Couglin at 215.

GL began the week with a 3-1 record. The Highlanders won their first three matches on Dec. 22 as they defeated Rutgers Prep 60-3, Red Bank 53-25 and Pingry 54-22 at Pingry.

Track athletes outstanding

Governor Livingston track and field athletes turned in outstanding performances at last week's DeSchriver Invitational at Drew University in Madison.

On the girls' side, Megs DiDario was second in the 300-meter run in 45.45. Tiffany Clark of West Orange was first in 43.61.

DiDario was also second in the 1600-meter run in 53:40. Ashley Unskiewicz of Hillsborough was first in 53:97.

Dana McCurdy captured the 55-meter hurdles crown, winning in an impressive time of 8:95.

On the boys' side, Michael Prazak was fifth in the 600-meter run in 1:31.74.

Hockey began week 3-3-1

The Governor Livingston ice hockey team began the week at 3-3-1 after ending December with a 9-3 loss to Cranford last Sunday at the Bridgewater Sports Arena. Kyle Weltman had two goals and one assist for the Highlanders.

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Hoops available for youngsters

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County is now open for registration for any of their Boys & Girls Clubs, in partnership with the Spirit Junior Nets and NY Liberty Basketball Leagues, offers boys and girls a chance to have fun and improve their basketball skills.

The league's goal is to create an environment that encourages and supports players to develop socially, mentally and physically. This co-ed league is open to all skill levels ranging from beginner to advanced.

Program dates run from December to March and from March to May.

The basketball leagues are offered to children ages 10-17 and are free to all participants with a current membership.

More information may be obtained by calling Roger Curry at 908-687-2697.

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The keynote lecture in January will be presented by Kean University President Ronald L. Applbaum on the series theme: "Crossing Boundaries: Problems and Prospects of Multicultural Communication."

Kean Political Science Professor Gilbert Kaln will present the Feb. 11 lecture on the topic: "Jews and Muslims: Is the Arab-Israeli Conflict Based on a Failure to Communicate?"

This educational program was made possible in part by a HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and by a grant from the New Jersey Council for Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Thursday: The public is invited to a program sponsored by the Springfield Environmental Commission on ways to reduce greenhouse emissions.

Friday: The Mountainside Youth Baseball conducts its 2002 season registration at the Deerfield School cafeteria.

Saturday: The Mountainside Board of Education will conduct a public hearing at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building at Borough Hall.

Sunday: Participants can learn how to attract all kinds of birds to their feeding stations in a program offered at Trailside Nature and Science Center.

Monday: The Mountainside Youth Baseball continues its 2002 season registration at the Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

Tuesday: The Springfield Free Public Library's new Lunchtime Video Series kicks off with "Decoding Nazi Secrets" at noon.

Wednesday: The Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., begins a new health and fitness lifestyle program for girls, sixth to eighth grade.

Thursday: The Springfild Free Public Library announces its first winter selection, "One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd" by Jim Fergus.

Friday: A beach-themed creativity program takes place at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside.

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New fire pumper is approved

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer: Hoping to lower Springfield's fire insurance rates and make the residents safer, the Township Committee approved the purchase of a new fire pumper at a Dec. 26 meeting.

Township Administrator Richard Sheola explained that the town has three fire pumps, one of them being 27 years old. Sheola said that the Insurance Service Organization does a rating of a municipality's first line apparatuses roughly every 10 years.

"They only consider a first line apparatus, a pumper truck that is 20 years old or less, and this one happens to be 27," said Sheola.

In insurance terms, the 27-year-old pumper is not even considered part of the fleet, which means the township only has two pumps instead of the three they actually operate.

"That in turn goes to the insurance company, so when they rate a municipality for fire insurance purposes, they rate us as only having two first-class pumps, which means your fire insurance rates are a few ticks higher than they should be," said Sheola.

The new pumper was funded for the amount of \$286,400 and will replace the 27-year-old pumper. "We came in right at the amount we budgeted," said Sheola.

Fire pumps are custom made to fit the needs of each town, explained Fire Chief William Gras. "This is not someone," he said. "They're custom made. The designers meet with us. They meet with our engineers."

The new pumper, named Engine Three, will be Springfield's new first piece. This means the engine will be the first rig to arrive on scene. It will go out on every Fire Department call.

"What we try to do is carry as much as we can on a small pump as we can," said Gras.

Engine Three will hold medical equipment, extrication equipment and firefighting equipment such as hoses and a small ladder. The ladder truck will hold the big ladders.

The new pumper will measure 32 feet in length, which Gras explained is small for a pumper.

"One of the most important things is to keep the wheel base down," said Gras. "City of Springfield's narrow streets and small parking lots as the reason for this. This makes it easier to turn and to get in and out of areas as fast as possible."

Engine Three will hold 750 gallons of water. "We try to carry as much as we can because of Route 78," said Gras. "There's no water supply there."

For more information, call Phyllis at 973-992-5791 or Larry at 973-467-3715.

First-hand fire prevention



St. James Pack 73 Cub Scouts, Tiger Den 8 recently visited the Springfield Firehouse. The boys were taught about fire safety, they toured the fire engines and got to see first-hand all the tools used during many different drills.

Famous Dave's aims to replace Steak & Ale after board approval

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer: Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que wants to reside on Route 22 East in Mountainside. The restaurant has submitted its plans to the planning board.

"We do have to appear in front of the planning board for the building's signs because there were no building signs on the Steak and Ale," said operating partner Robert Panelli.

Valerie Saunders, zoning board officer for the Borough of Mountainside, explained it further, saying that Steak and Ale had a pole with the restaurant's name on it but that was the only signage.

"The town says if you replace a sign with a sign, I can just grant permission for that, but they want to put wall signs up on the building where no wall signs have ever been, so they do need planning board approval for that," she said.

The inside of the former Steak and Ale building doesn't need to apply for any variances because the building is to be a restaurant. Famous Dave's is simply renovating the building and turning it into another restaurant.

"We're not changing the structure of the building in any way," said Panelli. "If we were knocking it down, that would be one thing, but the building lends itself to what we want to do. We do have to do some things on the inside."

Saunders said that this is correct. "They're not changing the footprint of the building," she said. "They're not changing the site of the parking spaces or anything else. Since they're changing from restaurant use to restaurant use, without doing any changes to the site, they don't need planning board approval."

To conform with local laws, Famous Dave's will have to change some things that have come into effect after Steak and Ale was originally erected in the late 1970s.

Famous Dave's is a family-style restaurant that serves barbecued ribs, St. Louis spare ribs, chicken, pulled pork, burgers, steaks and salad. The restaurant will also have a full bar.

The theme of the restaurant is a hunting/fishing lodge with four separately named dining rooms. "Pretty much except for the bar, the rest of the place is gutted," said Panelli.

There are 53 Famous Dave's restaurants nationwide, however the closest one to New Jersey resides in the Virginia/Bethlehem area.

"There are seven of them there with an eighth under construction," said Panelli.

As of presstime, there is no date set for when Famous Dave's will appear in front of the Planning Board.

"The only exterior changes to the building itself will be that it'll be made to look like a log cabin," said Saunders.

The restaurant has a tentative date of March 25 to be fully up and running.

"Mountainside is a great area," said Panelli. "Of the towns that we targeted in New Jersey, Mountainside fit the criteria for what we are looking for as far as the type of building we want to build and how it will fit into the neighborhood."

Join the B'nai B'rith Keutbah Married Couples and members of Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield at Kushter's Country Club in Monticello, N.Y., Jan. 18 to 20. There are six meals starting with dinner that Friday through Sunday lunch. A cocktail party with open bar will be a highlight Saturday. There will be a new variety show each evening with no cover or minimum.

For more information, call Phyllis at 973-992-5791 or Larry at 973-467-3715.

For a job well done



The Mountainside Cub Scout Pack 177 presented a check for \$900 to the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of helmets and masks. The money was raised through the proceeds of a very successful popcorn sale, and the scouts were delighted to help support their own local heroes. At the presentation are, from back left, Fire Chief Gary Castigallo, Scouts Eric Whyte, Geoffrey Barnes and J.P. Zavodny and Scout Leader Sue Zavodny.

RELIGION

Judaism course will offer fresh insights

Want to expand your understanding of Judaism, learn how Jews live and what Jews believe? Whether you are a Jew by birth, part of an interfaith couple, or interested in converting to Judaism, "Introduction to Judaism" will provide a strong foundation in the fundamentals of Judaism.

The 16-session course will be conducted Saturday afternoons at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., beginning Feb. 23, continuing through June 15, and meeting once a week from 2 to 4 p.m. It is open to temple members and non-members. A single registration fee includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or couple.

Classes deal with topics such as the Jewish calendar, the Sabbath and Jewish holidays, and Jewish customs and rituals concerning birth, marriage and death. Instruction in Hebrew reading is also incorporated in the course.

While instruction is from the Reform Movement's perspective, Conservative and Orthodox viewpoints are included.

"Introduction to Judaism" is sponsored by the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. For more information about this course, additional course offerings, or to register, call Regional Outreach Director Vicky Parhi at 201-722-9090, Ext. 210.

To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Temple Beth Ahm will offer Hebrew names

The phrase, v'eylah shemot b'nai Yisrael begins the second book of the Torah, Exodus in English, Shemot in Hebrew. "These are the names of the seated and standing in the list of Israelites." The parasha goes on to list the names of each person who journeyed with Jacob to live in the land of Egypt upon the invitation of Joseph.

This year, for Shabbat Shemot when we read from this portion of the Torah, we are going to inaugurate a new program: Shabbat Shemot — The Shabbat of Names. If you or anyone in your family who does not have a Hebrew name would like to receive one, Shabbat Shemot will provide the ceremonial backdrop to the giving of such a name. Of course, in order to prepare for this event, we need advance notice.

Therefore, if you are interested in receiving a Hebrew name, call Rabbi Mark Mallach at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, no later than Feb. 18. To select an appropriate name and to make all the arrangements, call 973-376-0539, Ext. 15, or send e-mail to rui@betha@aol.com.

To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

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Kent Place forms new chapter

This fall, Kent Place formed a chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the National High School and Junior College Mathematics Honor Society, inducting 10 members from the senior class. Membership in Mu Alpha Theta is by recommendation and invitation from the math department.

By accepting the invitation for membership in Mu Alpha Theta, the students agree to become peer tutors in mathematics for the rest of the student body in the school. The 10 charter members, who satisfied the criteria for membership as juniors, have been enrolled in consecutive math courses during all of their years in Upper School. They have received a year-end grade of A- or better in all their mathematics courses, have no honor code offenses and are students in good standing at Kent Place.

Head of School Susan C. Bostland welcomed the inductees and their families who had come to witness the

special event. Math Chair Carolyn Kostal spoke of the organization's history and purpose before the candle lighting induction ceremony began. Among the 2001 inductees were Julia Chabrier, Vardit Haimi-Cohen, Charlotte Hansen, Jessica Keeley, Samantha Lane, Samantha Lynch, Elizabeth Perry, Sarada Putcha, Rebecca Racusin and Tara Wedin.

In recent years Kent Place has seen a rise in the number of students interested in mathematics and pursuing advanced level courses in the Upper School. In addition, nearly half of the students in grades nine through 12 voluntarily participate in the American Mathematics Competition, a national event aimed at increasing interest in mathematics among secondary school students and developing talent through solving challenging problems in a timed multiple-choice format.

"We are so proud of our students

and their ability to do mathematics, and to be involved in projects that require mathematics," noted Carolyn Kostal. "It is exciting to know that when our students leave Kent Place, their background in mathematics prepares them not only for college, but to meet the challenges that the 21st century demands of them, she continued.

Mu Alpha Theta was conceived in 1954 by a committee of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The committee recognized the need for a club to help high school and junior school and junior college mathematics promote interest in the understanding of mathematics. Mu Alpha Theta offers a variety of resources, support and activities for its members and provides a unique experience for students to discuss and interact in the pursuit of mathematical understanding. Today there are over 1,000 chapters of the organization in the United States and abroad.



Holding their new Mu Alpha Theta certificates are, from left, Kent Place School students Julia Chabrier, Jessica Keeley, Charlotte Hansen, Tara Wedin, Sarada Putcha, Samantha Lynch, Elizabeth Perry, Samantha Lane, Rebecca Racusin and Vardit Haimi-Cohen.

WRC programs offer spiritual solutions and coping strategies

Whether suffering recent losses or feeling out of sorts due to our changing world, this new group program will look at psychological and emotional healing with a spiritual, non-religious focus. The way we look at our pain, our loss and our world can change, when we view it from a deeper place inside ourselves. This place can speak to us of hope, new meaning and a greater connection to each other and ourselves.

At the Women's Resource Center,

31 Woodland Ave., this group will use Wayne Dyer's book "Spiritual Solutions to Every Problem," which is available at the Center for \$24. The book is profound and thought-provoking, yet is filled with pragmatic advice. It is about self-awareness and tapping the healing energy within all of us. Therapist Kathleen Williams-Baldolph, LCSW, will facilitate the discussion.

This program will be conducted on eight consecutive Wednesdays beginning

Jan. 23 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. To register by Jan. 18 call the Women's Resource Center at 908-273-7253. The fee for the program is \$105 for Center members and \$135 for non-members. For qualified participants scholarships are available. For information about similar programs call or go to www.womensource.org.

As a community service the Center is offering three different programs for a varied audience, addressing

questions and problems caused by the recent terrorist attacks.

"Terrorism and Sex Roles: Making the Connection" will feature Bobbi Francis leading an enlightening discussion of Robin Morgan's book, "The Demon Lover: On the Sexuality of Terrorism." This program will deal with the relationship between male dominant cultures and the systematic oppression of females and explain how that dynamic is a necessary component of the politics of terrorism.

How the United States and its allies can promote future-oriented solutions in the current "war on terrorism" will be explored based on an understanding of this dynamic. Morgan's powerful book has been re-released since 9/11 under the new title, "The Demon Lover: On the Roots of Terrorism."

For a copy of the book, call the Center at 908-273-7253. This program will be offered on Jan. 29 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

In "Grieving Our Losses: Reclaiming Our Lives," therapist Judith Livant, LCSW, will facilitate a discussion of the inevitable journey of mourning as a natural process of moving through grief and recreating our lives after a significant loss, for which our culture offers little guidance. This group, designed for women and men who have experienced the death of a spouse, child, friend, sibling or parent will provide a supportive environment for exploring the emotional, spiritual and psychological components of grief and for taking the next steps into life.

This program will run for eight consecutive Thursdays beginning on Jan. 24, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

All three programs will be conducted at the Center and are sponsored with Interweave and the Connection of Women and Families of Summit.

Although there is no charge, calling the Center at 908-273-7253 to register is important. Located on the parish house of the Calvary Episcopal Church on the corner of Woodland and DeForest Avenues in downtown Summit, the Women's Resource Center is a nonsectarian, nonprofit organization celebrating 18 years of programs and services designed for and by women in North Central New Jersey.

For directions, registration information and a complete winter program guide, call the Center, or for information about similar programs go to www.womensource.org.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH - 1000 HIGHLAND AVE., SPRINGFIELD, N.J. 07081. Pastor: Rev. Fredrick Mackey. Service: Sunday, 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages. Nursery through Seniors. 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care. 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program. 7:00-8:00 PM Wednesday Evening Service. 8:30 AM Wednesday 7:15 PM Prayer and Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Prayers. Active Youth Ministry. Week-End Mass. Program. Seniors. 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Call for information. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information, contact church office: 973-579-4351.

LUTHERAN
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4525. Fax: 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 AM. At the University of Dayton, 600 North Zombardo Avenue, Springfield, OH 45502. Pastor: Rev. Paul E. Krusch, Pastor (908) 232-1517. Sunday: 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Open House. School Involvement. There are formal classes for both High School and Pre-Regents. School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Winter League. Men's Club. Youth group. For info, contact our office during office hours.

METHODIST
SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 40 Church Mall, Springfield, N.J. 07081. Pastor: Rev. Paul E. Krusch, Pastor (908) 232-1517. Sunday: 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Open House. School Involvement. There are formal classes for both High School and Pre-Regents. School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Winter League. Men's Club. Youth group. For info, contact our office during office hours.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
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ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM; Saturday weekday Masses: 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Mass as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM anticipated Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST
UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT, 4 Walden Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-273-3245. www.uucsummit.org. Rev. Vanessa Ruck Southern, Minister, Religious Educ., Mitchell Yates, Music Director. A liberal religious society affiliated with the Unitarian-Universalist Association. Sunday services and religious education classes at 10 AM - Fellowship at 11 AM. Temporary location: 300 Central Ave., New Providence, NJ. Adult Education groups at other times. We belong to Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County. We welcome people of all affiliations. Please address changes to: Grace M. Worrall, Community Newsletters, 1291 Shuylow Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083. U/UW

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JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE
TEMPLE BETH AHIM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield 07081-3760. Mark Malachuk, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Dr. Scott D. Zablack, President. Beth Ahim is an egalitarian Conservative Synagogue, with programming for all ages. Weekly services Mon-Fri 7:00 AM Sun-Thurs. 7:45 PM Shabbat and Holidays 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM. Sunday, 8:30 AM Festival & Holiday services 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Open House. School Involvement. There are formal classes for both High School and Pre-Regents. School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Winter League. Men's Club. Youth group. For info, contact our office during office hours.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Schroeder honored at Georgetown

Georgetown University standout senior goalkeeper Scott Schroeder of Summit received an Honorable Mention selection by Face-Off Yearbook in pre-season men's lacrosse publication.

Schroeder was one of six in the nation to earn that honor.

A First Team All-ECAC selection in 2001, Schroeder posted an impressive 8.47 goals-against-average that was 10th best in the nation.

For the upcoming 2002 season, Schroeder was named a team captain to follow seniors Steve Dussan of Columbia, Ohio; Mike Harney of Concord, Mass. and Mike Kanach of Annandale, Va.

Schroeder started all 14 games in goal last season for the Hoyas.

Georgetown is scheduled to open its season Feb. 23 against Ohio State at Harbin Field. Prior to the regular season, the Hoyas will face off against Maryland and Notre Dame in scrimmages scheduled for Feb. 9 and 15.

GU, led by head coach Dave Urick, finished the 2001 season with an 11-3 record and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

GL boys' basketball wins Roselle Park Tournament

The Governor Livingston High School boys' basketball team captured the Roselle Park Tournament last week, while the girls' squad finished second in the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament at New Providence.

GL's boys' team, which began the week with a 3-2 record, defeated Glen Ridge 38-29 and Johnson 56-29.

GL's girls' team, which began the week at 2-3, bested host New Providence 45-39 and was defeated by Rahway 46-31.

Rahway was named MVP of the boys' Roselle Park Tournament as he scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the championship game win over Johnson. Teammate Doug Casuso paced the Highlanders with a 16-point effort.

Megan Butler scored 21 points, Katie Dotto and Mary Goodspeed eight and Kerri Moore four in GL's win over New Providence. In the girls' loss to Rahway, Butler poured in 13 and Kathleen Dreitein added six.

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

The number of teams and spaces available for participants depends on how many volunteer coaches/helpers sign up. Fees are payable at the time of registration.

The association has five divisions from ages 6-14. Introduction to Baseball is for youngsters age 6, T-Ball is for ages 7-8, American League for ages 8-9, Major League for ages 10-12 and Pony League for ages 13 and 14.

Mountaintop Youth Baseball is an all-volunteer association and all parents are required to volunteer for at least four hours of time during the season.

"Getting Stronger-Intermediate Running, Preparing for Spring 5K" is for those who have already taken the above running program or are already runners and want an opportunity to continue their journey with a group of enthusiastic women. You will increase your distance from a base of two miles to four miles in increments over ten weeks.

This program will run for ten successive Thursdays beginning Jan. 23 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

To register by Jan. 20 for either workshop, call the Women's Resource Center at 908-273-7253.

Wrestlers 5th at Rahway

The Governor Livingston wrestling team did well to place fifth at last week's Rahway Tournament.

The Highlanders had 101 points, while champion J.P. Stevens gained 139. Rahway was second with 119.

GL had two champions in Mike Fullowan at 130 and Jon Regency at 152. Highlander grapplers that finished second included Brett Vanderveer at 125, Colin Price at 189 and Shawn Couglin at 215.

GL began the week with a 3-1 record. The Highlanders won their first three matches on Dec. 22 as they defeated Rutgers Prep 60-3, Red Bank 53-25 and Pingry 54-22 at Pingry.

Hockey began week 3-3-1

The Governor Livingston ice hockey team began the week at 3-3-1 after ending December with a 9-3 loss to Cranford last Sunday at the Bridgewater Sports Arena. Kyle Weltman had two goals and one assist for the Highlanders.

SJBB final walk-in registration Jan. 12

The final walk-in registration session for Summit Junior Baseball League's 2002 season is Jan. 12 from 9-11 a.m. in the entrance hall at the Summit Middle School.

Anyone registering by mail after Jan. 12 will be charged a late fee of \$25 per player.

Representatives from the league will be available to answer questions.

Fees are \$65 per player for grades K-3 and \$130 per player for grades 4-8. The season starts April 6 and ends June 15.

Registration forms can be downloaded from Summit Junior Baseball's web site, www.summitnjpsports.com. Registration forms will also be available at the registration session.

More information may be obtained by calling 908-273-6529.

Hoops available for youngsters

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County is now open for registration for any of their SMART basketball leagues.

Boys & Girls Clubs, in partnership with the Sprite Junior Nets and NY Liberty Basketball Leagues, offers boys and girls a chance to have fun and improve their basketball skills.

The league's goal is to create an environment that encourages and supports players to develop socially, mentally and physically. This goal-led league is open to all skill levels ranging from beginner to advanced.

Program dates run from December to March and from March to May.

The basketball leagues are offered to children ages 10-17 and are free to all participants with a current membership.

More information may be obtained by calling Roger Curry at 908-881-2697.

SPORTS

Summit has a quality cast

Ice hockey team sports 6-1 mark

"We're just a very good team," is what Summit High School ice hockey coach Keith Nixon said in describing his squad this season.

With a 6-1 record as of today, Summit is ranked No. 10 in the state.

"We play as a team and not as individuals," Nixon said. "Everybody does their job and knows what role they play in our system."

The Hilltoppers finished last season with a 18-7-2 mark. Summit reached the quarterfinals of the NJISAA Public Schools Tournament after reaching the final two years ago.

"We've reached the quarterfinal round the last four years," Nixon said. "I would like to go further this season."

Having a total of 68 kids in the program, Summit has 22 players on its varsity roster.

Leading the way is the senior trio of Craig Oliver, Keith Schroeder and Matt Starker.

"They're our top scorers," Nixon said. "That's our strength," Nixon said. "We try to keep the score low."

After opening its season with two straight wins, Summit made it three in a row on Dec. 15 in a 2-1 victory over Montclair at Clary Anderson Arena. Starker scored the winning goal six minutes into the third period off a pass from Schroeder. Schroeder connected

Having lost goaltender Richard James to graduation, Summit has used Dan Churchill and Kyle Hartlaub.

"Dan was the backup last season and Kyle didn't play," Nixon said.

With inexperience at certain spots, the Hilltoppers look to negate that with their strong defense.

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The Hilltoppers then won their next two games, which included a 5-2 victory over Westfield last Thursday at Warrinanco. Oliver, Starker and Tamaro each had a goal and an assist, while Lapton and Hillenbrand also scored.

"Our goal is to make the state tournament and see what happens from there," Nixon said.

Summit's next scheduled game is today at Bayonne. The Hilltoppers are then scheduled to face Montclair on Jan. 10 and then Morristown-Bear day. Both of those contests are to be played at Warrinanco.

"We're going to be tested next week," Nixon said. "They're both very good teams."

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GL boys' basketball wins Roselle Park Tournament

Dayton began week at 4-1

ROSELLE PARK — Not a bad start to the season.

The Dayton High School girls' basketball team sought to improve to 5-1 yesterday with a second consecutive victory over Roselle Park.

Dayton, which began the week at 4-1, defeated Roselle Park 47-21 last Saturday afternoon in the consolation game of the Panther Pride Tournament.

The teams were scheduled to play last night in Springfield in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play.

Roselle Park entered yesterday's game with a 1-4 record and four-game losing streak.

GL managed to tie Madison 8-9 on Dec. 28 as Westman scored four goals and Kevin Pijanowski scored in the final minute for the tie. Kevin Giglio had two goals and two assists, while teammate Anthony Internicola also found the net.

GL is scheduled to resume its season tonight at 9:30 against Millburn at Bridgewater. The Highlanders are then scheduled to skate against West Orange Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. at South Mountain Arena in West Orange.

Upcoming: Today: Millburn 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewater; Jan. 10 West Orange 5 p.m. at South Mountain; Jan. 13 Montclair-Kimberly 4:15 p.m. at Bridgewater; Jan. 18 East Side 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewater; Jan. 26 Dayton 9 p.m. at Twin Oaks; Jan. 27 Montville at Bridgewater; Jan. 30 Montclair-Kimberly 8 p.m. at Montclair; Jan. 31 East Side 4 p.m. at Ironbound; Feb. 1 Madison 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewater; Feb. 4 Johnson 6 p.m. at Warrinanco; Feb. 10 West Orange 4:15 p.m. at Bridgewater; Feb. 15 Mahwah 9:30 p.m. at Bridgewater.

Track athletes outstanding

Governor Livingston track and field athletes turned in outstanding performances at last week's DeSchriver Invitational at Drew University in Madison.

On the girls' side, Megs DiDario was second in the 300-meter run in 45.45. Tiffany Clark of West Orange was first in 43.61.

DiDario was also second in the 1600-meter run in 5:34.00. Ashley Uniskiewicz of Hillsborough was first in 5:32.97.

Dana McCurdy captured the 55-meter hurdles competition, winning in an impressive time of 8.95.

On the boys' side, Michael Prazak was fifth in the 600-meter run in 1:31.74.

Brian Dressel was fifth in the high jump at 5-6, while Daniel Leggie was fifth in the shot put at 45-2. Matt O'Holla was third in the pole vault at 11-0.

Not a bad start for the Bulldogs

Dayton began week at 4-1

Roselle Park was defeated by Johnson 57-32 in its first-round game Dec. 27. Roselle, with a record of 3-1, and Johnson, with a record of 1-3, were scheduled to play in the Panther Pride championship game last Saturday night. That was the case as Roselle came back to down Dayton 53-39 on Dec. 27 at T. Ralph Williams Gymnasium.

After building a 30-26 halftime lead, the Bulldogs were shut down in the second half, scoring only nine points.

"A lot of our shots weren't falling in the second half," Dayton head coach Dave Rennie said. "We were also out-hustled."

Things looked good for the Bulldogs early on as they took a 6-2 lead. After Roselle cut it to 6-5, Dayton went on a 6-0 run that was capped with a layup by sophomore guard Lindsey Brahm to bring the score to 12-5.

A short banker and a putback by Roselle closed the gap to three at 12-9. Dayton was able to add a basket before the close of the quarter as Zavocki put in a layup after a nice give-and-get with Aizenberg, giving Dayton a 14-9 advantage.

Zavocki led the Bulldogs with 12 points.

Aizenberg got things started in the second quarter by hitting on both ends of a one-and-one for a 16-9 lead.

Once again, Roselle responded and went on a 6-0 run to close to within one at 16-15.

Dayton then tried to pull away again as it took a 21-15 lead on a three-point shot by Zavocki and a pair of free throws from freshman (forward) Lisa Listowski.

High School Girls' Basketball

"We'll bounce back. I have a young, confident bunch of kids that want to win."

— Dayton girls' basketball coach Dave Rennie after the Bulldogs lost to Roselle and before they defeated Roselle Park in the Panther Pride Tournament.

After Roselle's Yolanda Bryon knocked down a 20-footer from the top of the key to make it 21-17, Zavocki scored on consecutive layups to bring the score to 25-17 with 3:33 left before the half.

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COUNTY NEWS

Celebrity bartenders raise funds for parade

The 2002 Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee recently held a planning session for the annual celebrity bartenders fund-raiser. The event will be Jan. 19 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Township of Union Knights of Columbus Hall, 1034 Joazeiro Ave. All proceeds from the event will be used to put on the sixth Annual St. Patrick's Day parade in the Township of Union. The parade is the fastest growing in the entire state, attracting more than 25,000 people annually for the last several years.

Federal funds allocated for county's homeless

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded Union County \$1,444,800 under its Community Homelessness Prevention Program. The funds will be used to fund a variety of projects for the homeless in Union County. The funds will be used to fund a variety of projects for the homeless in Union County. The funds will be used to fund a variety of projects for the homeless in Union County.

Volunteers wanted for HUGS, SKIP programs

The Petred and Senior Volunteer Program, PSPV, of Union County helps sponsor two local intergenerational programs. One is an after-school program called Senior and Kids Inter-Generational Program, SKIP, in Linden. At that program, volunteers work with students on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons helping them with reading, math, basic study skills and homework by providing that extra bit of care and attention. The other program is at a Roselle elementary school and is called Help Us Gain Success, HUGS. This is a during-school program where volunteers assist the teachers in the classroom.

Freeholders Forum

Union County Freeholders' Forum will be held on Jan. 11, 7 p.m. at the Union County Administration Center, 1000 Broad St., Union, N.J. The forum will be held on Jan. 11, 7 p.m. at the Union County Administration Center, 1000 Broad St., Union, N.J. The forum will be held on Jan. 11, 7 p.m. at the Union County Administration Center, 1000 Broad St., Union, N.J.

Corrections officers donate \$60,000 of pay

The tragic event that occurred on Sept. 11 costs devastatingly every union corrections officer at the Union County Jail. Many watched the towers fall and the planes crash into the World Trade Center. The event was a tragedy for all of us.

Unpopular cuts in '02

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Commuters decry proposed increase

(Continued from Page B1) Some of the feedback ran along the lines of "How can you raise fares given the present level of service/the economy/Sept. 11 conditions?" Several individual rider group representatives refrained "a fare increase is a tax increase." A few more suggested the Legislature be pressured to boost the gasoline tax and dedicate the increase for public transit. John Drennan and Robert Moss, both of Bloomfield, said the elimination of the weekday round-trip excursion fare would encourage use of rail lines by reverse commuters or casual riders. Drennan gave an example of the cost of taking himself, his wife and two guests on the Morristown Branch and PATH tubes into New York. The NJ Transit portion would rise from \$14 to \$22 and the trip would ultimately cost \$34 when PATH fares are added. The projected 40 to 80 percent increase by ending the weekday round-trip excursion fare was not the only inequality critics found. At least one Newark rider pointed out that the Ivy Hill section is the only part of the city where bus riders have been paying an extra zone since 1999. Irvington Councilman David Lyons cited the lower bus fares in southern New Jersey and charged NJ Transit of regional discrimination.

NCJW Shabbat Service set tonight

National Council of Jewish Women, Union County Section, will sponsor its annual NCJW Shabbat Service today at 8:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Or/Beth Torah, 111 Valley Road, Clark. Services will feature NCJW members leading all parts of the service. Guests include Marsha Atkind, national vice president, who will speak about advocacy and the new National Bench Mark Program and Michelle Bobrow, state public affairs chairwoman who will welcome with "Shalom Aleichem."

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Former band leader keeps on strumming to carry the torch

Johnny Lenard, an 89-year-old musician, composer, teacher, band leader and accordion player, cannot remember when music was not a part of his life. He has played in bands throughout his life and around the metropolitan area, composed his music, made an album which is now a compact disc, "Smiling Polish Eyes" and taught students the accordion and the piano. Now, he has limited his musical programs to entertaining nursing homes "all around." "From the time I was born in Newark to parents, who came from Poland, there was music everywhere," said the personable, ever-smiling Lenard. "It was automatic. My father played the violin; he taught himself. Before I knew it, I began playing the mouth organ. "I was raised in Elizabeth. Before I was even graduated from St. Adalbert's School and Jefferson High School, I had graduated from the mouth organ, bought a small accordion and played on my own. It was easy to make the transition. I even took piano lessons from Mrs. Mary O'Brien," he recalled. "I was a youngster at the time, and I took lessons for five years." Lenard then decided to teach the accordion privately to at least 30 students, and gave accordion concerts at Hamilton Junior High School in Elizabeth. "I organized a three-piece orchestra, the Johnny Lenard Orchestra, and played at social affairs, you know, weddings and dances. Back in 1936 until 1940, when I had a six-piece orchestra, I played on a radio station called WAAT in Jersey City. I had a lot of bookings then." "During World War II, Lenard worked for Eastern Aircrafts in Linden as a stock man. "I didn't go into the service, so I worked during the day, and kept myself busy on weekends with my band. "I reorganized my orchestra back in 1947 and until 1949, I played at a radio station WCTC in New Brunswick on Sunday afternoons. Then we played at Manville Roller Rink, a dance hall, where 400 to 500 people attended." He and his band played for the summer picnics at the Sons of Poland Camp from 1949 to 1955. "Thousands of people attended," Lenard said, "and about 40 buses came from all over. In June 1964, we played the New Jersey Polish Day music at the World's Fair at Flushing Bay, New York City. We played popular and Polish music at a dance hall at the Polish Home in Irvington from 1969 to 1970, three nights a week. There always was a full house." The album that Lenard made in 1969, "Smiling Polish Eyes," featured original songs, a waltz, polkas written and arranged by Lenard. They included the title song, "Going to a Picnic," "South River," "Happy Shupay," "Riverhead," "Major's Minor," "Here We Go," "Old Smoky," "Irvington," "Easy Come Easy Go," "Leon's" and "Mother Told Me." Lenard served as orchestra leader and pianist, with Billy Coward at the trumpet, Tony Lenard, Johnny's brother, tenor sax; Michael Yudd, accordion; Tony Disavino, guitar, and Johnny's son, Tommy Lenard, drummer. Lenard married Mary Lenard of Jamesburg. "No relation, before she became my wife. In fact, her folks came from the same part of Poland that my family did. We had five children, Barbara, Carol, Thomas, Kathryn and Peter. Now, we also have a dozen grandchildren and about 10 great-grandchildren." Lenard taught music instruction on the accordion and piano at the homes of his students, including Ray Lesniak, who had his own orchestra, and Walter Lesniak and Billy Siles. "From 1977 to 1982, he was including organist at St. Adalbert's Church. In 1991 and 1992, Lenard and his orchestra played at the annual Palaski Parade for the Polish Falcons from Somerville in New York City. The musician-composer, who also had entertained at business meetings and at nursing homes for many years, has limited his entertainment just to nursing homes now. "I've entertained such nursing homes as the Cranford Hall Nursing Home for the past 25 years, at Cornell Hall in Union for 12 years, Greenbrook Nursing Home, Green Brook, Villa Maria Nursing Home in North Plainfield, Winchester Gardens in Maplewood. "I love playing for these people," he admitted. "It lifts up their spirits. Some even join me in singing — the old tunes, which they always loved. Songs like 'You Are My Sunshine,' 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart' and 'When Irish Eyes Are Smiling.' I also play patriotic and ethnic songs — on request. And I always close my program with 'God Bless America.' "I prefer the standards. I play the kind of music the senior citizen likes. I try to make people happy." Lenard shows no signs of slowing down. "People ask me, 'How old are you?' Or, 'When do you plan to retire?' I tell them, 'I don't need to retire — that is, unless I become ill. Only God knows when that will be," he smiled. "My hand members all retired in 1991. I'm carrying on the torch — not the torch of liberty — but the torch of music."



Johnny Lenard, 89, of Elizabeth plays his accordion with his band, left, Tony Lenard, Johnny's brother, on the saxophone; Chet Drozd, on the violin, and in background, Teddy Marczak on the drums, during a nursing home entertainment program. Sister Mary Louise of the Little Servant Sisters, administrator of St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Woodbridge, looks on.

Paper Mill Playhouse to play host to 'The Dinner Party'

Neil Simon play opens Tuesday. The Broadway hit in its first regional theatre production, Neil Simon's "The Dinner Party" opens Tuesday and runs through Feb. 10 at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. For tickets, call 973-376-4343. The production is directed by John Rando, director of Broadway's hit musical "Urinetown," the revival of "A Thousand Clowns" and the original production of "The Dinner Party," stars Catherine Lloyd Burns, Meg Foster, Elizabeth Heflin, Michael Mastro, Greg Mullavey and Steve Vinovich. The Carriage House Special Post Show Supper Menu is available after all evening performances; \$30 for all three courses. Call 973-379-2420 for reservations. "Paper Mill, the State Theater of New Jersey, under the leadership of Executive Producer Angelo Del Rossi and Artistic Director Robert Johnson, is proud to present the regional theatre premiere of Neil Simon's "The Dinner Party." Tickets are \$29 to \$59. Call 973-376-4343, stop by the box office or buy online at www.papermill.org. As the most successful writer of Broadway comedies of the last half-century, Simon has made audiences chuckle and guffaw to our heart's content. Now this prolific playwright tackles new, more serious ground in this comic drama about the wife husbands and wives seem doomed to hurt each other. A gilded, glittering, gourmet restaurant in Paris "sets the table" for three divorced couples who have, unbeknownst to one another, been mysteriously invited to dine together in a private room. What ensues is a social sargobard where arguments, accusations, and revelations are hurled through the air like a verbal food fight. There are surprises around every place card and with Simon, America's "patron saint of laughter" as the author, you know that you're in for a delectably good time. Who's who in the cast Catherine Lloyd Burns as Yvonne Fouchet recently appeared with Ben Stiller, Jenna Elfman and Ed Norton in "Keeping the Faith" on the silver screen. She also appeared with John Travolta in the film "Michael." She is a series regular on the Fox network hit "Ally McBeal" in the Midwest. Meg Foster as Gabrielle Buonocelli has appeared in more than 40 movies for the silver screen and television. She was the original Cagney in the hit television series "Cagney and Lacey." She has made more than 30 guest appearances on TV sitcoms ranging from "Bonanza" to "The Cosby Show" from "The Twilight Zone" to "ER." Elizabeth Heflin as Mariette LeVieux appeared on Broadway with Tony Ran-

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METRO RHYTHM CHORUS of Sweet Adelines International is seeking female singers. The group rehearses every Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Cranford area. For information, call Janet Manfredonia at 908-654-8641 or send e-mail to manfredonia@postbox.csi.cuny.edu; or call Judy McCord at 973-985-8993.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB is seeking male and female adult singers to participate in the club's 77th season. Rehearsals are Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Westfield Presbyterian Church choir room. For information, call Dato Juntila at 908-232-0673.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The Merck 2001 Union County Juried Art Show will be on exhibit in the Freshford Gallery on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabeth, through today. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Administration Building is located at Elizabeth Plaza, Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth.

MAKING A MARK — the work of New Jersey artists Gary Brockle, Carolina Burton, Eric McLendon, Gloria Rodriguez and Barbara Stork — will be on exhibit through Saturday at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, an exhibit of black-and-white and color photographs by Helen Lewis, depicting the beauty of America, is on display in the Les Malumet Gallery in the Union Public Library, through Jan. 10. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1900 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-581-5450.

JOURNEYS: "Black and White Photographs by Howard Nathanson" will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Jan. 13. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

FLOWER COMFORT, the works of Martha Suh-Rohling will be on exhibit in the Wisner House Gallery at the Reeves-Rod Arboretum in Summit through Jan. 14. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Rod Arboretum is located at 105 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the New Jersey Photography Forum seventh annual Juried Show and the watercolors of V. Shipley through January. Children's Specialized Hospital is located at 153 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-278-2075.

EIGHT ARTISTS from the Exhibitors Co-Op will have their work on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Wednesday through Feb. 8. A reception will take place Jan. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

PRINT AS PARABLE — monoprints, etchings, collagraphs and giclee prints by Jessica Lenard — will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit Jan. 14 through Feb. 15. A reception for the artist will take place Jan. 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY INC. will conduct auditions today at 570 Central Ave., New Providence. Requirements are a solo piece, scales and sight-reading. There is a \$25 non-refundable audition fee. For information, call 908-771-5544.

SUMMIT CHORALE will conduct auditions in all voice parts for the second half of the 2001-02 season Tuesday and Jan. 15, following the regular rehearsal on the Drew University campus in Madison. For information, call 908-685-9696 or visit www.summitchoir.org.

NEW JERSEY THEATER ALLIANCE will sponsor auditions for children and teens for more than 20 of the state's professional theaters Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. by appointment only. Equity and

lopmen and scene study. Also offered are four levels of tap and three levels of musical theater, which focus on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice, and musical theater movement and dance. Private lessons in voice and/or acting are available. Westfield High School is located at 728 Westfield Ave. For information, call 908-233-3200.

CONCERTS
SOPRANO FRANCESCA ANGIUOLI will present her one-woman concert, "Frangella's Muse," at Union Public Library, 1900 Morris Ave., Union, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call 908-581-5450.

NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY will appear in concert Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. at Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Admission is by donation; students are admitted free. For information, call 908-771-5544 or visit www.njys.org; 908-232-0673.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will present musical performances throughout the autumn. All concerts are from 8 to 10 p.m. in the cafe section. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY Book Discussion Group will discuss "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. Union Public Library is located in Friburger Park on Morris Avenue. For information, call 908-851-5450.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READING GROUP will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITER'S CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Raccanelli, meets at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second and fourth Monday of each month. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

MYSTERY READING GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets at 7:15 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, the third Monday of each month. For information, call 973-376-8544.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rantan Road, Clark, at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month to read a Shakespeare play out loud. The group is led by Kevin Muller. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second Wednesday of each month. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Rantan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSES
WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION will offer an artist demonstration titled "Pastel Figure Painting," taught by Anette Hanna, Jan. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Westfield Community Room, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield. Admission is free. For information, call 908-887-2945.

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN in Westfield offers various music classes to children between the ages of 10 months and 8 years old. For information on class offerings or to reserve a space at either open house, call 908-232-4881.

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS is currently accepting registration for its Music Studio. Lessons include instrumental, voice and music theory, with beginner through advanced classes. Additional courses include art classes for children and toddlers, the Westfield Fencing Club and the Drawing Workshop. Classes take place at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-789-9696.

WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE will offer professional development classes for artists. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Acting classes will concentrate on improvisation, character develop-

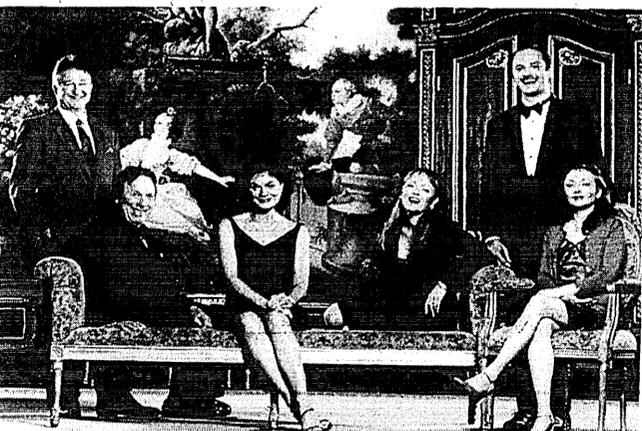
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KIDS
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RADIO
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NEIL SIMON'S "THE DINNER PARTY," directed by John Rando, opens at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn on Tuesday and runs through Feb. 10. For ticket information, call 973-376-4343.

CRAFTS
THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-755-7653.

DANCE
SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS continues its 2001-02 season with Friday gatherings at 8 p.m. — beginners are asked to arrive at 7:30 p.m. at The Connection, Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Summit. Gatherings are scheduled for today, which is the holiday party, and Jan. 11 and 25, a Chinese New Year celebration. Admission is \$2; special workshops are \$4. For information, call 973-487-8278.

POETRY
POETRY OUT LOUD will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.; \$8 per class. For information, call 908-789-3870.

SINGLES
INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and conversation breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

THEATER
WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present Agatha Christie's "The Unexpected Guest" Saturday through Jan. 19. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12. WCP is located at 1000 North Ave., West, Westfield. For information, call 908-232-1221.

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VARIETY
THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 8 p.m. and karaoke every Thursday night. The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-8455.

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EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists. Eat to the Beat Coffeehouse is located at 1485 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of East Cherry Street. For information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call 732-381-0505.

FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse in Rahway will present entertainment at various times. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-4700.

HILLTOP CAFE AND GRILL in Summit presents "From Broadway to the Silver Screen" every Sunday at 6 p.m., preceded by an all-you-can-eat dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 and reservations are required. The Hilltop Cafe and Grill is located at 447 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-0220.

TAVERN IN THE PARK in Roselle Park will present Teddy Halek in "An Evening of Frank Sinatra" Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call 908-241-7400.

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesday nights are "Acoustic Tuesday," with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participation sign up at 7:30 p.m. and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts. Sunday: Hal Hirsch Trio. Tuesday: Jeff Galbraith. Jan. 13: Grove Apparatus. Jan. 15: Joe Rathbone. Jan. 20: Gino Silson Quartet. Jan. 22: Ginny Johnston. Jan. 27: Steve Minzer Trio. Jan. 29: Jayson Pryke. For information, call 908-810-1844.

THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Irving St., Rahway, at the corner of Lewis Street, presents Open Mike Night every Wednesday night. For information, call 732-815-1042.

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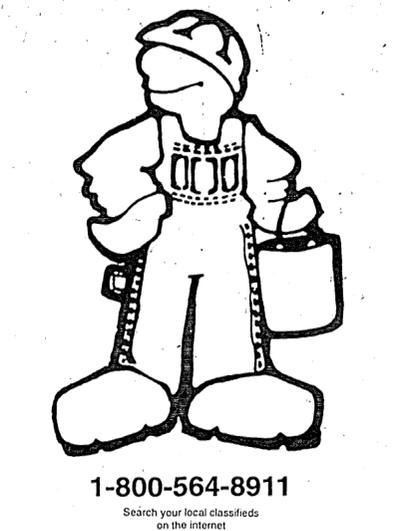
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Housing continues to be a solid investment, largely unaffected by the volatile movements of the stock market, according to the New Jersey Association of Realtors. The sharp changes in the financial markets during the last year underscore the stability of residential real estate as a safe choice for consumers. Homeownership should be approached as a long-term investment, providing both equity accumulation and tax benefits over time.

Brokers see increased interest in real estate

Real estate brokers across New Jersey are seeing an increased interest in real estate as a career because of economic market changes and a population strongly affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "We have found that when the market changes, and when unemployment rises, people are more willing to make a career change. In the current economy, and with the layoffs in lay-offs, people are turning to the real estate profession in order to gain back control over their career and life," according to Linda Trott, chairperson of Education for the ERA Brokers of New Jersey and broker/owner of ERA-Trott Realty.

New book has 'Answers' for homeowners

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price of a home, yet the home appreciation they realize is based on the total value. "In other words, homeownership is a leveraged buy-in," she added. In addition, home buyers receive tax benefits for their investments, in the form of deductions allowed for mortgage interest and property taxes. "This leveraging of borrowed funds gives housing a return far in excess of the market's appreciation," she said. The 1998 "State of the Nation's Housing" report from Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies shows a dramatic increase in the rate of return on housing the longer it is held. For instance, the housing survey shows that the typical homeowner who experiences an annual home appreciation rate of 5 percent and who made a down payment of 10 percent will generally receive a 34 percent return after owning the home only three years. After owning five years, the rate of return increases to 225 percent, after 10 years, the rate of return jumps to 623 percent.

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