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THIS WEEK

COUNTY

One of their own

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders selects one of their own to fill the county council's post. Cohen will serve her freholder term until she is officially appointed to the post. See Page B1.

189 is goal

The goal for the number of deer to be killed during the deer hunt is 189. The deer hunt officially began on Tuesday and will last for no more than 30 days or until the maximum number of deer is reached. See Page B1.

THE ARTS



Who dunnit?

Find out who really did it with the Westfield Community Players' truly funny "Out of Sight - Out of Murder." See Page B3.

SNOW ALERT

Schools superintendents will use our Infocore hot line to alert parents to school closings during inclement weather. In Springfield, parents can call (908) 686-9898 and enter Selection No. 7009. In Mountainside, parents can call (908) 686-9898 and enter Selection No. 7005.

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WEATHER

Friday: Rain, wind, and mild, 44°
Saturday: Partly sunny and breezy, 38°
Sunday: Partly cloudy, 36°

For the most up to date reports, call (908) 686-9898, Ext. 1790.

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Turner elected council president; liaisons appo

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

At Mountainside's reorganization meeting Jan. 6, two councilmen and a new police officer were sworn in, and several other important announcements were made.

Republican Councilmen Ron Romak and Tom Perotta were sworn in by Judge Robert Ruggiero after having been elected in last November's election. Romak will begin serving his 13th year on Borough Council and Perotta is starting his third year in the seat.

Councilman Keith Turner was elected council president for the second consecutive year. Turner has served on council for seven years.

Richard A. Huber took the oath to serve as a borough police officer, as well.

After Huber was sworn in, Police Chief Bill Alder honored several borough police officers with "Outstanding Police Achievement" awards. Highlighting the honors were officers

Michael Jackson and Michael Perotta, who revived a man who had been electrocuted, saving his life.

After the awards, Mayor Bob Vigilanti honored the police department as a whole. "I have been here a very long time and I can tell you that this police department may very well be the best we have ever seen in Mountainside. We get the cream of the crop, of applications from across the state. We have some of the best police officers in New Jersey. I also wouldn't like to meet any of these men in a dark alley." Vigilanti also extended praise to the detective bureau for all their efforts, and their standards of excellence.

Vigilanti also entertained the notion of creating a website for Mountainside. The state of New Jersey, and neighboring towns such as Westfield have their own websites, Vigilanti said, adding, "We will be looking at this as a possibility in the near future."

Of the other official appointments

made, only one showed a change from 1997. Bart A. Barre was named the borough's public defender. He was appointed in conjunction with a new state mandate requiring municipalities to provide a public defender for those who cannot afford a lawyer.

Appointments of council liaisons to boards and committees remain as they were in 1997, as follows: Councilman Paul Mirabelli, Planning Board, Rescue Squad, Board of Tax Assessors, and Historic Preservation; Councilman Werner Schon, Board of Health, and Shade Tree; Councilman David Hart, Board of Education, Library, and Children's Specialized Hospital; Councilman Ronald Romak, Board of Tax Appeals, Emergency Management, and Construction Board of Appeals; Council President Keith Turner, Local Assessor; and Councilman Thomas Perotta, Recreation. Mayor Bob Vigilanti has served 10 years as Mayor, 9 years on council, and 7 years as Council President.



Borough councilmen Ron Romak and Thomas Perotta pose after being sworn into office at the Mountainside Borough Council's reorganization meeting Jan. 6.

Governor signs bill raising state speed limit to 65 mph

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The newly signed 65-mile per-hour speed limit may be coming to Route 78 in Union County by June.

The state Department of Transportation is examining Route 78, with nine other major highways as possible locations for the raised speed limit. Nearly 400 miles of interstate, toll, federal and state highways in New Jersey's rural stretches are having their limits raised as part of a compromise bill between Gov. Christine Whitman and the Legislature.

Whitman gave the speed limit bill a conditional veto and sent a rewritten version to the State House Monday night. The General Assembly and the Senate, when they reconvene next month, will vote on the final version.

The conditions include an 18-month trial period whereby traffic fatalities, environmental impact, and enforcement costs would be monitored. The limit may then be rolled back should increases in those categories be found. Other provisions include the doubling fines for speeding.

NJDOT Commissioner John Hatley, meanwhile, will consider which highway stretches are to get the 65 mph limit. This would include Route 78 from where it splits with Route 24 at Springfield, through Summit and Mountainside and westward to the Delaware River.

The three local traffic officers said raising the state speed limit will scarcely affect their operations. "Mountainside has about 1,000 feet of the right lane of eastbound Route 78 in its jurisdiction," said Borough Police Lt. John Olcok. "It's such a small stretch, we occasionally patrol it, respond to all accident calls, and handle any matters we find. Otherwise, the State Police out of Somerville has the primary enforcement."

"We go onto 78 and 24 when there are accidents," said Springfield Police Capt. David Hartong. "The State Police patrols those highways while we handle Route 22."

"I'm actually for the new speed limit," said Summit Police Lt. David Formichella, "since most people are doing it through our

three miles of Summit, and others obeying the law are almost getting run-off-the-road. We do work with the State Police and other departments with patrols, speed enforcement and accidents."

One condition which didn't make Whitman's rewrite is an increased crackdown on aggressive driving. The State Police has been focusing on enforcing speeding, tailgating, and other moving violations since March 17. Besides enforcement on state and federal highways, the troopers have supplied funds for local enforcement campaigns.

At least one municipal elder, Springfield Township Committee member Roy Hirschfeld, is not as sanguine about the speed limit boost.

"The new limit isn't a good idea on 78 in Springfield," said Hirschfeld. "There's a poorly designed bend where Route 24 meets 78 where there's a lot of accidents. People don't realize that although 24 is a state highway, our police, fire, first aid, and public works people handle crashes there first — and we don't get compensated for it."

River bill creates flood-control group

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Efforts to curb flooding along the Rahway River took a step forward with a stroke of a pen Monday afternoon.

Governor Christine Whitman signed Assembly Bill No. 665 in Trenton at about 1 p.m. Bill A-665, entitled the "Rahway River Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee Act," permits localities along the waterway to form a watchdog group.

"This is a great day for residents along the Rahway River," said Assemblyman Joel Weingarten. R-Union. "I'm standing right here in the name of the residents of the Rahway River. We're trying to get things done."

Weingarten said the watchdog group can seek state and federal grants for flood protection, and the group if necessary, may file with the Rahway River Flood Control Authority to issue notices and temporary projects.

The group's members would be largely environmentalists, but also farmers whose riverfronts border the town. There would be a seat for each municipality in the Union County, including Clark, Cranford, Elizabeth, Garwood, Northwinton, Linden, Mountainside, Rahway, Springfield, Summit, Union Township and Winfield. Essex County representatives would include Maplewood, Millburn, Orange, South Orange and West Orange.

Seating, however, would not be limited to the Essex and Union County towns. Representatives from Middlesex County's Carteret and Woodbridge would be included, as would a representative from each of the county governments. The commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection will also hold a seat, but will not vote.

Of the above listed towns, Cranford, Millburn, Springfield and Union were the most vocal when the Rahway overflowed June 24 and 25. Remnants of Hurricane Damsy dumped eight

inches of rain before morning rush hour, flooding hundreds of basement, standing motorists and causing over \$3 million in damage.

The flood prompted Weingarten, Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole, and state Senator Louis Bassano, all R-Union, to make a multi-lateral system steering session in August. At the meeting, members from local, county, state, and federal agencies coordinated a flood-control game plan, which included accelerating river dredging and bridge construction in Millburn, Springfield and Union.

"The meeting also boosted Bill A-665," said state Senator Richard Higgins. R-Union. "We're trying to get things done."

"We asked for municipal governments along the river to pass resolutions of support, and most did," Weingarten said. "The Assembly bill passed in November and the Senate passed it as amended Dec. 23. The governor's job was to take it to the original A-665 bore the words "Upper Rahway River" in its title. The other version, backed by Assemblyman Joseph Signa, D-Union, included Elizabeth, Linden, Rahway, Roselle, Woodbridge and Carteret."

"There was a concern that what may be done on the Upper Rahway River valley may adversely affect those downstream," Weingarten said. "We thought both bills to a committee for a concurrence session and brought the final bill to the Assembly for approval."

Bill A-665 was approved by the assembly 62-14 and taken to the governor's office. Whitman signed the bill, along with a steady stream of others, on the 20th of the Legislature's last day. The next step is for localities to select delegates and organize the group by mid-spring.

5-year tech plan announced

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

In December, the Mountainside Board of Education released a five-year plan outlining the direction the district will take to keep pace with changing technology.

"The ability to function in society dictates that every student in the district become literate and functional in the use of technology. A five-year plan allows the district to continue preparing our students to successfully enter the 21st century," said Board President Pat Taeschler.

The new plan, which will take effect this January and will run through 2002, will provide instructional programs for students based on grade and skill levels. Students will learn to demonstrate competency in communication, information processing, and "real world applications," according to the board. There will also be a staff-development

program that will educate teachers and administrators on word processing, spreadsheets, and school administration software.

The other steps of the plan will include the maintenance of equipment, management of operations, and the interaction of the community, through technology-related projects and E-Mail.

"According to Taeschler, "The district is striving to make classroom technology as natural as reading and writing." Currently, Deerfield students from kindergarten through eighth grade use computers, interactive videodisks, CD-ROM, digital cameras, scanners, and other equipment as part of instructional programs in various subjects.

The district's future planning includes having technology in every classroom, with programs designed to build skills on a year-to-year basis, the board announced.

Will the higher cigarette tax reduce smoking?

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

Last month, Gov. Christine Whitman signed into law an increase in the wholesale tax on tobacco, doubling it to 48 percent. It took effect on Jan. 1, and adds 40 cents to the price of a pack of cigarettes. The tax gives New Jersey the fourth-highest tobacco tax in the nation.

Legislative staffers said that \$155 million will be raised by the tax to fund charity care in state hospitals. Anti-smoking advocates hope the increase will prevent new smokers from starting. Many smokers feel that not only is the tax unfair, but that it will not stop them from smoking. Some even question whether or not the money raised will go to health care as intended. The tax follows a legislative

We're asking

trend in cracking down on smoking. Many restaurants and public buildings have already banned smoking from their premises. Identification is now required for anyone under 27 years of age to purchase cigarettes, though the minimum age to purchase remains 18. Although the tax hike is intended to reduce the danger of second-hand smoke for non-smokers, and to stop new smokers from starting, the legal age-limit for smokers remains an issue. With the age limit to purchase tobacco products remaining at 18, many question whether the tax legislation will be effective, since tobacco companies aim their advertising campaigns at young people, on whom they



Perotta Kinney

depend for much of their revenue. The Echo Leader asked Mountainside residents what they thought about the tax increase.

Gerard Souza said the tax will not affect people who smoke. "I am from Essex, and there it is nearly \$4 a pack and people still smoke. Even in Japan where it is roughly \$6 per pack, it is more of a status thing. People want to smoke cigarettes just like people here want

to smoke Cuban cigars, which are illegal. Other countries make megabucks on taxing cigarettes, but people still smoke."

Anne DeVos, also from Europe, agreed. "In Germany, the price for 18 cigarettes is not even the usual 20, is it about \$4.50 a pack. People who are smokers, like myself, will not stop smoking. And in most areas, even young people will still start smoking, since the money is never going to be a concern."

George Fabian, a cigar smoker, thought the tax is an issue of individual freedom. "This is a matter of individual liberty. It is a game politicians play, pushing taxes on the weakest people they feel will not fight back," he said. "On the one side, smoking is bad for health. But on the other side, we have the right to do anything we want to our own

health." Cass Kinney did not think making smokers pay more will make them stop. "I've seen my friends, and they will do anything to smoke. I stopped years ago, but I was fortunate. It is unfortunate that the tax will not work," she said.

Another former smoker is a bit more optimistic. Michael Perotta, 57, said he gave up in 17 years ago, and is sympathetic with smokers. But he is for the tax. Sure, I think people have gone overboard with not allowing smoking in ballparks and arenas, etc. But I think this tax may send a message to young people," he said.

Judy Carson was also concerned with today's youth. "I really wish it would stop the young kids. I've had too many deaths in my family due to smoking," she said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Today

• The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'ary Shalom, Springfield, is holding its first "Rafflemania" today. Doors open at 7 p.m. and admission is \$5 per person. Refreshments will be served, and only those over the age of 21 will be admitted.

• Lucky winners that evening will take home the pick of over 200 items. Some of the prizes being raffled include a two-night stay, dinner and a show at Bally's Park Place in Atlantic City; Broadway theater tickets; a day of beauty; and a Saturday night's stay in a luxurious suite at the Grand Summit Hotel including dinner and Sunday brunch.

• Temple Sha'ary Shalom is located at 78 South Springfield Ave. Springfield. For further information, call the Temple office at (973) 379-5387.

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the New Jersey Historical Commission in Trenton, will be the principal speaker. Local clergy, municipal officials and community leaders will also participate in the interfaith service. Various choirs, under the direction of Cantor Marva Novick of Temple Emanu-El and Dr. Barbara Thomson of the Congregational Church, will present musical selections. Afterwards, refreshments will be served.

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If you cannot attend this registration, call 232-2088 before Jan. 31. Anyone signing up after Jan. 31 will be placed on a waiting list and allowed to play only if space allows.

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New members are welcome. For additional information, contact Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Hart at (908) 233-4036.

Jan. 29

• Springfield Hadassah will hold a luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield. Rena Graham, Fund Raising vice-president will take reservations for the breakfast fashion seminar to be held on March 26 at Nordstroms Department store in lieu of the March meeting. A donation of \$10 will be required.

Michael Levine and Israel Grossman of Merrill Lynch Investment Company will speak on Retirement Planning.

Feb. 19

• Deerfield School has announced registration for its 1998-99 kindergarten classes to be held by appointment on Feb. 10 to 12.

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New members are welcome. For additional information, contact Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Hart at (908) 233-4036.

Jan. 29

• Springfield Hadassah will hold a luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield. Rena Graham, Fund Raising vice-president will take reservations for the breakfast fashion seminar to be held on March 26 at Nordstroms Department store in lieu of the March meeting. A donation of \$10 will be required.

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School Board addresses budget, technology, transportation needs

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

At last Tuesday's Mountainside-Board of Education meeting, topics included the school's budget, technology and transportation.

The board said they will continue to provide funds for their technological goals, which were outlined in last month's technology plan. They also announced a plan to allow parents and stakeholders in the community help Deerfield staff and administration develop and outline the direction the district will follow.

Chief School Administrator Gerald Schaller commented on the budget for the 1998-1999 school year. "In developing the budget, emphasis has been placed on maintaining and continuing to provide a high quality instructional program and the needed support services. At the same time, district staff has to plan for and provide budgetary support for new and continuing challenges," he said.

One of these new challenges is the five-year technology plan.

which was recently approved by the board. "Our mission is to develop computer technology literacy and, in addition, to provide a strong foundation for students who may wish to further their education and/or careers in computer technology," said Schaller.

The plan, which has been submitted to the N.J. State Department of Education, enables the district to receive \$42 per child for technology from the borough.

The board has also reviewed staff needs for the upcoming year as well as capital output needs which address the physical plant. Budget money has been allocated to replace the Deerfield School roof, improve the athletic fields and refurbish certain classrooms, i.e., the Science Lab and the Industrial Arts Technology Room.

The transportation situation at Deerfield has been a recent concern of administration. The district is looking to consolidate their three separate bus contracts into a single contract in an effort to save money. Schaller said all school buses

will continue operating until the end of January, but the district will take new bids for transportation starting in February and ending in June. The three bus companies that currently serve both Governor Livingston High School and Deerfield School are Rahway, Vogel and Vilanti.

The board has also announced a strategic plan, in accordance with the N.J. School Board Association. The plan is to develop a direction for the district, with input from teachers, residents and administrators. The board will use a process endorsed by Middle States Association, with the help of Joan Borin, planning facilitator from the state Board of Education, to develop the mission, beliefs and goals of the district.

The inaugural meeting will be held on Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Cafeteria. The meeting is open to the public and will provide an opportunity for all to give input on what they feel are the strengths and needs of the district.

School district is expected to pass state monitoring with flying colors

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield public school system is expected to pass the state Department of Education's monitoring process with flying colors by Friday, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Judy Zimmerman, albeit in a guarded tone, made the prediction before the Board of Education Monday night.

"The state monitors have to walk through the James Caldwell and Thelma Sandmeier schools and complete their evaluations Thursday," said Zimmerman. "They then have to file a report to the Commissioner of Education by March 15 and send us a copy. Going by their comments during the week, and barring any surprises, I can almost safely say that we'll pass."

Zimmerman and the school administration had been preparing for the state monitors for six months. The monitors appear every seven years to check for compliance with state build-

ing and curriculum requirements. The monitoring is the first for Springfield since it absorbed Jonathan Dayton High School.

"I have to thank the staff of the administration and the five schools for their work," said Zimmerman. "When the monitors went through the assembled files randomly, they commended us for their detail."

Zimmerman said the preparation also paid off when the monitors arrived Jan. 8, four days earlier than scheduled. The monitors, who included Union County Superintendent of Schools Frances Lobman, walked through the other three schools and observed teachers and students in instruction.

"The monitors highly commended us on our curriculum, staff development and pupil discipline," said Zimmerman. "We did get minor faults on the Dayton building — a fire alarm in a closet which was removed and not replaced, stained ceiling tiles and like

items. We told them we'd have them fixed by Thursday."

The board also looked toward the 1998-99 school year by unveiling a draft calendar. The proposed school year incorporates 185 days, starting on Sept. 1 and ending on June 24. Calendar features include Sept. 21-22 closing for Rosh Hashana, Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King's birthday, and April 5-9 for spring recess.

"This draft calendar was the second half of a two-year calendar drafted by a 15-member committee," said board member Jacqueline Shanes. "They wanted to keep the holidays and breaks as close to the traditional year, as possible. Moving the school start from the Tuesday after Labor Day was the hardest decision they had to make but unanimously approved it at the end."

Shanes and Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland said the five extra days were for snow and teacher contingencies.

Folk singer Oscar Brand to perform at the Mountainside Public Library

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Free Public Library has announced that "Oscar The Grouch" will be performing live at the library this weekend. No, not really, but Oscar Brand, one of the nation's most famous folk singers and the man rumored to be the model for the famous "Sesame Street" character, will be performing a free concert to be held on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Brand, one of America's most accomplished folk singers, will be performing both traditional guitar and more contemporary arrangements, according to Library Director Miriam Bein. The performance, Bein said, will be a family event, and is recommended for adults and school-aged children.

For almost six decades, Brand has entertained audiences all across America. He has received Peabody, Edison and Emmy awards along with countless other honors. He has performed with his good friend, the late

'The concert will feature a masterpiece of incisive humor and perceptive commentary, singalongs and musical games for children.' — Miriam Bein,

Library Director

Woody Guthrie and the legendary Bob Dylan, who as a youth idolized both Guthrie and Brand.

Brand has been acclaimed as a funny, thought-provoking and thoroughly entertaining performer. He has numerous children's albums and served on the original panel that created "Sesame Street."

New in his 70s, Brand still hosts the country's oldest continuous radio

show, "Folksong Festival," which began in 1945. He has 90 albums and seven best-selling books to his credit.

Brand, who lives in New York City, usually performs to sold-out concert halls, and for him to do a free concert is rare. Bein said Brand recently performed at The Regional Performer's Showcase for Libraries of Northern New Jersey, and, according to Bein, seems to be looking to do more local and children's shows. "This is a big program for the library," Bein said. "Oscar Brand is a national personality."

The free concert is open to the public.

Service offers help

The New Jersey Division of the American Cancer Society has a toll-free 800 number.

To reach this service, call 800-ACS-2345, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Library, fire house changes planned

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

Last month, Mountainside Borough Council voted to allocate funds for the renovation of the library and the fire house. Although plans for the fire house have not been completed, the borough is certain in their plans for improving the library.

According to Borough Engineer Mike Disko, the borough plans to target three primary areas in the library for improvement. The library's cedar shingles on the building's sides will be replaced. In addition, the lighting system will be upgraded with modern, energy-efficient fixtures. The heating and air conditioning systems will also be replaced, he said.

"The building is just plain worn out," Disko said. "It's like driving a car that is 25- to 30-years-old. Many

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of the systems are the originals. We have to update these systems," he said. The library building is just over 25-years-old.

The borough will look to replace the shingles and lighting system in the spring, and plan to start work on the heating and air conditioning units in

late spring. Disko said, in time for the summer heat. The borough will start receiving bids in February or March.

As for the fire house, Disko said there is a list of prioritized items, but no improvement plans have been made to date. According to Fire Chief Tom Salimbene, the fire house needs the renovation just as much as any building in town. "It is an older building. These plans have been in the making for a long time. The borough engineer has a good plan. We'll just have to wait and see," he said.

Unit seeks volunteers

The Union County unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its Road to Recovery Program.

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Short sighted

It's frightening to think that a governing body could take action and not realize that their action potentially violates a longstanding law.

The Springfield Township Committee voted Jan. 1 to use the *Star Ledger* as its primary official newspaper and the *Echo Leader* as secondary for the purpose of publishing legal notices.

Of all the moves the committee could make, this is the one that is most myopic. Apparently, what the committee does not know is that it cannot publish legal notices in the *Ledger* without publishing them first in the *Echo Leader*.

The law, one that the committee obviously did not investigate, is clear in how it defines where legal notices are to be published. First, a governing body must choose a newspaper that is published in the town where it circulates. None exists in Springfield. The next step would be to publish legal notices in a newspaper that is published in the county in which the municipality is located. The *Star Ledger's* office of publication is based in Essex County. The *Echo Leader*, with its publishing office in the Township of Union, is the only newspaper in which the borough can publish its legal notices.

It's the law. And the committee, by its action, is violating the law. Not only is the committee's action in violation of the law, its members must understand that any legal notices published in any other newspaper but the *Leader* will be considered void by the courts. There are cases that the township attorney must investigate before he can accurately guide his committee away from potential lawsuits that can be filed by any individual who wants to challenge the committee's action.

Legal advertising is the small print that details ordinances and resolutions, among other things, approved by a local governing body. By law, governing bodies must publish these notices, as mandated by the state, in an effort to foster open government. Their costs depend on the number of lines a public notice entails as well as the circulation of the newspaper that publishes them.

We don't think the committee is intentionally violating the law. We just don't think it knows the law. But claiming ignorance, especially when the governing body pays top dollar to an attorney, will not prevent the borough from having to pay thousands of tax dollars as a result of losing a lawsuit.

For the last month, the committee had discussed the possibility of removing the *Leader* from its list of official newspapers. Its reason? We don't know that, but we can conclude that it's our grapes among the Democratic members of the Township Committee. The two committee members spearheading the effort to downplay the *Leader* on its list of official publications are Roy Hirschfeld and Sy Mullman, two people the *Leader* did not endorse when they ran for election. It can't be that the *Leader* has shown bias because Hirschfeld, in front of four editorial board members and running mate Gregory Clarke in October, couldn't stop singing the praises of objectivity in the coverage given to Springfield during the last year.

Not only will the Township Committee — and Springfield residents — face the potential of lawsuits because of the governing body's actions, it will also, in the meantime, pay 300 percent more to publish legal notices in the *Star Ledger*.

Committee members are elected to serve the public, not themselves, and that includes how they spend the taxpayers' dollars. The hard-working residents of Springfield cannot afford to have more of their hard-earned dollars taken from them because their elected officials have a personal grudge with a newspaper, whose only obligation is to the truth. If that doesn't sit well with the majority of the Township Committee, perhaps they should find a service area where they are not in charge of the public's money.

Hunt must go on

The program to reduce the number of white-tailed deer in the Watchung Reservation has begun.

Reasons given for the hunt are as follows: to keep the deer population from starvation, to reduce the incidence of diseases such as Lyme disease, to preserve the safety of our roadways.

Cruel and heartless to shoot deer for the above reasons? Not at all.

Critics should ask themselves what is worse, death by bullet or starvation? The first is violent, but the second is misery. If there is no food, there is no chance a starving animal will "get better." However, politicians seem to have found a good use for killed deer — feeding the poor.

Relocation could be an option if home owners were willing to pay the expense, as is being done in Summit, for example. Until then, the hunt must go on.



FAREWELL TO THE CHIEF — Springfield officials present a plaque of appreciation to outgoing Auxiliary Police Chief Harry Vargas for his 30 years of service at a retirement dinner held in his honor Dec. 14. From left: Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld, Emergency Management Coordinator John Cotlage, Vargas, and Emergency Management Official Scott Siedal.

In a crisis, reporters should be people first

There are two ways most journalists find news. We either search for news or have the news come to us. In my case on one recent Saturday afternoon, the news nearly landed on my doorstep in Orange.

It actually stopped two doors short. I was helping my father with some house repairs and was thinking about taking in a pizza and watching "Mystery Science Theater" when I heard this metallic thud outside at about 4 p.m.

Looking from the front porch, I saw a silver car lying on its driver's side against a utility pole. There was some spilled coolant and a man standing by the car. The pole kept the car from hitting my father's parked vehicle.

Seeing no spilled fuel or fire, I shouted to my father to call 9-1-1 and approached the standing man. He said he was fine and pointed to the driver inside trying to climb out.

I spent the next few minutes dashing between the car and home. The first trips were for a stapler and a

While I'm Here

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

bandage and, once the police arrived, later for my camera and press pass.

Time flew while I tried to assemble what happened among the growing throng of safety cars and people. The driver apparently lost control while turning the street corner, glanced off an occupied parked car and lost control. It crossed the street, tore out a fence and flipped when it knocked over a fire hydrant.

While sizing up a potential picture, there was another photographer with a Polaroid standing in the way. I was about to shoo this amateur away when I realized it was my father. After he saw me first tending to the driver, he

quietly backed his car away from the scene and was taking photos for neighbors.

I was soon asked by the sideswiped car's driver to take pictures when I ran out of film. With the errant car and its driver taken away, I was able to drive to a local store for a disposable camera.

After honoring the photo request and interviewing a few more neighbors, it was 6 p.m. My date with a regular pie and Tom Servo shot, I went to the office. From there, I wrote a story, made notes of what I wasn't clear on, and left a message for the regular Orange reporter.

It was 9 p.m. when I came home. Reheating an eggplant sub from lunch, I reflected on the last five hours — and a discussion on news ethics five years ago.

There was a discussion about a television news crew who kept filming while a man set fire to himself in a city park. The question was whether

or when to report and when to intervene.

The question was put to the late NBC national news reporter John Chancellor in videotaped form. Chancellor said he would start the camera rolling when the fire was first lit, then leave it on autopilot while putting the fire out.

It took me several seconds to size up what I can do to help the driver and do what's necessary. Once the police came, I introduced myself as a neighbor and let them take over.

Once relieved, I switched to being a reporter. Even then, I'd approached authorities offering my observations first and asked witnesses if they had talked with the police first.

The only injury to the driver was to his left hand. It could've been a lot worse but it wasn't. Everyone did his or her job.

I did my job — but as a member of the community first. Everything considered, that eggplant sandwich is the only hero in this story.

Pointless on-screen violence betrays society

About a month ago, my wife, Wendy, and I went on a rare trip to the movies. Between making sure the kids are being watched, finding something we both want to see and then coughing up the eight bucks apiece just to get in, our cinematic sojourns have grown fewer and further between.

However, every now and then, along comes a movie which simply must be seen on the big screen, so off we went to see "Titanic."

While watching this movie, though, I was disturbed by the obvious inability of my fellow audience members to appreciate — or even comprehend — the social values and mores of a time gone by.

For example, it has been documented that as the crippled ship sank, the liner's band continued to play on deck. When this element of the disaster was depicted in the film, many in the audience found it funny. And when it became clear to the musicians that they would not leave the vessel safely and instead chose to resume their playing, again laughter was the reaction.

Finally, when playing was no longer even possible, the band leader looked at his fellows and said, "Gent-

Vantage Point

By Bill Van Sant
Staff Writer

lemen, it has been a pleasure playing with you this evening."

The simplicity of his sentiment was powerful and heart-breaking, but the audience cracked up.

Other moments also elicited similar responses, most notably the captain's stoic return to the bridge, and the policy of "women and children first."

I asked myself if our society had gotten so far off track that the concepts of honor and nobility were lost on our generation. For why else would so many people view some of the most disturbing moments of the movie as comic relief?

Although prior to the movie I knew the statistics — 1,500 of the 2,200 on board perished — I was not fully prepared for the impact of seeing those 1,500 drown or freeze to death. For Wendy and me, the film was a harrowing slice of humanity. Why, then, did many others find it funny, or worse yet, think the whole point was

the "love story" between Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet?

In the days and weeks that followed, I came up with two answers to that question. First of all, because it wasn't real to them. These were action flick characters, not real human beings facing life and death. The beautiful clothes, the refined manners only further removed the people on screen from today's audience. To them, this wasn't a cataclysmic disaster — it was special effects like you've never seen.

The second reason is perhaps more disturbing. The audience found it funny because in this age of enlightenment, human elements like pain, suffering and death are entertainment. And why shouldn't they be? After all, the various media — film, television, the news, even music — have conditioned us to be thrilled by an explosion and dulled by a shoot-out.

Does entertainment depict such graphic violence because it mirrors our society, or is the proliferation of violence in our society a direct result of being desensitized by Hollywood? How can we expect Generation X to be moved or horrified by the death of 1,500 people when "gangsta" rap is cool, television shows require a ratings system, and death and destruction

are passed off as "fun" almost everywhere you turn.

A few years ago, actor Michael J. Fox commented in an interview that a three-quarter shot of a naked breast in a non-sexual context automatically earns a movie an "R" rating, while a scene depicting the explosion of a bus full of passengers is dubbed PG-13, suitable for 13-year-olds. If so, out there can see the sense in this, please enlighten me.

I do think that the likes of "The Godfather" and "NYPD Blue" are good entertainment? Certainly. In fact, two of my personal favorites are "Psycho" and "Pulp Fiction." But I think that while we munch our popcorn, we share a certain responsibility to be discerning: Is the violence portrayed on screen merely a device, the catalyst for the real story being told, and is it designed to upset or at least disturb us? If so, it can be a valuable tool. However, when the violence becomes the point of the story for its own sake, the audience is betrayed and another victory is scored in the war on morality.

Sadly, as long as there's a market for the "raggedy fun" brand of entertainment, our senses will get duller until we find nothing disturbing. And that disturbs me.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Commending Springfield police

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter to commend the actions of the Springfield Police Department for an incident the night of Dec. 23, 1997.

While driving along Route 22 West in heavy traffic, my family and other drivers encountered an extremely erratic driver who nearly caused several accidents. The driver was obviously impaired in some manner and with the traffic situation the way it was, another holiday disaster was in the making. I contacted the Springfield Police on my cellular phone, and Sgt. Peter Davis answered the call. I advised him of the situation and gave a license plate number and description of the car. As I was giving him this information, I could hear him already dispatching a car to the area we were in. Fortunately, for everyone involved, the erratic driver turned into a local fast food store, information which I relayed to Sgt. Davis. Within 30 seconds, Officer Michael Ferrigno pulled into the lot to handle the situation. I don't know if any other officers were involved in this matter, but I would like to thank all of them for doing their job. But I feel their quick actions in this matter averted a potential disaster. My family and I thank you one and all.

John Pysk
Clark

Why is the state still meddling?

To the Editor:
On Nov. 10, 1997, the U.S. Supreme Court effectively deregulated the garbage industry in New Jersey, by letting stand a lower court ruling that found fee control by the state unconstitutional.

Why hasn't the Division of Solid Waste Management at the DEP been dismantled?

This ruling frees trash haulers to operate in a manner conducive to good business practices.

However, Environmental Protection Commissioner Shim is currently trying to maintain the old way of doing business by redirecting attention on the trash haulers.

When will the taxpayers be spared all of this burdensome government?

Frank J. Festa, Jr., county chair,
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Truck KO's pole and power to Caldwell School

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A rental truck's turn-around attempt in a Springfield parking lot brought down a utility pole and the convenience of hundreds of people Dec. 22.

The vehicle, a Ford box truck from Farmingdale, N.Y., pulled into Finkava's Exxon station on the corner of Caldwell and Morris avenues for directions at 10 a.m. According to station staff, the truck crossed Caldwell to get into the lot behind 273 Morris Ave.

"Apparently the truck tried to drive between the utility pole and the corner of the building," said Springfield Police Cpl. David Hartz. "The space is curbed and doesn't have an apron. The truck's box top hit part of the pole, nearly snapping it like a toothpick."

The top of the truck struck the pole's service platform, causing the pole to twist and splinter. Several power and phone wires went down across Caldwell, knocking out power to the corner traffic lights and a block of homes and businesses. The pole carried three General Public Utility transformers.

Police patrols responded in minutes, promptly blocking Caldwell Avenue between Morris and Trivet avenues, directing Morris Avenue traffic, and calling GPU. The first utility trucks arrived by 10:45 a.m. to replace the pole and re-string wires. Five Springfield regular and Auxiliary police cars and four utility trucks were on the scene by noon.

All 250 students of Caldwell



Photo By Walter Elliott

Utility workers remove a pole that was nearly severed in a truck accident on Caldwell. Pole in Springfield, Dec. 22. The crash pulled down wires, cutting power to neighbors, motorists and school children for 14 hours.

School was evacuated to Jonathan Dayton High and Florence Gaudinier Middle schools because the power outage knocked out the building's heating, but returned for normal bus pickup at 3 p.m.

"I got a call from Caldwell Principal Ken Bernabe shortly after 10 a.m.

informing me about the heat and power outage," said Springfield Superintendent of Schools Gary Freedland. "After a few minutes of discussion, we decided to place half of the Caldwell students in Dayton and the other half in Gaudinier. We follow a state law requiring students to be evacuated if a building has no heat, and given

that many parents are at work we decided not to call an early day."

Power was not returned to the affected block of Caldwell Avenue and the Morris Avenue traffic light until midnight. The driver of the truck was given a summons for careless driving.

First days of new year bring string of thefts

Crime did not take time off in Springfield for New Year's Day. Two Springfield Avenue apartment dwellers reported separate burglaries sometime between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Over \$540 worth of valuables, including jewelry and cameras, were taken.

An Edison Place factory reported about \$5,000 worth of bronze and copper dies taken sometime Friday. They were kept in a 1,000-pound container which included 100 cast pieces.

Six car owners reported thefts of items from their cars Jan. 8. While the items ranged from \$5 in change taken from a Ford van to a steering wheel and lock taken from a Hyundai, cell phones were the item of choice.

Someone tried to drop in at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Old

POLICE BLOTTER

Shunpike Road after hours on Jan. 7. An air conditioner repairman discovered a door was open, a broken lock, and damaged framing the next morning.

What started as a minor side-slip between two cars on South Springfield Avenue turned into an arrest by Township police Jan. 6. A Ford Taurus was seen by witnesses striking a parked Honda and continuing southbound at about 5:43 p.m. Police soon traced the car and its driver to an address on Meeker Street.

The driver, identified as Mazarre Gillespie, 64, of Springfield, refused to take a breath alcohol test and was

charged with leaving the scene of an accident, driving while intoxicated, and refusing a DWI test. She was arraigned in Municipal Court Monday.

The owner of a Morris-Avenue business reported 125 tiles broken on the premises Jan. 6. The owner said the damage, which happened between 10 and 11 a.m., was done by a truck.

A Chevrolet truck owned by an Edison culinary company lost control while coming from Morris Avenue onto northbound Cleveland Place at about 10:46 a.m. Jan. 5. The pickup knocked down the corner fence, and required a tow.

The driver of a Lincoln Continental was ticketed for careless driving after he ran into the back of a Chevy

Astro at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Caldwell Place at about 10:57 a.m. Jan. 3. The fire department was called to assist with the cleanup.

The paths of a Mazda four-door and a Springfield pedestrian met on southbound Short Hills Avenue Jan. 2. The walker was crossing the street near the Morris Avenue intersection when his left elbow was struck by the Mazda at about 5:27 p.m. The injured man refused medical attention.

Police were called to Morris and Proffit avenues for a two-car accident about 30 minutes later. A Pontiac had apparently turned into an oncoming Plymouth. The fire department helped extricate the injured drivers.

First week spurs all-hands

The new year waited barely a day before pulling the Springfield Fire Department to work. A carbon monoxide detector in a Sharon Road residence sounded at about 12:47 a.m. Jan. 2 for the first call of the year. The old year rang out, so to speak, with an activated fire alarm from a Kimberly Court home at about 8:04 p.m. Dec. 31.

A busy Jan. 2 began with the fire department gaining access to a South Springfield Avenue condominium to check on its resident at about 8:44 a.m. All units responded to a fire alarm at a Morris Avenue business at about 1:23 p.m., and then to a Route 22 establishment's alarm at 10:49 p.m. Another all-hands call had been made to a Morris Avenue business at about 4:15 p.m. the day before.

Three more all-staff calls were made over a two-day period. The first

FIRE BLOTTER

was for a Stone Hill Road apartment's fire alarm at about 2:54 p.m. Jan. 7. The other two were for a smoke report at a Gaudinier school classroom at about 6:49 a.m. and a fire alarm at a Gail Street home at about 9:55 p.m. Jan. 6.

A carbon monoxide detector sounded at a Greenhill Road house at about 10 a.m. Jan. 5.

Firefighters subdued a bat flying about in a Merisel Avenue home at about 6 p.m. Jan. 3. The bat, of unknown species, was corralled into a cardboard box and released into the wild. A check on a sick Forest Drive apartment resident was made at about 3:28 p.m. and all units checked on a Balswood Avenue house's basement gas leak at about 9:44 a.m.

Vandalism appears racially motivated

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Mountaineer Police Department responded to a case of racially motivated vandalism and three incidences of driving with a suspended license this week.

On Jan. 7 at about 7 p.m., the Mountaineer-Detective Bureau was notified that someone had written a racial epithet referring to African-Americans several times on a woman's car. Detective Stephen Semank observed the word was written three times on the vehicle in a burgundy lipstick. The owner, of Piscataway, had parked the vehicle outside the 200 block of Sheffield Street in Mountaineer. The incident is under investigation.

After being sworn into the department at last Tuesday's borough reorganization meeting, Officer Rich A. Huber made his first arrest at a Mountaineer Police Officer. On Jan. 8, at about 3:15 a.m., Huber stopped a driver who was traveling west on Route 22 for a motor vehicle violation. The driver, later identified as Reginald Barnett, 35, of Newark, was found to be driving with a suspended license. Barnett awaits a Jan. 22 court date, and being held in a

Mountaineer district cell at \$1000 bail.

Officer Michael Jackson made a similar arrest on Jan. 6. While traveling west on Route 22, Jackson stopped a driver for a routine motor vehicle violation. The driver, identified as David Doerret, 31, of Scotch Plains, was found to be driving while suspended. He also had a warrant for his arrest in Somerset. He is being held on \$500 bail in a Mountaineer jail cell, while awaiting a Jan. 22 court date.

A Belleville man was also arrested for driving while suspended. On Jan. 5, at about 2:45 p.m., Sergeant Scott Worswick stopped a vehicle for an inspection violation near Brighton Gardens on Route 22 West. The driver, identified as Joseph Fanna, 26, of Belleville, was found to be driving while suspended. Fanna was released at \$775 bail and awaits a court date of Feb. 2.

An Elizabeth resident was arrested by Mountaineer police for the theft and sale of stolen property. On Jan. 7 at about 10:30 p.m., Det. Sergeant Rich Oseja arrested a man identified as Scott Morgan, 30, after an investigation into the theft of stolen personal checks from a resident of Mountaineer.

EDUCATION

Board of Ed meetings:

The following is the schedule of Board of Education meetings for the Mountaineer School District:

Jan. 27: Review of 1998-99 total proposed budget.

Feb. 3: Further review of 1998-99 budget.

Feb. 23: Last date for Board candidates to file Nominating Petitions.

March 9: Submission of budget to County Superintendent.

March 24: Budget Hearing.

April 14: Annual school election.

April 21: Annual organization meeting.

Kindergarten Registration

Deerfield School has announced registration for its 1998-99 Kindergarten classes, to be held by appointment on Feb. 10 to 12.

Call Deerfield School at 232-8828 to receive registration forms. Children should be five years of age by Oct. 1, 1998 to be registered. A birth certificate and proof of residency must be presented to Susan Nugent at the time of the appointment.

Computer vendors sought

Vendors of computer-related merchandise and/or services are presently

being sought for exhibition co-sponsored by the Mountaineer PTA and the Deerfield Technology Committee. Call Linda at 232-1106 for information and details.

Technology Committee

The Deerfield Technology Committee is back and in full swing, taking on a multitude of projects this school year. Goals and objectives now being met by the group include assisting the school administration with the Mountaineer School District's Technology Plan, designing and implementing a home page on the World Wide Web for the school district, and joining forces with the Mountaineer PTA by co-sponsoring a Technology Awareness Night in February for parents, students and interested members of the community. The committee is always looking for volunteers to assist in upcoming projects and is open to suggestions parents may have to offer.

AT&T Long Distance customers can help Deerfield School earn free technology through the AT&T Learning Points program. The program allows schools to acquire computer hardware, software and more. There is no fee to enroll in the program and Learning Points are awarded to the

school based on qualifying AT&T Usage. Supporting the school does not impact your rates or calling plans. For every dollar a school's supporters spend on qualifying phone calls, AT&T will automatically award the school five Learning Points. Schools can accumulate Learning Points all year long, and are redeemable by the school from AT&T's catalog of over 300 name brand technology products. For more information call (800) 354-8800, ext. 39216.

The Deerfield Technology Committee was founded just last year and is led by Committee Chair Jeff Goldstein. The entire committee is comprised of Principal Schaller, Randy

Palmer, the school's computer teacher, Frank Geiger, member Board of Education, and parent volunteers Laura Albert, Ginger and Reuben Chan, Linda Conditelli, Joseph Decosta, Frank Geiger, Kevin Hassan, Bill Hopkins, Susan Menaker, Rohit Mohr, Michelle Norris, Tom Schrack and Debbie Steinberg. For more information on the Deerfield Technology Committee, call Jeff Goldstein at 232-7128.

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AT THE LIBRARY

Library has new releases

Mountainside Public Library has just received a new shipment of approximately 150 large print books. The books are made available through the Large-Print Book Circuit, a cooperative program of 13-member libraries in Union and Middlesex counties.

Janet Dailey, "Notorious"; Jonathan Kellerman, "The Web"; John LeCarre, "Tallor of Panama"; Robert B. Parker, "Chance"; James Patterson, "Hide & Seek"; Anonymous, "Primary Colors"; Barbara Taylor Bradford, "Her Own Rules"; Sandra Brown, "Breakfast in Bed"; Bernard Cornwell, "Winter King"; Christopher Darden, "In Contempt"; Len Deighton, "Hoy"; Jonathan Kellerman, "Silent Partner"; Eileen Goudge, "Trials of Secrets"; Shayn McCrumb, "Rosewood Casket"; Mary Willis Walker, "Under the Beetle's Cellar"; Amanda Quick, "Mischief"; Petru Popesco, "Almost Adam"; Fern Michaels, "Vegas Rich"; Michael McGarity, "Tulorosa"; Elizabeth Reisz, "Hippopotamus Pool"; Bob Reisz, "Purgatory Road"; Clive and Craig Dirso Cyteler, "The Six Hunters"; Michael Drury, "Advice to a Young Wife from an Old Mistress"; Jennifer Blake, "Love's Wild Desire"; Phillip Margolin, "The Burning Man"; Joan Aiken, "Emma Watson: The Watsons Completed"; Janet Evanovich, "Three to Get Deadly"; Elizabeth Lowell, "Desert Rain"; Katherine Stone, "Twain"; Jackie Collins, "Vendetta: Lucky's Revenge"; Richard Adams, "Tales From Watership Down"; Catherine Gullter, "Night Fire"; Kristin Hannah, "The Enchantment"; Douglas Kennedy, "The Big Picture"; Robert

Ludlum, "The Cry of the Halidon"; Lawrence Sanders, "McNally's Puzzle"; Dawn Turner Trice, "Only Twice I've Wished for Heaven"; Amanda Quick, "Affair"; John T. Lescaort, "Guilt."

Library has access

1997 was the year for Internet access at Mountainside Public Library. To date, the library offers four computer workstations with Internet availability for the public. The library's 56K direct line is fast and reliable and this new electronic resource is so popular that every terminal is often occupied. Where are all these patrons going on the "Information Highway"? What exotic destinations can be found on the World Wide Web? To explore some of the most popular sites recommended by patrons, try:

The website www.foodtv.com takes you to "CyberKitchen," the website for cable TV's Food Network. Featured are recipes from the programs, food news and programming schedules.

Should you subscribe to an Internet service provider? Go to: <http://theist.net>, which provides a list of ISP's by area code, with prices, services and phone numbers. Planning a trip or vacation? Try www.travelocity.com for travel information, reservations, lowest fares and weather conditions.

For more weather forecasts, visits www.weather.com, the Weather Channel's homepage with forecasts by U.S. city.

To find a long-lost relative, neighbor or roommate, try www.whothere.com. Search for people's email or real addresses any-

where in the U.S. and in some foreign countries.

One of the flashiest websites is www.planetosis.com. You can stroll through a virtual cityscape and visit shopping malls, government sites, newspapers plus many other useful and entertaining websites. Call the Reference Desk for more information: (908) 233-0115.

Library donations

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels, and magazines within a year's date.

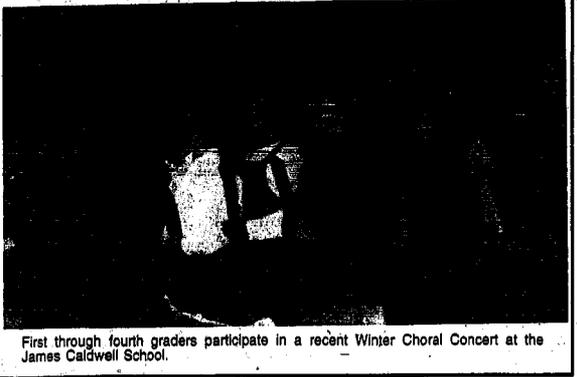
Maroon caps with the Springfield Library logo are on sale in the library. The Friends of the Springfield Public Library are holding their bi-annual meeting tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. The snow date is Jan. 23 at 1:30 p.m. The Springfield Library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Mixed media exhibition

An exhibition of mixed media works by Maplewood artist, is on view at the Donald B. Palmer Museum located in the Springfield Public Library through Jan. 30.

The show, entitled "Memory, Loss, Warning," presents a view of the emotional impact of loss of family, friends and heroes/heroines from AIDS and AIDS-related illness. Milley has drawn from personal losses as well as the general loss of our society from the devastation of this disease. The work "New Jersey 1995" focuses on the statistics from the Hyacinth

Winter voices



First through fourth graders participate in a recent Winter Choral Concert at the James Caldwell School.

Foundation, an AIDS education and support organization. The statistics state that on average one in 200 people in the state of New Jersey are HIV positive. The piece is constructed from linoleum prints of human forms filling a box. The front surface of the box is incised with the outline of the state of New Jersey and is surrounded with statistical information from Hyacinth Foundation's informational flyers.

The piece entitled "Endangered

Species" focuses on the information that African-American women have the highest-risk status in our community. The work entitled "Red Ribbons" is constructed entirely of red ribbons layered to form a rectangle. The work is composed of the now-recognizable AIDS awareness ribbons, but also refers to the collection of prize ribbons from county fairs or school competitions, those marks of achievement in your youth.

Several newer works have been

added to the exhibition. These works are composed of found objects invested in casting resin. One of the pieces, "Lost Treasures," is a memorial work consisting of written remembrances and small objects given by people to the artist to be invested in resin bricks. The bricks are arranged on a glass sheet and the viewing public is invited to pick them up and examine each brick.

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BERNICE BADIDA

Bernice Badida, 71, of Jamesburg, formerly of Mountaineer, a former teacher in the Summit school system, died Jan. 1 at home.

MARGARETA WERNER

Margareta B. Werner, 81, of Summit died Jan. 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

MILDRED STOLZ

Mildred Stolz, 86, of Mountaineer, formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 6 at home.

ANTHONY RESCA

Anthony Resca, 76, of Summit died Jan. 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

LEONARD CASTORO

Leonard Castoro, 59, of Springfield, formerly of Hillside, died Jan. 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

MARIE FESSANO

Marie Fessano, 96, of Warren, formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 8 in Union Hospital.

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NEWS CLIPS

Baseball registration

Mountaineer Youth Baseball will hold registration for the 1998 season on Jan. 24 and Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to noon at Deerfield School.

Local road authorities and postal customers

Local road authorities and postal customers are requested by the Postal Service to keep public and private approaches to residences and mailboxes clean during the winter months.

Post office seeks help

Local authorities and the general public can help the Postal Service deliver the mail as safely and as possible this winter.

NEWS CLIPS

Computer room open

The computer lab in Room 16 at the Jonathan Dayton High School is now open to the public on Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

NEWS CLIPS

Full-text databases with health, business and general-interest magazines

Full-text databases with health, business and general-interest magazines, and a lab scanner. Macintosh and PC computers are available.

Too young to quit

The Young at Heart Singers, Springfield's senior citizens singing group, performs at a venue. The group sings at area nursing homes, senior centers and churches.

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Worship calendar listing services for various denominations including Baptist, Episcopal, Jewish, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Mountainside Kobels excel for GL girls' basketball

Although last week was not the best of times for the Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball team, leading scorer Lauren Kobel of Mountainside continued to play well.

The Highlanders had their hands full with tough Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division foes Newark Central, North Plainfield and Immaculata.

However, Kobel managed to score in double figures in each of the three contests.

In a 63-50 defeat at home to Newark Central Jan. 6, Kobel scored a team-high 19 points, making seven baskets and five free throws. Lauren's sister Alison Kobel scored eight points on three baskets and two free throws.

On Thursday the Highlanders faced North Plainfield and were handed a 29-24 setback in Berkeley Heights. Kobel scored more than half of her team's points, netting 14 on six baskets and two free throws. Alison scored two points.

GL was defeated by Immaculata 46-36 in Somerville on Friday as the Somerset County school took a 23-15 halftime lead and remained ahead for good.

Kobel paced the Highlanders with 16 points on six baskets (two of them three-pointers) and two free throws. GL began the week at 2-3.

The New Jersey Football Coaches Association (NJFCA), the NJSIAA and the NJSCA have joined forces with the "Nike Coach of the Year Clinics."

They will help sponsor the "Second Annual New Jersey Nike Football Coaches Clinic."

This outstanding clinic will be held at the Meadowlands Hilton Hotel in Secaucus the weekend of Feb. 6-8.

Clinic times include 2:30-11 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8.

Among the outstanding high school coaches serving as clinicians include John Wagner of Roselle Park.

Among the number of outstanding collegiate coaches that will be involved include Mack Brown of Texas and Dick Toyon of Arizona and, more locally, Brian Carlson of Kean, Charlie West of Rutgers and Kent Riddle of Army.

Also on the clinic staff is Bill Parisi, Certified Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Sports Conditioning Institute.

Registration information may be obtained by calling Ernie Finizio at 609-259-2776 or Gary Mioli at Park Ridge High School at 201-373-6000.

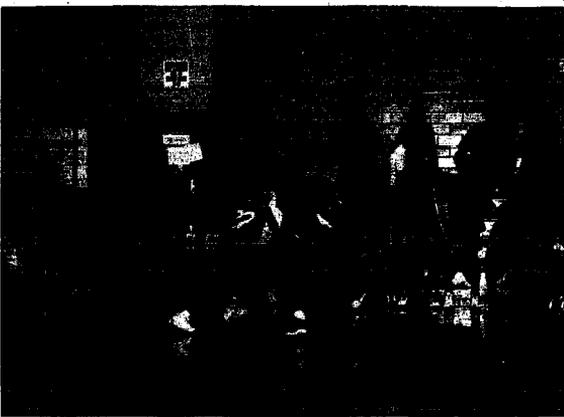
Attendees will be provided an opportunity to visit an Exhibit Area filled with items of interest to all football coaches.

A Nike gift package will be included in the registration fee along with give-aways and social activities.

Special hotel rates have been established for this premier clinic and more information may be obtained by calling the Meadowlands Hilton Hotel at 201-348-6900.



Springfield's Junior Minutemen basketball team, shown here in action against South Orange, defeated Linden and New Providence last week.



Springfield Senior Minutemen basketball player Chase Freundlich, left, tries to dribble past the Roselle player covering him during a game that took place earlier this season.

Springfield Minutemen teams continue to give solid efforts Junior hoop squad defeats two foes

The Springfield Senior Minutemen basketball team played well in its first two games in the month of January although it fell to Union County opponents in both contests.

Conversely, the Junior Minutemen team captured its first two games of the month.

The Senior squad first went up against Linden on Jan. 7 and was defeated by a 60-38 count.

Springfield leading scorer Mat Paz paced the Minutemen with a 16-point effort.

Other outstanding efforts for Springfield included Billy Chambers scoring four points and grabbing eight rebounds, Mo Abdolaziz scoring four points, Michael Jaffe scoring four points, Woody Woodruff scoring four points and Chris Saracino, Alex Belloni and Adam Cohen scoring two points each.

Defense was the name of the game last Saturday when Springfield faced New Providence.

With an edge in the rebounding department, New Providence managed to post a 44-34 victory.

Abdolaziz had his best game of the year so far as he recorded numerous steals, scored eight points and grabbed five rebounds.

Paz paced the team in scoring again with another 16-point effort.

Jaffe and Joe Albiez had three points. Albiez making a three-point basket.

Chambers and Saracino had two points each.

Woodruff played well off the bench and showed great hustle. His dive into the Springfield bench helped save a possession.

Springfield's record stood at 3-5 through its first eight games.

The Junior squad posted a 30-28 win over Linden, scoring half of its points in the third quarter.

All five starters scored for the Minutemen.

Andre Calender led the way with 14 points.

Dean Chenchank, Mike Nitolo, Mike Perretti and Yuri Portugal combined for 13 points.

The winning score against New Providence was a 15-point, 54-39 margin.

Calender paced the Minutemen in scoring again with a 20-point effort.

Perretti also scored in double digits with a 16-point performance.

Coming off the bench to add 10 points were David Levine and Frank Mitchell.

Both Springfield squads have opportunities to improve their records with games still left to be played this month.

Road games include challenges at Westfield, at Warren and at Chatham.

Home games include contests against Hillside and Berkeley Heights.

Remaining Schedule: Jan. 20 at Westfield; Jan. 22 at Warren; Jan. 24 at Chatham; Jan. 28 Hillside; Jan. 31 Berkeley Heights.

Springfield's Berger, Kravetz spark team

Hockey players excel vs. Cadets

Springfield residents Brett Berger and Ross Kravetz continue to excel for the Cranford Hockey Club as it made its annual trip to West Point, N.Y. last week to play the Cadets at the U.S. Army Hockey Arena.

Cranford, which began the week with a 9-5-3 record, managed to record a 2-2 tie against the Cadets as Berger scored Cranford's second goal and Kravetz played solid defense for the visitors.

Cranford and the Cadets battled through a scoreless first period thanks to several outstanding stops by Cranford goaltender Kevin Kutzwiller.

Then, midway through the second period, Ryan Mitchell of West Point scored on a close range wrist shot to give the Cadets a 1-0 lead, which they held until the third period.

With 8:56 remaining in the game, Cranford's John Beninato and Jon Nudo skated in a two-on-one breakaway and Beninato fed Nudo, who



Brett Berger scores goal

twisted a shot over the Cadet goalie to should to us the game.

Two minutes later, Cranford's winger Steve McCutcheon, a 190-year-old Poe Woe, threaded a pass to Springfield's Berger, who skated it to the right faceoff circle and whizzed a slapshot past the West Point goaltender for a 2-1 tie.

It appeared that Berger's goal would hold up as the game-winner, but the Cadets pulled their goalie late in the game and scored with 12 seconds remaining to tie the game at 2-2.

Dayton regrouped after tough defeat

By Joe Ragazzino
Staff Writer

Normally in boys' basketball or any other sport for that matter it could be difficult to bounce back from a heartbreaking loss.

In Dayton High School's case, that doesn't seem to hold true. At least not for last week.

After a 49-48 opening Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division loss to St. Mary's of Elizabeth on Jan. 6, the Bulldogs have regrouped nicely, winning their next two games to start the week with an overall record of 4-1 and Valley Division mark of 2-1.

High School Boys' Basketball

Senior center Ralph Saracino scored 17 points and senior forward Chris Loeffler 16 as the Bulldogs crushed Brearley, 69-39, two nights after the St. Mary's loss.

Dayton did well to concentrate on the team at hand, which was Brearley, after coming off a game in which it gave up a nine-point lead in the fourth quarter to St. Mary's.

Midweek was the next victim last Friday as the Bulldogs posted a 56-40 win, led by Loeffler's 25-point effort.

The Brearley and Midweek Valley Division wins came at home after the tough loss to St. Mary's which took place in Elizabeth.

To St. Mary's, Dayton head coach Bill Berger and his squad say, "Thank you."

"Sometimes a tough loss can turn into a positive situation," Berger said. "We played as hard as we could against St. Mary's. That loss could hopefully turn into a positive thing for us."

Indeed, with five returning starters from last year's highly successful season, the Bulldogs were regarded as one of the favorites to capture the MVC Valley Division title.

But the red flag was put up quite early as the Bulldogs dropped two games in the Len Sepanek Holiday Tournament in Basking Ridge, although to bigger schools in Group 3 Parsippany and Group 2 and MVC Valley Division tie Ridges.

"For a team that has already lost half the number of games in the last season, expectations certainly are far from being met. However, the Bulldogs are working to erase those early-season failures in the hopes of becoming strong contenders again."

"Right now we're trying to overcome the early-season losses," Berger said. "Those early losses served as a wake-up call and the older kids are responding to that."

The Bulldogs expect stiff challenges from such divisional opponents as Middletown, defending champ Roselle Park and New Providence and will have to avoid outcomes like the St. Mary's game in order to have a shot at the league crown.

"Our backs are against the wall," Berger remarked. "The conference has turned out to be tougher than we thought and we have to respect everyone."

Respect, indeed, is what leading scorer Loeffler has been earning. Along with Saracino, Loeffler is being a dominant force in the paint.

"He's our leader," Berger said about Loeffler, who averages 21 points. "Offensively, he's the guy we go to for leadership. Our game is to get the ball inside, because we're not a great shooting team."

Defense has been another major reason for the recent turnaround.

"Our defensive intensity has been excellent," Berger said. "We've really stepped up our defense the last three games."

Berger was hoping that trend would continue this week with games at Round Brook Tuesday at Oratory tonight and at home against Roselle Park tomorrow night at 7.

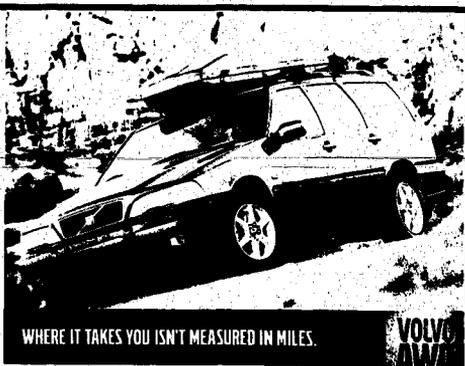
Dayton split with Roselle Park last year, the Bulldogs being only team to defeat the defending Valley champs in conference play.

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Hospital exhibition

Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside will host an exhibition of paintings, pastels and narrative quilts by artist Barbara...

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for people who have heart ailments and their relatives. The meeting at the first aid building on North Trivet Avenue is at 8 p.m. Call chapter president Dan Kalem at (973) 376-0382.

Republican Club to meet

The first meeting of the new year for the Mountainside Republican Club will be held on Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Mountainside Borough Hall.

Anyone interested in running for any of the positions in the Mountainside Republican Club should contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Bill Van Blarcom, (908) 233-0836; Glenn Mortimer, (908) 233-0836; Glenn Mortimer, (908) 232-1107, or Dona Orsina, (908) 232-4904.

additional information, contact Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Hart at (908) 233-4036.

Healthy avenues van

Overlook Hospital's Healthy Avenues Van will be at the Springfield Senior Center on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will provide free artery screenings and computerized stress assessments.

The Healthy Avenues Van was developed to increase awareness of the latest information available through a database paralleling the information available in the Medical Library at Overlook Hospital. Also, a wide variety of information on social issues — including facts about senior services, support groups, fitness options, physicians and child care — is easily accessed by speaking with the health staff aboard the van, who utilize on-board computers.

Sabatino weds Egan

Julie Sabatino, daughter of Annaprie and the late Charles Sabatino of Mountainside, was married to Thomas Egan, son of Priscilla and G. Thomas Egan of Maplewood on Nov. 22.

The bride is graduate of Jonathan Day High School, Springfield, and Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina. She is employed by Ann Mergers and Acquisitions as assistant vice president. The groom is a graduate of the Pingry School in Martinsville, and University of Vermont. He is employed by Oppenheimer Capital, New York, as assistant portfolio manager.

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

Springfield District

Today, Jan. 15, all children eat turkey, hot dog on bun, or chicken salad sandwich, baked beans, chilled pineapple, fruit punch.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, pizza, pepperoni, garden salad, green beans, chilled, or chef's bowl, whole wheat bread, cheddar cheese.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY. NOTICE is hereby given that the following resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey at the Regular Meeting held on January 6, 1988.

RESOLUTION 11-86 WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney is required to perform services for the Borough beyond the scope of the services provided in his salary schedule; and WHEREAS, such services constitute professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2; and WHEREAS, the nature of such legal services will not reasonably permit the drawing of specifications or the receipt of competitive bids;

RESOLUTION 12-86 WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside is required by the terms of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 to engage a Registered Professional Engineer to perform the duties of Auditor and Financial Advisor; and WHEREAS, such services constitute professional services of such a cumulative nature that it is not reasonably possible to draw specifications or the receipt of competitive bids;

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Bagger slated to discuss drug-free workplace bills

The bottom line for companies having no drug-free workplace program and by developing a drug-free workplace, low productivity and morale, increased absenteeism and workplace accidents are all very real possibilities. The Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse, led by its Business Task Force, will host an information session with NJ Assemblyman Richard Bagger of Mountainside Wednesday at 9 a.m. to discuss two bills, A-2500 and A-674, which focus on the implementation of drug-free workplace programs.

policy because they dread the possibility of a lawsuit. Most smaller companies are in a state of denial, believing that their employees are not substance abusers. "Businesses have been without a safety net to fall back on and have received minimal encouragement from this issue of New Jersey in regard to the subject," John said. "It is time for change. Without laws or regulations for a drug-free workplace, a clear message to employers is sent to employers. Businesses and state can't afford to be silent any longer."

Assemblyman Bagger established these two bills, which set guidelines for drug-free workplace programs. Assembly bill A-2500 offers definitions and sets for implementation while Assembly Bill A-674 provides a 5 percent reduction in workers' compensation insurance premiums to companies that comply with requirements. "Business owners who voluntarily desire to implement a drug-free workplace are often faced with the dilemma of not knowing where to begin and not being clear about what they can and cannot do," said task force chairperson DuWay Johnson. New Jersey has yet to take a stand on this issue. That leaves employers with no guidelines to follow other than federal mandates. According to Johnson, many companies understand the need for prevention programs in the workplace, but become paralyzed by the fear of litigation. Other companies with programs in place are lackadaisical in enforcing their alcohol and drug

Join Assemblyman Bagger and the Union County Coalition Business Task Force on Wednesday to learn more about Assembly bills A-2500 and A-674 and how you can support these bills. Space is limited. Register by tomorrow.

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