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TWO SECT

## Taking a leap of faith can be a lot of fun

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

The theme at St. James Roman Catholic School in Springfield for Catholic Schools Week — Jan. 25 through Saturday — is called "Making a Faith-Filled Future."

The 200-plus children from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade have been working on doing just that.

"They have had a lot of fun doing this, as well," said Principal Pat Dolonanski.

This particular day, everyone from the principal on down, was dressed in "mixed match" style, just for fun — socks that did not match, different prints and tops and more than casual, that too was fun. The children thought this was great, of course, and it certainly was colorful.

It was Tuesday, and this was the day for the "Fun Olympics" and also the "Academic Olympics," ending in a staff/student volleyball game. Meg Keller, one of the kindergarten teachers, had just brought her children to the blue room — formerly the sanctuary, a large, bright room where the art teacher awaited them.

"Today they had relay races for the physical part and last week they made Chinese lanterns in honor of the Chinese New Year," said Keller. It was lively, and the children's work was on display all over the walls and on bulletin boards.

Little Anuj Modi, 5, said, "I am making a snowman with markers and crayons. He has a black hat."

Art teacher Andrea Schneider brought over his drawing and it was very like a Christmas card, with the snowman in the hat.

She said, "We have a subject we take and then we let them take over with their own imaginations; they are very good."

Tahlia Suggs, 5, proudly showed her Chinese lantern, which was already on the bulletin board. "This was fun," she said.

Allison Bratsch, 6, said she had drawn a "Chinese lady, with a little snowman."

As for the older children, eighth graders create community projects. This Catholic Schools Week, they made backpacks, to be distributed to another Catholic school in Elizabeth, where there are many needy children who do not have backpacks.

On the first floor of the school, Anna Marie Quagliato was guiding her class of pre-K children, mostly just three years old, who were absorbed in making things. On the walls outside the classroom were many small handprints in bright paint. A sign read, "One small hand can make a world of difference."

The teacher said, "We teach them, especially this week, that they are all very important, and that everybody is special. They all know where their handprints are."

Down the same hall, there was a large quilt, made for Martin Luther King Jr. day, with "dreams" of the children. One child's dream was that all the African children would have enough to eat. Another, who



Photo By Joe Sorrentino

Looks like James Kocur, 11, is trying out for the 2004 Olympics. Here he is diving to hit his votive candle with a pencil across the finish line. The olympic games were part of the Catholic Schools Week activities at St. James Catholic School in Springfield.

had just lost her grandmother, had the dream of meeting her in heaven soon, with a dove on the quilt.

The school was quiet this day, but with a happy feeling, especially in the gym where fifth and sixth graders were sharing a balloon game and leg races for the "Fun Olympics" part of their day. This was controlled by gym teacher Mary Alice Zavocki, who also is the computer teacher. Virtually all of the children, except for the three-

year-olds, use computers regularly. Fifth-grade teacher Jennifer Campbell looked on after she brought in her children.

"Now it's time for fun; this morning we had the 'Academic Olympics' — I am also the science teacher," she said.

Part of Catholic Schools Week involves bringing the parents and/or guardians into school, as guests and having lunch with them after taking them on a tour of the

school. This they had done the previous day.

It is also a week for honoring the nation and the flag, when veterans are invited to the national assembly for special presentations.

Lori Kocur, parent and publicity chairwoman, said, "This week is very special for the children at St. James — besides the games and fun, they love to come to school these days; our attendance is great now."

## District looks forward to finishing school renovations

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

Upon voter approval of a \$6.8 million referendum in April 2001, the Mountainside Board of Education appeared confident that the renovations in both Deerfield School and Beechwood School, along with the subsequent opening of the latter, would be a lengthy, but rewarding process.

After Beechwood School's opening a mere three weeks ago, more than a year after it was originally scheduled to open, the process of completing the referendum project is not finished just yet.

Renovations at Deerfield began around 18 months ago, and, according to school board member John Perrin, quite a lot was done.

Between the rehabilitations of bathrooms and classrooms in the

school, much of the work is done. Still, the school is looking forward to the completion of two new science classrooms, among several other items.

Upcoming renovations include relocating the computer lab to the space that is adjacent to the Media Center. The proximity between the two essential rooms, which work hand-in-hand, "makes perfect sense," according to Perrin.

"It gives the students the ability to do internet research," said Perrin, noting the link between the rooms that will be beneficial in the convenience of gathering information.

In the old computer lab, a vocal and instrumental classroom will be established. Adjacent to this will be a life-skills classroom, synonymous with home economics.

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Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, "it gave ample room" for the grade levels. "Even in the hallways, you can see less congestion." Beechwood is now home to students in kindergarten through second grade. Deerfield Elementary School now houses students in grades three through eighth.

Many classes will be converted into special education and guidance offices, as well.

Other work includes a restructuring of seventh and eighth grade classrooms, which will be adjusted based on the population of each level.

Building Company, made an agreement to do the work last June, and has worked on Beechwood School, as well.

"He's done a terrific job at Beechwood, and we hope he'll do the same at Deerfield," said Perrin.

"Prior to moving over to Beechwood, Deerfield was terribly crowded," said Perrin, noting that the cafeteria and classrooms, in particular, were lacking space to fit all the students comfortably.

With the completion of Deerfield, Schaller boasted the idea of a stronger bond between the grade levels, both in terms of learning and proximity.

"It serves a purpose in the specific area of team concept," he said, giving the example that if a math and language arts class were across the hall from each other, it's easier to send messages between teachers.

## Meeting set to unveil field plans

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

After receiving a call from PMK Group confirming that they will be ready to meet as soon as possible, the Township Committee is ready to hold an open public meeting Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. regarding the plans that have been developed for Meisel Field.

That Tuesday night, instead of holding its regularly scheduled meeting at Town Hall, the committee will meet in Jonathan Dayton High School's auditorium in hopes of attracting a crowd that would be too large to accommodate in the Municipal Building.

According to Mayor Clara Hareluk, the open forum is being presented in order to hear the opinions of the local residents.

"Then we can carry those views to the county," said Hareluk. "We're moving the meeting to the auditorium in the hopes that residents would come out and we could accommodate a full crowd."

Much thought, time and effort has been put into these drawings, she continued, and the Township Committee is ready to listen to everybody. In addition, they are ready to take any

advisement the public can give, she said.

"We want the public's input," added Committeeman Sy Mullman. "We had a committee and everybody was represented. Now, we want to hear from the public."

Mullman added that at a meeting on Jan. 20 with Union County government officials, everything worked out as hoped.

"The meeting with the county was very productive and positive," said Hareluk. She said the county will be looking for Green Acres funding to help pay for the project, and that in order to meet certain deadlines regarding the funding, she wants to move on a quick schedule.

"We get an answer by April 15," said Mullman, of the Green Acres application for funding.

"Then the project goes to bid, which is another three months. Then, the Department of Environmental Protection comes in," he said.

Mullman said that it will be completed by 2005, but it's too early to tell if it will be done by the fall or spring. "The track is our first priority," he added, noting that the county agreed

Currently, Springfield rents the track in Millburn and also has to pay for busing their students there.

At the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting Feb. 19, the Township Committee will be present to show their plans for Meisel Field.

Because of the upcoming date and necessity of this meeting, Hareluk wants to proceed with a public meeting for the Springfield residents within the township as soon as possible.

Currently, preliminary plans include two baseball fields, a playground, a six-lane track, a soccer field with a football field inside of it, bleachers, a fieldhouse and the possibility of a walking track that would surround the entire park.

PMK Group is using these plans to finalize drawings that they will jointly present to the public at the upcoming meeting on Feb. 10.

Hareluk noted that the Township Committee really pushed for this meeting and the progress of the field's development.

"We do want there to be commentary on the plans," she said. "You never know what somebody is going to come up with."

## Getting into character



Getting into character are, from left, Joe Mara, Bella Vax and Abby Nadel. The Jonathan Dayton High School students are rehearsing a scene from 'In A Nutshell,' a play that was staged in the school auditorium on Wednesday.

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All units respond to house fire

Springfield
All units of the Springfield Fire Department responded to a house fire on Smithfield Drive at 11:55 p.m. Saturday.

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wick Circle residence on Jan. 19 at 11:07 p.m. for a medical service call.
On Jan. 19 at 5:50 p.m., firefighters responded to a Meisel Avenue residence for a water condition.

According to Grac, there was a "heavy fire condition" on the second floor of the house, and heavy heat and smoke damage throughout.

Car accident yields DWI charge

Mountainside
Jan. 24 at 5:26 p.m., Mountainside Police, responding to an accident on New Providence Road, observed a driver, later identified as Lesley Remylo, screaming and crying in the driver's seat of a red Volvo.

POLICE BLOTTER

card from someone in Newark, and was subsequently issued a summons for prosecution, police said.
On Friday at 2:26 p.m., 49-year-old Ronald Flowers was arrested on Route 22 East for a contempt of court warrant out of Mountainside that totalled more than \$1,100.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Saturday
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, sponsors a wine and cheese party featuring a professional wine tasting in the auditorium. Dress is business casual.

Registration for summer camp opens at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave. from 1 to 3 p.m. Camps run for nine weeks, from June 21 to Aug. 27.

Monday
The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., conducts a Rosary/Novena at 7 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
The Springfield Planning Board will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

Thursday
The Springfield Board of Health meet in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivet Ave., across from the Municipal Building for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m.

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

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Pool fees increase

By Rick Kintlich
Staff Writer
Perhaps the only way to make it through winter is to think of summer.

It does not appear to affect resident membership," said Recreation Director Sue Winans. "The number of non-members has decreased in the last two years, but I'm not sure if that's because of fees, weather or something else."

There are currently 3,200 members of the pool, including senior citizens, singles and 725 family memberships.

This year, fees for a family membership are increased from \$215 to \$220. For singles, the fees are going up from \$108 to \$110, and the fees for seniors are increasing from \$68 to \$70.

Non-resident family membership will increase from \$399 to \$410. Non-resident singles will increase from \$199 to \$205, and non-resident seniors will go up from \$159 to \$165.

Most of the non-residents who use the pool come from Scotch Plains and Westfield.

While about 245 families use the pool located on Mountain Avenue, a Mountainside ordinance prevents the number of outside memberships from exceeding 265.

The pool features a 50 meter olympic main pool, a diving tank, and a zero-depth palm children's pool.

It's really the primary meeting place for people of all ages," said Winans. "I think that's what makes it such a pleasant place."

"The pool is a utility, so the costs are derived from revenues," she said, noting that membership and lesson fees, for example, help prevent tax dollars from going toward the cost of the pool.

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College students Matthew DeAnna, left and Philip Statile keep warm by the fire as they wait for skaters to come and use the makeshift ice rink behind Borough Hall in Mountainside. They both work for the Recreation Department as supervisors of the rink.

Time to break out the ice skates

With the tennis courts out of action throughout the colder months of the year, Mountainside's municipal recreation area has become a local skating rink for anyone interested in gliding around the ice during the winter.

The frame stands about 15 inches tall and the rink is resurfaced periodically throughout the season. A supervisor also builds a fire on the weekends to make for a warmer atmosphere and keep track of safety issues regarding the skating.

Matthew DeAnna and Philip Statile both work for the Recreation Department as supervisors of the rink, which is open every Friday from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Event benefits hungry

The traditional trappings of Valentine's Night will be there: soft lighting, live music, food, atmosphere and friends, but something unseen will underscore the event.

Three groups are joining together to make this evening a reality. It's Caring of Springfield, Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and Cuffee with Conscience Concert Series of Springfield.

Representatives of CUMAC-ECHO, the primary beneficiary of the event, will briefly share how their nonprofit, ecumenical agency based in Paterson, helped more than 27,000 people in 2003.

Each Cuffee with Conscience Concert held at the Springfield church benefits a ministry with a record of helping people or caring for the earth.

Dinner tickets must be obtained by calling the church office at 924-379-1695 before Feb. 9.

The concert is the combined \$25 per person with a \$5 discount for those 62 years and older.

Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the concert at 8 p.m. Concert only tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12 for adults and \$6 for ages 13-18.

For information, call Susan Blinder through the temple office at 973-379-5387.

Information can also be obtained from the temple Web site: www.sharey.org.

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Y Day Camps 2004
Springfield YMCA Summer Camp
General registration will begin at the Y located in the Chisholm Community Center
Sunday, February 1 from 1 - 3 p.m.
For campers entering pre-kindergarten - grade 5
Weekly sessions: June 21 - August 27
Summit YMCA Summer Camp
General registration will begin at the Y located at 67 Maple Street, Summit
Thursday, February 5, 6:30 a.m.
For campers ages 3-17
Weekly sessions: June 21 - August 20
Whether it's enjoying the summer days at beautiful Ruby Park or Watchung Reservation, exploring nature, creating crafts, gaining leadership skills, playing games and sports or just having fun making new friends, YMCA Day Camps help build participants character and talent in a caring and nurturing environment.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### Run for it

If you care about the education that the children of Springfield and Mountinside are receiving in the public schools, or if you care about how much it's costing, there's an upcoming job vacancy that should interest you: It's on the Board of Education, and it's going to be filled April 20.

The next three years will be significant for both districts. The board in office on July 1 will set the tone for the public's relationship with the new superintendent of schools. With Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller leaving the Mountinside district in June and a new superintendent still being sought for Springfield, new school board members will have the benefit of working together, both as newcomers.

In Springfield, new board members will witness and help monitor the much-needed and long overdue repairs, renovations and expansions that continue to take place in the various schools as part of the \$18-million construction project.

**In Mountinside, those just joining the school board will be able to enjoy the benefits of the newly reopened Beechwood School, while seeing to the completion of the Deerfield School renovations.**

Board members are continually faced with the challenge of making difficult decisions at budget time for the next three years as the districts once again are forced to manage ever-spiraling expenses into a budget that voters are likely to approve.

These tasks are challenging, particularly for people who volunteer their time and effort for little thanks and recognition from the general public. Still, many board members see a priceless reward in striving to provide the best education possible for students.

Since education affects so many facets of a community, school issues should be of concern to everybody who lives in either town. For that reason, we're hoping enough people will run for the school board that there will be another contested election in both towns this year.

So who should run for the school board?

You should consider running if you are a parent, with children anywhere from preschool to high school; or if you have professional experience in education, as a teacher, as an administrator or simply doing clerical work. You should consider running if you're just out of college, if you have a master's degree, if you have a doctorate or if you have a high school diploma or GED. You don't need to have children to be concerned for the future of our young students. You should consider running if you're a young professional with ambitious goals, if you are comfortable with your career where it is, or if you're happily retired. In short, if you've got new ideas and you care about education, you should give it a shot.

The students need you.

### A helping hand

Now is the time for Springfield's elected representatives in the Legislature to step forward and help it: a way that will spell relief to everyone living here. With the Board of Education and Township Committee seeking help, the Legislature should come forward with the money needed to bail Springfield out of the mess created by the breakup of the Union County Regional High School District.

The essential thrust of the lawsuit driving the anticipated \$10 million repayment to Garwood and Mountinside is that when the district dissolved, its assets weren't distributed fairly. Springfield, Clark, Kenilworth and Berkeley Heights each received a high school, and the liquid assets distributed to Garwood and Mountinside weren't enough to make everything equitable.

In December, Administrative Law Judge Robert Giordano ruled that Mountinside and Garwood should be reimbursed approximately \$10 million by the other municipalities that were part of this regional district. Should this ruling stand, the four towns would be ordered to pay Mountinside and Garwood in 10 installments in five years, starting in April. That's not a lot of time for Springfield to plan for these payments, particularly with budget season approaching.

But what is equitable in this situation? Mountinside and Garwood definitely deserve the money to make everything equitable, but why should the four high schools shoulder the entire burden of paying for it? Springfield in particular is saddled with an enormous \$18-million expansion and renovation project that is still in the process of being completed. As vital as this project is, taxpayers will be paying for it during the next 20 years. If the payment plan to Garwood and Mountinside remains unchanged, Springfield will be making payments to the two towns until October 2008. This is clearly a costly problem that will exist for a long time.

The Legislature needs to act quickly and assure everyone concerned that the money will be made available without placing an undue burden on the people of Springfield. That's about as equitable as it can get.



Photo By Keena Rose Sibayan

**IT'S NOT TOO COLD FOR THEM** — It may be freezing outside but it's the kind of temperature only snowmen could love, like this trio in front of a house on Greenhill Road in Springfield. There seems to be no relief in sight, but as January comes to a close, it brings with it the promise of a quick February.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### What better place for democracy?

To the Editor:  
This letter is in response to Theresa DeSantis' letter of Jan. 9, inquiring as to the appropriateness of the Union County for Howard Dean group meeting in the library Jan. 7.

In fact, the library is a perfectly appropriate place for organizations of many types to meet. Library policy states, "The room shall be open to all groups of a civic, charitable, or cultural nature."  
Organizations seeking to use the meeting room at the Springfield Free Public Library pay a fee for the use of the room and must agree that any publicity published does not name the library as a sponsor. Further, all such meetings must be open to the public, including those who may not agree with the point of view of the program sponsor.

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library are proud that the library can provide inexpensive space for organizations of all types to meet and to provide open forums for discussions of all points of view. What better place for our residents to be educated, enlightened and to participate in our great democracy than in the "people's university," the public library.

Gil Cohen, president  
Springfield Public Library Board of Trustees

### Cross intersection with caution

To the Editor:  
On Dec. 24, I was struck by a vehicle while crossing the intersection at Mountain Avenue, Oakland Avenue and Henshaw Avenue. Thank fully — I must have a medical malpractice suit — I walked away from the accident, although I'm still in a lot of pain. I would publicly like to thank Officer Quirk, the firefighters' first responders for your kindness, compassion, professionalism and humor. All of you guys really comforted me.

To the Good Samaritan — you didn't have to stop in the pouring rain and literally take over for me. Thanks for calling the police and staying with me until you knew I was okay. You are truly my angel on earth.

I just ask anyone reading this to please cross that intersection with extreme caution.

Ellen Brady  
Springfield

### Our postal service is extremely poor

To the Editor:  
Robert Faszczewski's letter from the *Echo Leader* Dec. 18 spoke for me too, but just scratched the surface of the extremely poor postal service in Springfield. Not only do I get mail belonging to my neighbors, they get mine. We rarely get mail deliveries on Hawthorne Avenue before 5 p.m. or even 6 p.m. and sometimes not at all if a carrier calls in sick.

I can tell when the carrier has been to my house by the trail of rubber bands thrown on my porch, steps, driveway and street in front of my home. Sometimes someone will get hurt by tripping on a rubber band and the United States Postal Service and the postmaster will have to answer to this blatant stupidity. When asked about this, every carrier says "it wasn't me," so be forewarned.

When you go to the post office they are usually underfed, so lines are the norm. Unless someone rings the bell you just wait.  
Can you believe that two weeks before Christmas all Christmas stamps were sold out? You could get all the Joe Di Maggio stamps you wanted.  
The Postal Service nationally declared a \$3 billion surplus. It's easy to see how they got there — cutbacks in service and personnel did the trick.

Did you know that there is only one pickup daily Monday to Friday at 5 p.m. on Saturday at 1 p.m. — no pickup on Sunday? If you mail a letter on a Saturday after 1 p.m., your letter won't start processing until Monday after 5 p.m. If you run a business from home, your mail is arriving later than you think — you are not being served promptly or properly.

The Springfield postmaster is not responsible for the cutbacks in service but he is responsible for the quality of service he is providing Springfield. Right now it is terrible.

Vincent DeGiacomo  
Springfield

### Institute a lower starting salary

To the Editor:  
At the Dec. 1 regular public meeting of the Springfield Board of Education, I asked whether or not a new contract could be written to save the taxpayers some money when hiring the prospective new Springfield superintendent of schools to fill the position permanently.

Since the school population numbers only about 2,020 as of June, would it be possible to institute a lower starting salary? At the time he left, Superintendent Walter Mahler was making \$143,500 plus perks or extras.

To the best of my knowledge, all that Walter Mahler had to do, in order to leave the school district, was to give a 90-day notice. There were no other requirements or penalties. He resigned on July 23 and left on Oct. 23. I believe that the Springfield school board is still looking for a replacement since that time.

Walter Mahler had a five-year contract. Yet, after guiding a monumental building arrangement, he left after serving merely 23 months, not even two years. He did this all legally according to the terms of his contract. I suggested

that there should have been some penalties, perhaps a clause stating a minimum time of service to remain on the job or that person would have to buy his or her way out of the contract.

The new man or woman will be given the usual health benefits as are given to teachers and other school administrators. However, will that person be given any other perks such as a car to drive on school business as well as back and forth to his or her home? Just what will this cost this person, or will the taxpayers cover the costs of insurance, repairs, collisions, maintenance, oil changes, tires, etc.? Will that person receive merit raises or just a regular scale of increase whether he or she is doing a good or poor job? Will the person receive annuities in lieu of monetary increases? Or just what will the perks be given?

The previous superintendent had almost complete control of the details of the \$23-million new school construction and reconstruction project. The new person in this job will probably have a difficult time watching and doing some supervision of the work, or hire an aide?

In the meantime, Springfield taxpayers will be paying hundreds of dollars more on their individual tax bills for the next 20 years for a large project which was opposed by many of them at the Jan. 28 referendum election, having only 81 votes in favor of it.

Another referendum should be called to scale down this overblown and costly project for which Mahler and the Springfield Board of Education refused to call a town-wide forum for the comments and suggestions of the general public when it was first presented at their executive meetings.

Hazel Hardgrove  
Springfield

### Freeholders' actions show deceit

To the Editor:  
In his recent rejection of the municipalities' attempt to contest the reactivation of the Staten Island and Rahway Valley railroads, Judge Edward Beglin rightly cites Union County's statutory privilege to rescind earlier resolutions. Reasonably, this gives a governing body the flexibility to adjust past decisions which have proven inept or which have been unadoptable to changed circumstances.

What the judge did not address is the use of this privilege to deceive the public. This provokes an examination of the ethical practices of the Union County freeholders in their relations with the M&E Railway and with the municipalities.

Consider this series of events:  
1. May 31, 2001 — By Resolution 574-01, the freeholders awarded a contract for "extraordinary, unspecifiable services" to M&E "to provide the services of a Class III railroad operator... without competitive bidding."

The accompanying certification and compliance documents fail to convince that the services to be rendered are either "extraordinary" or "unspecifiable." Nor are they "subjective," "esoteric," "daunting," "specialized" or "qualitative" as claimed. Indeed, they are specified in detail in the subsequent operating agreement and are within the competence of any established railroad company.

2. May 9, 2002 — The freeholders signed an operating agreement with M&E Railway, Inc. "to provide railroad service" and to "serve as the general contractor for all rehabilitation construction on the line."

3. Aug. 22, 2002 — By Resolution 902-02, the freeholders pledged that the county "shall not approve the usage of the rail line right-of-way unless and until the affected municipalities each pass a governing body resolution consenting to such usage."

This was a radical change in the substance of the operating agreement. Instead of being a contract dependent upon the mutual consent of M&E and the freeholders, it injected a third party into the contractual relationship by giving the municipalities the power to veto the project.

Since neither R. 574-01 nor R. 357-02 contained such a provision, they were both superceded by R. 902-02, thereby eliminating the approval of the operating agreement. By "statutory privilege," the freeholders had unwittingly voided the operating agreement.

After legally committing themselves to yield to the municipalities' wishes, reaffirmed in many public statements, and in the face of the municipalities declared opposition, they meanwhile permitted work on Phase I to proceed and, with this resolution, authorized completion of Phases II, III and IV.

In this, their second, exercise of "statutory privilege," the freeholders reinstated the operating agreement and wiped out their legal commitment to the municipalities.

In this flurry of contradictions, the freeholders acted to confuse the issue and to temporarily mollify the opposition, long enough to defuse the situation until actual construction along the lines would make the issue moot — and then scurried for legal cover for their obfuscations.

It can only be concluded that the freeholders manipulated legal devices to hide their true intentions. However, the record they left behind exposes their every move and leaves them morally naked. Whether they were knowingly venal or myopically obtuse to the meaning of their actions, they have defined themselves as unfit for the positions of responsibility they occupy. Either they lied or they were stupid, or both. Let that be their legacy.

By subverting the intent of a benevolent statutory provision into a license to lie, the freeholders have made a mockery of Judge Beglin's ruling. Hopefully, this issue will be addressed on appeal.

Herbert Sloe  
Springfield

## 'Lunch & More' is on tap

The Women's Resource Center offers Wise Wonderful Women programs in February. For information about these or other programs, call the Center at 908-273-7253 or visit their Web site at [www.womesource.org](http://www.womesource.org).

The Wise Wonderful Women of the Women's Resource Center and The Connection for Women & Families in Summit will be sponsoring a "Lunch and More" event featuring Bryan Burrough, co-author of "Barons at the Gate," Feb. 10 from noon to 1:30 p.m. As a catered buffet lunch is included, advance registration would be appreciated. The charge is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. The program will be held in Barnwell Hall in Christ Church at the corner of Springfield Avenue and New England Avenue in Summit.

The WWW is also sponsoring "Reel! Women Go To The Movies" Feb. 23 and a book group Feb. 9 at noon. WWW Lunch and More

Bryan Burrough is a critically acclaimed author and considered one of the nation's leading business journalists. A nine-year veteran of "The Wall Street Journal" and currently a contributing editor at "Vanity Fair," Burrough has earned a reputation for mixing his writing with a sense of mystery, humor and humanity.

Taking his reporting to a new level, Summit resident Burrough has tackled subjects from the cutthroat world of Wall Street to outer space. His latest book, "Public Enemies: America's Greatest Crime Wave and Birth of the FBI," will be published in the summer of 2004.

For the WWW Monthly Book Group, Phyllis Lieberman made a discussion of a different book on the second Monday of each month.

The Feb. 9 selection, "Unless," by Carol Shields the Pulitzer-Prize winning Canadian novelist, is a feminist story about a writer whose oldest daughter drops out of college and takes up silent begging on a sidewalk.

The book should be read prior to the discussion. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Women's Resource Center and the fee is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

The WWW "Reel! Women Go To The Movies" is a lively group for women who enjoy watching and discussing films.

The Feb. 23 selection is "Shirley Valentine," and is free of charge, but donations are accepted.

The group meets in Christ Church in Summit. The brown bag lunch is at noon, 12:30 p.m. is the movie viewing and the discussion begins around 2:30 p.m.



Lily K. Lai of Summit, center, was honored by the Montclair State University Board of Trustees recently for her seven years of service from 1996-2003 as an active and committed board member. Presenting a Montclair State University mirror to Lai are Board Chairman George J. Hiltzik and MSU President Susan A. Cole.

## Local woman honored by MSU

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A "Resolution of Appreciation" issued by the board noted that Lai has served on five committees — Academic Program Planning, Appeals, Facilities, Investment and Personnel — including three years as Chairwoman of the Personnel

Committee and one year as chairwoman of the Appeals Committee. Lai was presented with a Montclair State mirror from Board Chairman George J. Hiltzik and MSU President Susan A. Cole. Lai is president of First American Development Corporation, a global business development company. She was elected an MIT Sloan Fellow by AT&T in 1982 and graduated in 1983 with the highest distinction. She earned her Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Lai was the national president of the Organization of Chinese American Women from 1984 to 1991, chairwoman of International Affairs of the National Association of Asian-American Professional Women from 1988 to 1992 and an advisory board member of Oxford Partners from 1989 to 1993.

## YMCA camp registration opens

The Summit Area YMCA, 67 Maple St., will open registration for summer camps in February.

Area YMCA camps provide something for everyone, for ages 3-17, including camps for preschoolers, traditional day camp, sports camps, performing arts, teen treks, community outreach and teen leadership.

More detailed camp information is available online at: [www.summitareaymca.org](http://www.summitareaymca.org).

Camp registration begins in person, Monday, for family members, and Feb. 5, for youth members and open

registration. Camp runs for nine weeks, from June 21 to Aug. 20. Camp information can be obtained by picking up a camp brochure at the Summit YMCA.

Applications for financial assistance are also available at the Y. For information about Summit YMCA's summer camps, call Amy Kestelbaum, camp director, at 908-273-3330.

## NJCVA offers annual juried show

The 18th annual International Juried Show takes place at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts from Sunday through March 19.

The International Juried Show comprises individual artwork from around the globe. The exhibition is open to artists in all media from across the United States and abroad.

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# Infertility programs offered

Pathways Women's Cancer Support Services, a program of the Women's Resources Center, is co-sponsoring an eight-week series addressing the issues facing those experiencing infertility with Intensive Resolve of NJ and the Inter-urban Church of Summit.

The programs, conducted at the Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit, begin Wednesday and end March 24 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The fee is \$5 per session per family or \$20 for the entire series, only prepaid. To register or for information about this program, call 908-273-7253.

The first session on Wednesday will be "Addressing Your Fertility When Losing Cancer" and will be presented by Lindsay Nahr, founder and executive director of Fertile Hope, a national non-profit organization providing reproductive information, support and hope to cancer patients.

# Summit seniors offer painting workshop, poetry

Summit seniors can express their creativity in "Painting Exploring the Mind's Eye," a workshop lead by Summit Senior Housing resident Evelyn Hassell.

Classes meet Tuesday, as well as addressing the issues facing those experiencing infertility with Intensive Resolve of NJ and the Inter-urban Church of Summit.

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# SENIOR NEWS

Summit area seniors are welcome. Admission is free.

**Speaker explores China's past and future**

David Vikner, a noted educator, will give members of the Summit Area Old Guard a view of China's past and future through a series of slides taken between 1911 to 1949.

The presentation on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the New Providence Municipal Center represents three generations of his family's involvement in the life and history of China.

Vikner was born in China. He is the son and grandson of Lutheran missionaries who have served in China. He is fluent in both Cantonese and Mandarin languages.

He is currently president and chief executive officer of the Japan International Christian University Foundation in New York City. Vikner began his education at East Orange magnet high school and went on to graduate from Cornell College.

Vikner spent three years teaching in Hong Kong and then returned to U.S. to study at the Yale Divinity School where he graduated in 1973.

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# Unusual plants are on view

Harvey Hammer, M.D., of Morris-town, visited Reeves-Reed Arboretum last April. He was impressed with the way the Arboretum fulfilled its mission. So when he began looking for a new home for his collection of African succulents, he thought of the horticulturists at the Arboretum.

He donated to the Arboretum 20 pachycaul and caudiciform succulents stemming from sub-Saharan Africa and Madagascar. Like all succulents, these plants are expert at catching water when it's available and storing it for dry seasons.

The pachycaul succulents have extraordinarily thick stems, reducing the surface area available for evaporation. The stem of the caudiciform succulents buries itself underground, to shelter against evaporation. "It's an underground reservoir that helps the plant survive in the sub-Saharan Africa or Madagascar," said Dr. Hammer.

"We're grateful to Dr. Hammer for donating to us such a large collection of unusual plants," said Karen Moore, the Arboretum's greenhouse manager. She invites the public to see the plants for themselves in the Louise Muncie Roehm Greenhouse at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave. in Summit.

The greenhouse is open to the public weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is often used for educational field trips and workshops at the Arboretum. For information, call 908-273-8787.



When Harvey Hammer, M.D., began looking for a new home for his collection of African succulents, he thought of the horticulturists at Reeves-Reed Arboretum and provided a donation of the unusual plants.

# Winter garden offers wonders

On chilly days, not all passengers want to get out of a warm car? Sightseers with passengers who can't or won't get out may want to see the new Winter Interest Garden at Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

The garden, funded by a grant from the New Jersey Committee for the Garden Club of America, displays plants with various shapes and shrubs with unusual bark.

"Of course, plants are interesting at close range as well as at a distance," said Horticulturist Marta McDowell. Being a horticulturist, she recommended the close-up view.

"But if Aunt Tillie can't get out, she may still enjoy the Winter Interest Garden, which is planted around the Arboretum's parking lot," said McDowell.

Trees and shrubs can have unusual shapes and bark, even when they have lost their leaves.

For example, the Winter Interest Garden has Harry Lauder's Walking Stick - *Corylus avellana* 'Contorta' with branches twisted like corkscrews.

It also contains Korean dogwood *Cornus Kousa* - with mottled bark. The Paperbark maple - *Acer gresum* - peels in orange/red strips.

Some plants flower in the winter, including Christmas roses, witch hazels and winter jasmine.

Viburnums, witch hazels, long stalk hollies and winterberry hollies are underplanted with early-blooming daffodil and fritillaria.

Elsewhere at the 12.5 acre arboretum, walkers may find heart and heather, which bloom all winter.

In February, near the arboretum's Garden Shop they find *Sarcococca hookeriana*, a sweetly-scented box-

wood, and velvety-blossomed hellebores.

Information about the Winter Interest Garden may be found at the Garden Shop, which is open from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Garden Shop is closed for the holidays until Monday.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, located at 165 Hobart Ave. in Summit, is a suburban conservancy dedicated to environmental and horticultural education for children and adults, and to the enjoyment of nature through the professional care and preservation of a historic estate.

The grounds of the arboretum are open daily from dawn to dusk.

There is no charge for admission, thanks to the generous support of donations, fund-raisers and membership. For information, call 908-273-8787.

**Maple sugaring spreads warmth**

The honeybees hibernate in February, but the weather is just right for Reeves-Reed Arboretum's sugar maple.

When nights are crisp and days are warmer, the century-old tree sends sap up to its limbs. Sugar lovers can siphon off some of the sap to make maple syrup or maple candy. Children's and family programs at the Arboretum teach how to make and enjoy these natural treats.

Feb. 28, families can learn how to identify a sugar maple tree and tap it for its sap. Indoors, they can watch the sap boil down into a syrup, and then taste the result. Demonstrations are scheduled beginning at 9 a.m. The fee for the maple sugaring program is \$5 per person, children younger than age 2 are free. A pancake breakfast will begin at 8:15 a.m. for an additional fee.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum also encourages children to learn about nature hands-on, in after-school family fun workshops that are designed to be amusing. February family fun workshops teach how to make maple candy.

In addition to making candy, the children will visit the sugar maple tree to learn how it's tapped.

Children aged 3 to 5 and their caregivers may attend candy making workshops on either Feb. 9 or Feb. 13.

Children from ages 5 to 7 may attend candy making workshops without their caregivers on Feb. 20.

All the family fun workshops are scheduled from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The fee per child is \$20. There is a discount for Arboretum members.

For family fun workshops, maple sugaring and the pancake breakfast, pre-registration is required. Call 908-273-8787 ext. 15.

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There will be a Special Hearing in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting to be held on Thursday February 19, 2004 COMMENCING AT 6 PM IN THE FREEHOLD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, NJ for the purpose of discussion and comment on the County's "GREEN ACRES LOAN APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEISEL AVENUE PARK AND BALLFIELDS". The general public is invited to attend and participate. Written comments will be accepted and should be forward to the Chair of the Freeholder Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, standing committee, Union County Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey. The deadline for the submission of written comments is Monday February 16, 2004.

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EVENTS

Foothill Club enjoys 'Victorian Times' talk

The Foothill Club luncheon will be held Feb. 5, noon, at B.G. Fields Restaurant on Mountain Avenue in Westfield. "Victorian Times" will be presented by Laurie MacDonnell Gauke, actress and story teller. New members and guests are always welcome. For reservations, call Genevieve at 908-232-1626.

The Foothill Club is a service organization and has been serving the community of Mountaintide for more than 40 years.

47th annual Klondike Derby sled race set

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Boy Scouts of the Patriot District of the Patriots' Path Council will host their 47th Klondike Derby sled race and scout-skill contest at the picnic area above Surprise Lake in the Watchung Reservation in Mountaintide.

On derby day, the reservation will be transformed into the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory, and the spots where different skill events occur will take on the names of Klondike towns.

Scout patrols, using compass directions to map out their routes, will pull Eskimo-style sleds between the towns, where they will be graded on their performance of different scout-skill problems, such as first aid, lashings and knots, measuring, and fire-building.

If there is too little snow for sleds, the patrols will use back-packs loaded with the required equipment to hike around the course, but only severe rain or mud conditions will cause a cancellation.

The public is welcome to visit at any time. The awards are presented around 2 p.m., when the last waves have completed the race.

The Patriot District includes towns in the area extending from Garwood through Westfield, Scotch Plains, North Plainfield and Watchung, and

from Millington to Summit and Mountaintide.

Winter evening of wine tasting is on tap

Saturday at 8 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will sponsor a wine and cheese party featuring a professional wine tasting.

The event will be held in the auditorium of Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 300 Central Ave. in Mountaintide.

Robert Jewell with Schefflein & Somers Wine Importers of New York will be the expert who will lead guests in a professional tasting of wines from around the world.

Three flights of tastings will include "Light, Crisp and Dry Whites" - Chateau de Sancerre, Sancerre, Casa Lapostolle Sauvignon Blanc, Ruffino Lumina Pinot Grigio, "Chardonnay from Around the World" - Casa Lapostolle Cuvee Alexandre Chardonnay, Terrazas de los Andes Reserva Chardonnay, Domaine Chandon Chardonnay, and "Alternative Reds" - Domaine Chandon Pinot Meunier, Terrazas de los Andes Reserva Malbec, Ruffino Modus.

These are some of Schefflein & Somers's top international selections. In addition to the wine tasting, attendees will enjoy an evening of music, cheese sampling, appetizers, beverages and spirited fun.

Tickets are available for \$25 per person, \$20 for senior citizens, the equivalent to the cost of a bottle of fine wine.

Guests 21 years of age and older are invited. Tickets are available at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office. Call 908-232-1162 for tickets or information.

Tickets will also be on sale after all masses during the weekend of Saturday and Sunday. Join members of the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mountaintide for a winter evening of wine, music and socializing.

Garden Club gathers

The Springfield Garden Club will meet Feb. 11 at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House at 37 Church Mall in Springfield.

Guest speaker Frank Budney will talk about "Plants on the Lenape Bluebird Trail." Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For information, call Faith or Ted at 973-376-3476.

Free rabies clinic offered

The Westfield Regional Health Department will conduct a free rabies clinic, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., on Saturday.

The clinic will be held at the Westfield Veterinary Group facility, located at 562 Springfield Ave., Westfield. No appointments are required. Animals will be assisted on a first come, first serve basis.

The public should follow some simple preventive measures to limit the possibility of exposure to rabies. Please note the following: 1. Make sure that all dogs and cats are vaccinated against rabies.

2. Do not leave family pets outdoors overnight, or feed animals outdoors. 3. Avoid contact with all wild animals.

4. Discuss with children not to bring home, pet, or attempt to "help" a sick wild animal. If bitten by any animal, consult your physician immediately and call the Local Health Department at 908-789-4070, to report the incident.

'Cafe at Nite' features local high school bands

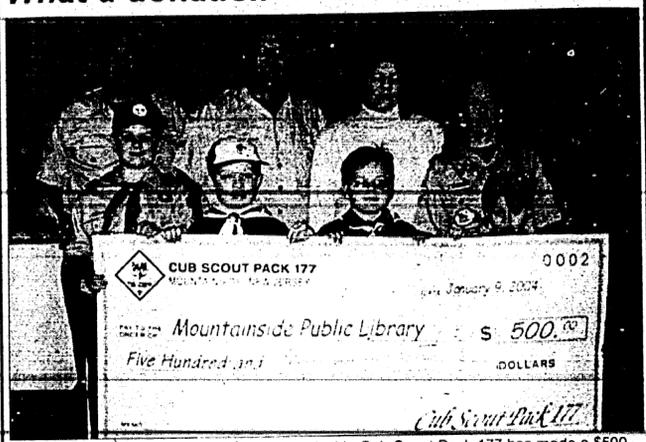
The Springfield Recreation Department will host "Cafe at Nite" Feb. 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring local bands from Dayton High School.

Students are invited to come to the first "Cafe at Nite" of the year at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave.

Admission is \$3 with a valid Dayton student ID, which must be presented at the door. This cafe is for all Dayton High School students. All Springfield residents who attend high school are also welcome.

Co-sponsoring the event are the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield Municipal Alliance. This is a drug and alcohol free event.

What a donation



From their popcorn sale earnings, Mountaintide Cub Scout Pack 177 has made a \$500 donation to the Mountainside Public Library. The library is allocating this money to begin their collection of children's DVDs. From left are Assistant Cubmaster Mike Bennett, Cubmaster Brian Kinney, Library Director Miriam Bein and Committee Chairperson Jo Vargo. The front row has the four scouts who sold more than \$1,000 each and includes, from left: Webelos David Jennings, Bear Alex Choma, Bear Peter Messler and Tiger Matthew Sepe.

Welcome to the club



Mountaintide Rotary recently inducted Anne Homich, assistant vice-president/branch manager of Valley National Bank in Mountaintide. Welcoming her into the club are Judith Burt, left, induction officer and William Blunno, sponsor.

Community Children's Chorus conducts auditions

The Springfield Community Children's Chorus is holding auditions and rehearsals at the First Presbyterian Church Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-0012. The chorus will present a program May 2. This is a tuition program, open to all children in grades 3-6, regardless of sex, race or religion.

Campbell School in Metuchen, has conducted workshops for the American Choral Directors Association, the N.J. Music Education Association and the N.J. Choral Conference and has conducted choral groups in performances at Carnegie Hall and the United Nations.

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

A large grid of advertisements for various services including air conditioning, carpentry, electrical, home improvement, tutoring, and more. Each ad includes a company name, phone number, and a brief description of services.

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SPORTS

Summit Seals make splash in competition at Rutgers

The Summit Area YMCA Seals swim team sent a contingent of athletes to the Winterfest Invitational 2004 Swim Meet held at Rutgers University Jan. 3-4.

Competing with teams from 35 New Jersey swim clubs, the Summit Seals met with success as many swimmers posted top 10 finishes and personal-best times.

In several cases, swimmers surpassed their seed times, jumping as many as 30 places. Most of the 104 events had in excess of 75 competitors.

Priscilla Barletta claimed a gold medal in the butterfly. Dylan Sali set four new team records and Troy Mullane broke a Seals distance freestyle record.

Angela Prigg posted a best time of 2:44.29, placing 14th in the 200 breaststroke, followed by Christine Burke in 17th place with a time of 2:45.74. Prigg also placed 16th and 19th in the 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle with times of 5:16.55 and 2:48.00. Catherine Andraszek clocked a 1:11.55 in the 100 backstroke.

Paul Ebert placed eighth in the 50 freestyle, sprinting to a 23.27. Ebert took 15th place in the 200 IM and 16th in the 100 backstroke, with best times of 2:12.96 and 1:08.10. Ebert also placed 19th in the 100 butterfly in 1:00.14, followed closely by Jack McKenna in 1:00.64.

Justin Louie placed 15th in the 200 backstroke and 18th in the 100 backstroke, with times of 2:20.48 and 1:05.85. In the 200 and 500 freestyle, Louie placed 15th and 21st, clocking best times of 2:07.30 and 5:43.87. Connor Morrison swam the 100 breaststroke, touching the wall in 1:19.35. Andrew Kam had his best showing in the 200 backstroke, posting a time of 2:45.94.

Priscilla Barletta brought home the only gold medal for the Summit Seals, winning the girls' 13-14 100-yard butterfly event with a time of 1:04.29. Barletta took seventh place in the 200 IM and eighth place in the 200 butterfly, posting times of 2:24.60 and 2:34.12.

Charlotte Dillon excelled in breaststroke events, placing fifth in the 100 and eighth in the 200 with times of 1:13.53 and 2:41.61. Emily Tato placed 13th in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:07.57. Competing in the 200 freestyle and

200 IM, Tato placed 16th and 19th with times of 2:10.20 and 2:28.47. Christine Reilly posted a personal-best time of 2:51.10 in the 200 breaststroke. Britney Brandt had her best showing in the 100 backstroke, clocking 1:11.60.

11-12 events: Amanda Grywalski placed fourth in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:18.37 and was eighth in the 50 breaststroke in 36.12. Grywalski placed 13th and 18th in the 100 and 200 freestyle, posting times of 1:02.33 and 2:17.38. She also placed 16th in the 100 butterfly, clocking 32.15.

Danielle Addomizio placed 16th in the 100 IM, touching the wall in 1:12.85 and also clocked a 1:13.97 in the 100 backstroke. Julie Huang posted a time of 36.61 in the 50 backstroke.

Alex Morrison placed fifth and ninth in the 50 and 100 butterfly, posting best times of 30.95 and 1:10.95. Morrison also placed 10th and 14th in the 200 and 100 IM with times of 2:37.55 and 1:13.06. Stephen Leh placed 12th and 19th in the 50 and 100 breaststroke with times of 37.65 and 1:24.80.

Competing in freestyle events, Matt Fargione placed 13th and 14th in the 100 and 500 freestyle, with times of 1:03.51 and 6:21.22. Fargione placed 17th in both the 50 and 200 freestyle, clocking 28.66 and 2:19.97. Michael Strand had his best showing in the 100 backstroke, posting a time of 1:17.75. In the 50 freestyle, Greg Fennell sprinted to a 29.55.

10-and-under events: Dylan Sali, 8, had an amazing meet, setting four new team records in longer distance events that are rarely tackled by an 8-year-old. Sali placed fourth in the 200-yard IM, setting a new Seals record of 2:48.79. Sali set his second team record, placing sixth in the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:09.28. Placing eighth in the 100 backstroke, Sali set a third team record of 1:18.63. Finishing 10th with a time of 43.17, Sali set his fourth team record in the 50 breaststroke.

Sali did not break existing Seals records, because, in fact, none existed for 8-and-under boys' in the 200 IM, the 100 freestyle, the 100 backstroke and the 50 breaststroke. "Dylan is having quite a season and is directly due to his talent, attitude and great work ethic," Seals head coach Hank Buttin said. "He is quite a model for his teammates."

Sali is now the proud owner of nine individual 8-and-under boys' Summit Seals records. Laurence Huang had his best showing in the 50 breaststroke, touching the wall in 44.78. Victor Hut posted a time of 1:29.62 in the 100 IM. Brothers Kyle and Kevin Fries competed in the 50 freestyle, clocking times of 38.19 and 38.30. Nancy Yang had her best showing in the 50 freestyle with a time of 39.06.

For more information on the Summit Area YMCA Seals, log on to: www.summitseals.org



UP FOR TWO - The Summit High School boys' basketball team, sparked by the play of senior Dwayne Reid (No. 21), entered Tuesday night's scheduled home game against Dover with an 8-3 record and two-game winning streak. Reid paced Summit with 24 points in last Friday's 63-36 win at Phippsville Hills. The Hilltoppers, who bested Hanover Park 65-41 at home on Jan. 20, are scheduled to host Morris Hills tonight at 7.

County's top athletes to be recognized for their efforts Will gather in Mountaintide Feb. 8

The Union County Baseball Association will honor a number of student-athletes during award ceremonies on Feb. 8.

Among the young award-winners will be high school graduates Matthew Poskay of Johnson, Jessica Ballweg of Union Catholic, David Drechsel of Cranford and present Roselle Park High School seniors Erin O'Callahan, Becky Riccielli and Amanda Strahan.

The students will be honored for their achievements in sports at the 68th Annual Hot Stove League Dinner beginning at 6 p.m. at the Officers-Banquet-Gallery-4000, Route 22 East, Mountaintide.

The dinner is sponsored by the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Poskay will receive the Joseph K. Lombardi Memorial Award for Outstanding Female Athlete in Union County. Ballweg will receive the Joseph K. Lombardi Memorial Award for Outstanding Male Athlete in Union County. Drechsel will receive the Edward Cooper Memorial Award for Most Valuable Scholastic Baseball Player. Drechsel was Union County Player of the Year with the 2003 Cranford baseball team, batting .435 with 16 stolen bases. He's now catching for the Lafayette College team in Easton, Pa.

O'Callahan, Riccielli and Strahan will share the Bayless Brothers Memorial Award for Most Valuable Scholastic Softball Player. O'Callahan was chosen to be the First Team All State in 2003, batting .325 as catcher for

the New York Giants baseball organization and Bill Siro, an All-State catcher for Thomas Jefferson and a minor league with the Detroit Tigers who coached teams in New Providence and Summit and now is a top high school basketball referee.

Admission to the awards dinner is \$35 per person, with proceeds going to help fund the Union County Youth Baseball League for youngsters 8 to 15 years and the newer Fall Teen League.

Since 1937, the annual Hot Stove League Dinner has been the primary fundraising effort for the Union County Baseball Association's summer and fall programs. Tickets to the 68th Annual Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove League Dinner are available for \$35 and may be obtained by calling 908-527-4910.

St. James 6th grade team began week with 9-3 mark Boys' basketball was 5-1 in county CYO play

The Springfield St. James CYO 6th grade boys' basketball team was defeated for the first time this year, falling to St. Mary's Elizabeth Academy of Linden 40-23 last week. Dylan Prus was Springfield's leading scorer, St. James began the week 5-1 in Union County CYO play and had a mark of 9-3 overall.

The 3rd and 4th grade girls' team won two of three games last week. First was a 14-4 win over St. Agnes of Clark. Jennifer Kuczynski led all scorers with 10 points, while Emily MacDonnell and Jenna Russo each added a basket.

Trailing Berkeley Heights 7-0 on Saturday in a UCLB game, St. James came back to post a 20-7 triumph. Kuczynski scored 14 and MacDonnell, Russo and Anna Lies two each. In a setback to an excellent Branchburg team, Lies scored two points in a solid effort. Donnell scored two points and Allison Weber one, while Casey Sheehy provided outstanding leadership at point guard. Sara Bibbo, Katelyn Condon, Jessica Condon, Melanie Rossumano and Deirdre McElroy also played well.

Dayton and GL boys' hoops began week on a hot streak

The Dayton and Governor Livingston high school boys' basketball teams began the week on quite a roll. Dayton entered Tuesday night's scheduled home game against a 10-0 Brearley team with a 3-10 record and was winners of three of its last four.

Dayton's first win of the season was a 57-49 home triumph over Union Catholic on Jan. 20. Michael Tiss and Mike Mason netted 17 points each for the Bulldogs, while Mike Luciano scored nine, Bryan Stitt eight, Joe Furnaguer and Paul Furnaguer two. Jesse Weatherston also contributed in the victory.

Dayton made it two in a row with an impressive home victory over Johnson by a 66-55 score last Thursday. Johnson entered with a 6-4 record.

Scoring was pretty spread out for the Bulldogs again as Tiss poured in 15, Stitt 14, Mason 13, Weatherston eight, R. Furnaguer seven, Luciano three and Joe Furnaguer two.

Dayton's third win of the season was a 51-43 triumph at Roselle Park on Monday, the Bulldogs' first road victory. Luciano paced Dayton with a 13-point effort, while Stitt added 12, Mason nine and Tiss eight.

GL began the week with an 8-3 record and four-game winning streak. The Highlanders defeated Union Catholic 53-34 last Friday and then won at home over New Providence 49-46 last Saturday.

Senior guard Mike Amalfi and teammates Brian Beal and Jayson Holowell each netted nine points in the win over Union Catholic. Connor Donohue added eight points, Tim Ringwood five and Jonathan Moss four.

Amalfi had the hot hand against New Providence, filling the hole for 23 points. Moss netted 11, Beal eight and Ringwood four.

Dayton girls' sweep Oak Knoll How sweep it is! After coming so close to beating Oak Knoll in recent years in Mountain Valley Conference play, the Dayton High School girls' basketball team can say that it swept the Royals this year.

Also playing well were Phillip Patrick, Addison Hicks, Anthony Don, So-Russell Bugayons, Patrick Wade, Henry Osis, Alex Melleno, Chris Maslo and Nicky Pulice.

Springfield began the week with a record of 8-4. Minutemen down New Providence: After a squeaky start, the Springfield Minutemen 7th grade basketball team managed to post a 41-40 win over New Providence. Michael Diamant, who led all scorers with a 19-point performance, made a layup with less than a minute left to give Springfield the lead.

Tenacious defense by Jordan Sack, Jake Krupp and Jonathan Friedman, in conjunction with four key rebounding efforts, sealed the victory. Justin Model and Brandon Bugayowski, who scored 11 points, added key foul shots in the final minutes. Springfield was defeated by Meschian 40-35, despite a near perfect effort by Brandon Bugayowski. Friedman and Model scored eight points each. Elliott Karp had two points and played well on defense.

Diamant poured in eight points in a 55-34 setback to Chatham the following day. Tom Clark scored six points, while Ross Goldfarb, Karp and Sack chipped in with four each. Sammy Dashkin scored two points and played well on defense.

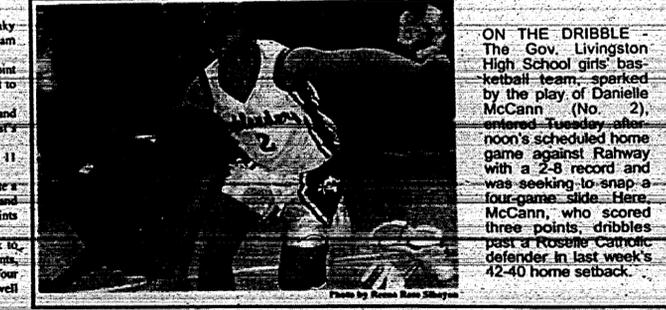


Photo by Renee Rose Sibbey

ON THE DRIBBLE - The Gov. Livingston High School girls' basketball team, sparked by the play of Danielle McCann (No. 2), posted a 41-40 triumph over the Royals. The team's scheduled home game against Rahway was seeking to snap a four-game slide. Here, McCann, who scored three points, dribbles past a Roselle Catholic defender in last week's 42-40 home setback.





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# What's Going On?

### FLEA MARKET

**SATURDAY**  
January 31st, 2004  
EVENT: Flea Market and Collectible Show  
PLACE: Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave., Clark  
TIME: 9am-5pm, Indoors & Outdoors  
DETAILS: Great items including new merchandise, crafts, collectibles, and a garage/sale section! For information call 201-997-9535.  
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by Clark UNICO

### FLEA MARKET

**SUNDAY**  
February 1, 2004  
EVENT: FLEA MARKET, CRAFT & COLLECTIBLE SHOW  
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Ave., Belleville, NJ (Off Joralemon St.)  
TIME: 9am-5pm, Indoors & Outdoors  
DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles, and a garage/sale section! For information call 201-997-9535.  
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by BHS Westing

### REUNIONS

The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:  
 • Scotch Plains High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, May 15.  
 • Union High School Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, July 24.  
 • Batten-Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, July 31.  
 • Hillside High School Class of 1964, 40-year reunion, July 31.  
 • Governor Livingston Regional High School, Berkeley Heights, Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Aug. 7.  
 • Union High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Aug. 28.  
 • Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Oct. 8.  
 • Plainfield High School Class of 1954, 50-year reunion, Oct. 10.  
 • Westfield High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Oct. 23.  
 • Hillside High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Nov. 20.  
 • Governor Livingston Regional High School, Berkeley Heights, Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Nov. 26.  
 • Union High School Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Nov. 26.  
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 • Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, Dec. 31, 2005.  
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 • For information on any of the above reunions, write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown, 07226; or call 908-780-2164.

### Teen Arts volunteers are sought

Do you like working with artists, teachers, and students? The Union County Teen Arts Festival provides an opportunity for volunteers to get involved.  
 The Union County Teen Arts Festival, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, is a two-day celebration of the arts held annually at the Union County College campus in Cranford.  
 The event, scheduled for March 18 and 19, is open to all students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools in Union County.  
 "At the Teens Arts Festival, more than 3,000 students participate in performances, engaging seminars, master classes and workshops with a staff of 50 professional artists in every discipline — visual art, music, writing, theater and dance," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.  
 Volunteers are needed to assist artists with workshops, manage performance sites and staff information stations. Holmes added, "We appreciate the invaluable assistance of Union County residents with this exciting program."  
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Your involvement in a social group activity is highlighted. Get together with a few of your close friends and have some fun.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): A personal ambition or change that is asked of you will affect your career. Don't fight the inevitable. Relax and go with the flow.  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 21): Higher education or unorthodox teachings are emphasized. Keep an open mind and gain a greater understanding of the world around you.  
**Cancer** (June 22-July 22): Look for uncertainty surrounding joint finances. When faced with adversity, do your best to control your temper along with your spending.  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): If you insist on wearing your feelings on your sleeve, a disappointment or heartbreak is probable. Stay calm and strive for emotional balance.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Careful planning is an important step toward achieving success. Take time to put proposals, timetables or budgetary outlines in writing.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Lighten up and enjoy yourself on the social level. Let creativity and artistic talent shine through as you express your individuality.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Consult with family members and get a problem or conflict out in the open. Clarity and understanding allow you to move toward a viable solution.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If a secret or confidential message is revealed, it could damage a relationship. Play it smart and think before you speak this week.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid taking any unnecessary risks surrounding your personal finances. Balance your income and expenditures and stay in the black.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You've got what it takes to succeed in whatever area you choose. Work hard and go after your goals with optimism and determination.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Listening to your instincts will work in your favor. Do not try to rationalize away or ignore what your gut is telling you to do.  
**If your birthday is this week**, your finances are subject to many ups and downs during the coming year. Stay on your toes and be ready for any unexpected demands on your budget or for opportunities to increase your income. Relationships are also on your agenda for this forecast period. Drop the facade and come to terms about your feelings or intentions toward a significant individual in your life.  
**Also born this week:** Charles Dickens, Bob Marley, Andrew Greeley, Alice Cooper, Norman Rockwell, and James Joyce.

**Editorial deadlines**  
 Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.  
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Joining in the festivities at the gala marking the 75th anniversary of the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Jan. 17 are, from left, Nancy Saliga, Ed Saliga, Winifred Madonia, and Tom Madonia, all of Rahway. In addition to serving on the Rahway City Council, Nancy Saliga is the president of the UCAC Board of Trustees.

### Exhibit at Guild examines artists' self images

"The Face in the Mirror," an exhibit of artists' self-portraits, will be on view at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Feb. 15 to March 12.  
 There will be an opening reception Feb. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.  
 Since the revitalization of the art of painting during the Renaissance, artists have been painting and drawing the human figure. It has not been unusual since then for artists, especially as students, to paint or draw their own images. Many mature artists have produced remarkable or memorable self-portraits, as well. Michelangelo painted himself as a flayed skin being beaten on a rock by a demon in his "Last Judgment" in the Sistine Chapel. He also used his features on the figure of Nicodemus in an unfinished Pietra group he worked on late in his career. Leonardo da Vinci left a powerful study of his features in a red chalk drawing completed when he was quite old. Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn completed no fewer than 50 self-portraits, showing himself in many striking costumes, as a homebound young man of 18 to a triumphant elder artist, even an image of himself as a city, perhaps even slightly senile old man: Edgar Degas, Claude Monet.  
 The 11 artists featured in "The Face in the Mirror" at the Arts Guild of Rahway are a continuity of this tradition. Each has produced numerous self-portraits during their careers. Each self-portrait reflects the attitude of self-inquiry into their lives, times, and careers. The old adage says that the eyes are the windows of the soul. For each of these artists, they look into their own eyes and the outer mask typifies their reflection on the image that they project to the outer world as a glimpse of their inner life.  
 Artists in the exhibit are Francesca

### Local amateur shutterbugs are eligible for international contest

The International Library of Photography has announced that more than 560,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest.  
 Photographers from the Union County area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of more than 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is March 1. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.  
 "Every one has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated contest director Christina Baylon. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure."  
 To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other. The photo must be an unmounted color or black-and-white print, 8 1/2 by 10 inches or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 1011, 2618-1600-Cromwell Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117.  
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Over the last few weeks, due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, my wife and I were largely confined to our house.  
 So we decided to take an extended adventure into VCR land, and try to divine good and interesting videos for our home consumption from coming attractions and perusal of video store shelves.  
 We saw a couple of really first-rate movies this way, which we had missed on their initial distribution. A German film by the renowned director Volker Schlöndorff, "The Legend of Rita," brought us back to the period of the Red Guard and the strain and destruction in the life of the fanatic. The Mexican film, "Madaj Alley," brought to life the Nobel Prize-winning book of the same name, but translated the story from Egypt to Guadalajara. Selma Hayek, in a young and beautiful stage of dynamism, makes a stunning appearance in this Mexican movie. These two movies made us sit up in the comfort of our home and take note.  
 The somewhat lesser "Smoke Signals" brought to attention to us the Ban-

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### Travels enhance photographer's 'eye'

Making a return appearance, Sheila Lengua of Union will hold her second solo exhibit of photographs in the Les Malamut Art Gallery in the Union Public Library on Morris Avenue.  
 Since her first show in the gallery seven years ago, Lengua has traveled extensively and developed an unusual and keen perspective of her subjects. Thus the title of the exhibit, "Odyssey With an Open Eye," is very appropriate.  
 The show will open with a reception Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit will continue through March 10. The public is invited.  
 Although Lengua has been a photographer since she was a child, her father, a famous artist, wanted her to become a pianist. She studied at the Juilliard School of Music and performed concerts with her violinist brother, Mark. After marriage and raising three children, she was ready to pursue her true love — photography.  
 Some of her other solo exhibits include Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, the Westfield Art Gallery; the Jewish Community Center of Edison; the New Jersey Work-

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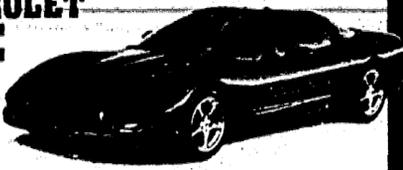


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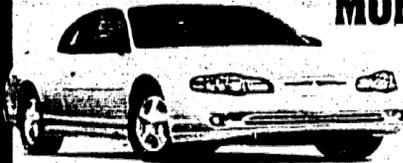
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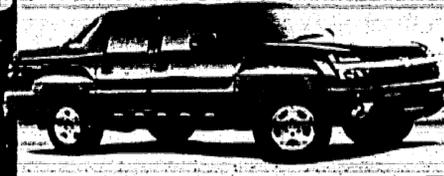


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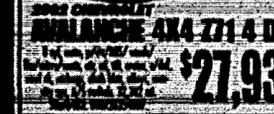
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