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## THIS WEEK

### COUNTY

#### No tax hike

County Manager Michael Lapolla presents a county budget that does not reflect a tax increase, and, despite this, the Board of Chosen Freeholders may cut even further to give residents a tax decrease this year.

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#### Cohen appointed

Carol Cohen offered her resignation to the Board of Freeholders to accept the position of county counsel. Cohen is the first woman to hold the post.

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### THE ARTS



**State recognition**  
A local artist's work is recognized by the Secretary of State, who wants the woman's paintings exhibited in the office.

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## Memory and legacy of King discussed at Dayt



Photo By Jeff Grant

The Rev. Jeff Markay, head of the Springfield Clergy Council, addresses the audience with his opening thoughts at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Jonathan Dayton High School Thursday evening.

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

The second annual Community Celebration and Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 15 was a study in contrasts.

About 85 people came to the Jonathan Dayton High School Halsey Auditorium to honor King and explore his legacy. As in the inaugural commemoration last year, they listened to excerpts of King's remarks. A choir sang "Let Every Voice and Sing" and the Rev. Jeff Markay, head of the Springfield Clergy Council, made opening and closing remarks. "I don't know how many of you were here in 1966, but Dr. King spoke in this auditorium," Markay said. "We have not been able to find his remarks but we do know from the newspapers at the time that his presence was controversial. Today, we are here to reflect on his words and how to put these words into our lives."

King would have been 69 years old Jan. 15. His discipline of non-violent civil disobedience largely paved the way toward smashing officially sanctioned segregation. The man who visited Springfield shortly after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968. Markay, joined by Rabbis Joshua

Goldstein and Reverends Anthony Nardo and Daniel Russell, performed an opening litany. They were followed by seven members of the Dayton Diversity Club, who read nine excerpts of King's writings.

Where this commemoration departed from last year's prototype, however, emerged about 30 minutes later. Then there was a keynote speaker; this year the audience went into five groups to discuss some of King's passages.

"When the Clergy Council and the high school began organizing this observance," Markay said, "it was decided to have the audience become actively involved instead of listening to one speaker."

Another difference was apparent when entering the auditorium lobby and the high school's main halls. Hand-made posters and one-page essays from Springfield school system students were displayed for contemplation. "The posters were the results of a contest held at Florence Gaudinier Middle School," said Dayton Diversity Studies teacher Mary Coking. "The high school students brought the contest to the middle school for the first time." See DAYTON, Page 3

## Couple denied bid to open law offices

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Adjustment denied an application Tuesday that would have allowed a borough couple to convert their home into professional offices.

By a majority vote, Catherine and George Parker were denied the right to convert their residence into several law offices, according to Zoning Board Chairperson Valerie Saunders.

The couple's home, which is located on the corner of Woodland and Mountain Avenue, is part of a single-family dwelling zone. Normally, a home in such a zone would not be allowed any kind of variance unless the resident or residents demonstrated some kind of need, Saunders said. "In this case," she said, "the couple did not prove any kind of hardship."

During the meeting, there were many objections to the couple's appli-

cation. Several residents from the Woodland Avenue area came to the meeting with a signed petition, hoping to sway the board to deny the variance. But state and federal law does not allow any kind of petition to be considered, Saunders said.

The Parkers have 30 days to appeal the board's decision, but Saunders said that, to her knowledge, they have not expressed a desire to do so.

The board also approved two variances dealing with the Summit Bank on Summit Road. The bank was granted permission to construct a canopy that would extend over the drive-up window, to allow them to relocate their ATM machine to a place more accessible to patrons. The machine is now located in the lobby of the bank.

The board also approved a variance to extend the bank's driveway to allow an area for cylinder deposits.

## Jitney to railroad considered

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

If Springfielders want an opportunity to comment on a proposal for a commuter jitney service, all they have to do is open the pages of the "All About Springfield" directory that has been delivered to their doorsteps, which includes a survey on the matter.

The survey and the directory are among Roy Hirschfeld's last acts as mayor. Hirschfeld, now a committeeman, is overseeing the responses as they arrive in the Township Clerk's office.

"I thought including the survey with 'All About Springfield' would be a good way of asking residents about a jitney," Hirschfeld said. "I told some people they can fax their responses to the Municipal Building, and they have."

The survey asks respondents if they would take a minivan or small bus from a point near their resi-

dence to railroad stations in either Summit or Millburn. The idea is a means to help Springfield's commuters who travel on the NJ Transit Morris and Essex Line.

"I've had talks with Summit Mayor Walter Long and Millburn Mayor Elaine Becker about their parking crunch last summer," Hirschfeld said. "Their towns have reduced the number of parking spaces for non-resident commuters. I then talked with then-Union Township Mayor Greg Muller about the proposed Towlely railroad station and former Maplewood Mayor Ellen Davenport about their jitney service."

Hirschfeld foresees a service similar to Maplewood's, where a minibus takes commuters to a nearby railroad station from the town's farthest reaches. The Maplewood jitney makes 11 trips daily, is supported by grants, and costs 50 cents a ride.

"I had a meeting with New Jersey Transit official Herman Volk Dec. 15 about a jitney service," Hirschfeld said. "I was surprised to see NJ Transit Executive Director Shirley DeLibero and six other local mayors, who also wanted jitney service, at the meeting. DeLibero and Volk told me there are grants available, provided I show a positive response by potential users."

The survey coincided with the new township directory. Hirschfeld had contracted a state agency for the handicapped to deliver "All About Springfield," but a Christmas holiday break stopped doorstep service until Jan. 5.

"The surveys before the holidays reached only 3,500 homes," Hirschfeld said. "They should all be delivered by now. I'm going ahead in filing a grant application, but the returns have been fair at 20 surveys."

## New officer sworn in to Mountainside Police Department

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 6, the borough of Mountainside welcomed a promising new police officer to their force. During the 1998 reorganization meeting, Richard Andrew Huber was sworn in to duties on the Mountainside Police Department. Huber officially started work in the borough on Jan. 12.

Huber, a Springfield resident, gra-

duated from the New Jersey Police Academy in Scotch Plains Dec. 4.

While in the academy, he took the "alternate route," a program in which candidates financially put themselves through the academy. Though candidates are not ensured a job upon graduation in this program, soon after completing his work at the academy Huber was asked to interview at departments in Mountainside and

Warren Township.

"I'm very happy to be here in Mountainside because it's a great department. It's also in a nice area that I'm somewhat familiar with," he said.

Huber graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield and attended Montclair State College, where he has just two credits remaining to complete his bachelor of arts degree in political sci-

ence. He plans to finish his last class this semester while working in Mountainside.

The last time new officers were sworn in on the borough Police Department was in June 1997, when Officers John Philippakis and Michael Jackson were appointed. Both men are still with the force and have earned numerous awards for their performance.

According to Huber's supervising officer, Lt. John Oleck, Huber shows the same kind of potential. "All of his progress reports from the academy were favorable and we're happy to have him with us," Oleck said.

Huber also has an uncle in law enforcement who works as the director of Police and Public Safety in Verona.

## We're asking

### Would you let a lottery jackpot divide the family?

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

A dispute over ticket ownership among the Rahway-based Klingebiel family may become the latest chapter in lottery litigation.

The mother, Phyllis Klingebiel, has filed suit against her son, Michael, over a breach of an oral contract. She said she gave \$20 a month to her son, in addition to his own \$20, for lottery tickets. She said she had an agreement with her son that any winning proceeds would be split in half between them.

After 10 years of playing the Pick 6 Lottery, the Klingebiels appeared to hit the jackpot Oct. 2. Among those 42 tickets was one drawn for \$2.15 million.

Mrs. Klingebiel said her son called her with the news at about 12:30 a.m. Oct. 3. Michael Klingebiel and his wife went to the State Lottery Commission in Trenton late that day to claim the winnings and collect the first of 20 annual \$77,200 checks.



Schardien Santone

The older Klingebiel, in her suit, said her son never mentioned her to the commission. She said she called her husband to tell them that the ticket was one of those in the joint purchase.

Although the suit was filed Dec. 17, it was made public Jan. 14. Michael Klingebiel's picture, taken while he was entering his Manville home, made the front page of at least one newspaper and his alleged lack of focus of criticism on at least one talk radio program. A saddened Phyllis Klingebiel, through a press conference by her Union Township attorney's office the next

day, said she felt pained about how her son was depicted.

There is no question hitting a large lottery jackpot changes a winner's life. Winners tell stories how relationships with friends and associates have been altered. New Jersey's state lottery holds support groups for their multi-millionaires.

The Rahway matter, if it goes to court, isn't the first ticket ownership dispute. One of the earliest cases was between a man and his neighbors in Virginia in 1992. The commonwealth court there ruled that the individual, who won all \$3 million in winnings from a single ticket, although his neighbors said that ticket came from a pool.

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McDuffie Milewski

fight in Rahway," said Kathleen Schardien, assistant manager of the General Greene Foodtown. "There's always been a few group purchases among the individual buyers."

"We really don't ask people if they're buying for themselves," said Foodtown manager Carl Santone. "What we do notice is that the customer volume grows when it gets closer to drawing time and the earnings go over a certain amount."

"The customers start coming in," said Springfield Wines & Liquors manager Harry Patel, "when the

winnings go over \$6 million."

"A few years ago I was part of a five-person pool," said player Betty Hummer. "When we came up with a winning number, we split it equally. And that's what that Rahway son should do."

"I'm part of a group at work that plays together," said Aaron McDuffie. "What we do is after we buy a ticket, we all sign it and make a photocopy. It's not right that the son should deny the mother like that."

"I play the lottery," said Robert Milewski, "but only for myself. It avoids all kinds of problems, like who owns the winning ticket."

"The family's money should be shared," said Gus Pinto. "To cut your own mother out, it's not right. What if she dies and we're then he'll be by himself."

"It doesn't matter if it's here in New Jersey, where my mother is, or if I'm in Maryland," said Tom DiViccaro. "When we buy lottery tickets, we split them down the middle. It's the right thing to do."

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## 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 Council, a cooperative program of 13-member libraries in Union and Middlesex counties.

John Dealey, "Notorious"; Jonathan Kellerman, "The Web"; John LeCarre, "Tailor of Panama"; Robert B. Parker, "Chance"; James Patterson, "Hide & Seek"; Anonymous, "Princess Academy"; Barbara Taylor Bradford, "Her Own Rules"; Sandra Brown, "Breakfast in Bed"; Bernard Cornwell, "Winter King"; Christopher Durkin, "The Conspiracy"; Les Droughton, "How"; Jonathan Kellerman, "Silent Partner"; Elsie George, "Trial of Secrets"; Sharyn McCrumb, "Rosewood Casket"; Mary Willis Walker, "Under the Beetle's Cellar"; Amanda Quisp, "Mischief"; Fern Piccolo, "Almond Adam"; Fern Michaels, "Vegas Risk"; Michael McGarrity, "Talarosa"; Elizabeth Peters, "Hippopotamus Pool"; Bob Rans, "Paraglider Road"; Clive Cussler, "The Sea Hunters"; Michael Drury, "Advice to a Young Wife from an Old Mistress"; Jennifer Blake, "Love's Wild Desire"; Philip Margolin, "The Burning Man"; Joan Aiken, "Emma Watson"; The Watsons Completed"; Janet Evanovich, "Three to Get Deadly"; Elizabeth Lowell, "Desert Rain"; Katherine Stone, "Twins"; Jackie Collins, "Vendetta"; Lucky's Revenge"; Richard Adams, "Tales from Waterbury Down"; Kristina Gaultier, "Night Fire"; Kristin Hannah, "The Enchantment"; Douglas Kennedy, "The Big Picture"; Robert Ludlum, "The Cry of the Hidden"; Lawrence Sanders, "McNally's Puzzle"; Dawn Turner Trice, "Only Twice I've Wished for Heaven"; Amanda Quisp, "Affair"; John T. Leszczar, "Gull".

## Library has online access

1997 was the year for Internet access at Mountainside Public Library. To date, the library offers four computer work stations with Internet availability for the public. The library's 50K download 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:

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Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and dessert will be supplied. The Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountainside Ave.

**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 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 Mountainside Ave. For information call (973) 376-4920.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

**Saturday**  
Mountainside Youth Baseball will hold registration for the 1998 season on Saturday and Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to noon at Deerfield School. Registration will also be held Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. Youngsters who will be 7 to 14 years of age as of Aug. 1, 1998, are eligible to participate.

T-Ball clinics on Saturday mornings will be held for 7-year-olds. The American League will consist of 8- and 9-year-olds; the Major League of 10-, 11- and 12-year-olds, and the Pony League will be for 13- and 14-year-olds.

Registration fees are \$65 per person, and \$55 for each additional child in the family. T-Ball is \$35 each. First-year participants are asked to bring a copy of his or her birth certificate to the registration. Parents of participants are asked to give four hours of their time during the season.

If you cannot attend this registration, call 132-2088 before Feb. 31. Anyone signing up after Jan. 31 will be placed on a waiting list and allowed to play only if space allows.

The Mountainside Rotary Club is sponsoring its third in a series of estate planning seminars, to be offered at the Mountainside Public Library on Constitution Plaza at 3 p.m.

The topic for this 45-minute seminar will be trust. Catherine Pious Parker, an estate planning attorney, will discuss the various types of trusts one can establish to implement a strategic estate plan. The living trust, supplemental needs trusts for the disabled and trust for minors will be a few of the trusts highlighted. Fred Muzoz of the Trust Department of Merrill Lynch will explain how these various types of trusts are actually administered and controlled once they are established. In addition, Muzoz will outline the advantages and disadvantages of using a corporate versus an individual trustee.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Questions may be directed to Catherine Parker, a member of the Mountainside Rotary Club, at (908) 232-2766.

**Wednesday**  
The first meeting of the new year for the Mountain-

side Republican Club will be held at 8 p.m. in the Mountainside Borough Hall. At the meeting the slate of new officers for 1998 will be presented for election.

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 Kleeck, (908) 233-0636; Glenn Mortimer, (908) 233-0834; Glenn Mortimer, (908) 232-1107, and Dona Oelsa, (908) 232-4994.

New members are welcome. For additional information, contact Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Hart at (908) 233-0364.

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

Mitch Levine and Israel Grossman of Merrill Lynch Investment Company will speak on retirement planning, estate planning and asset allocation. They will provide a kosher Chinese luncheon. Eleanor Kuperstein is presenter.

**Coming events**  
Jan. 31  
The legislative office of Assemblyman Richard Bagger will be open to residents of the 22nd Legislative District from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to regular business hours on weekdays and one Saturday per month, Bagger's office, located at 203 Elm St., Westfield, is open Thursday, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The 22nd district includes Mountainside. For more information, call Bagger's office at (908) 232-3673.

**Feb. 19**  
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.

The Recreation Commission of the Borough of Mountainside will meet at Borough Hall Feb. 19 and March 19.

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Photo by Jeff Green  
 Pastor Kevin Clark, center, of the Bethel Baptist Church in Westfield, leads followers on a commemorative march to Temple Emanu-El, symbolizing the historic civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

## March, service mark King's legacy

By Jim Foglio  
 Staff Writer  
 Hundreds of residents of Mountaintop, Westfield and other area towns gathered Monday at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield for a Martin Luther King Jr. Day service honoring the legacy of the great civil rights pioneer.

The service and commemorative march that preceded it lasted several hours and was attended by people of all ethnic denominations.

Giles R. Wright, director of the Afro-American History Program at the New Jersey Historical Commission in Trenton, was the principal speaker in a program that included local clergy, municipal officials and community leaders.

The 11th annual traditional march, which commemorated the historic civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., started at 12:15 p.m. Westfield police were forced to control traffic on East Broad Street to

keep a crowded scene safe. Hundreds participated in the march, which began at the Bethel Baptist Church and ended at Temple Emanu-El for the 1 p.m. service.

After the march, several choirs presented musical selections under the direction of Cantor Marsha Novick of Temple Emanu-El and Barbara Thomson of the Congregational Church.

Wright spoke of racial unity and togetherness — the very core of King's own vision. "I have seen so much change in my time here, and I know there is still so much more to come," he said.

Wright spoke of King's work, but assured listeners that the future is in need of new leaders as well. "I hope Dr. King's message continues to reach young people of all race, color and creed," Wright said.

With the cooperation of the Westfield Board of Education and local

private schools, the King Association sponsored essay contests for local elementary and high schools. During the service, the winners of the contests were announced and prizes of savings bonds and books were awarded.

Those attending were pleased with the diversity of the program and the make-up of the audience. "I was so pleased to see an ethnically diverse audience," said Mike Banks of Rahway. "There were also many students, families and senior citizens. That is the way Dr. King would have wanted it."

Applly summing-up King's legacy, one anonymous Mountaintop resident concluded, "One of the great tragedies of all time, Dr. King's assassination will remind many of how far we have come... and still how far we have yet to reach. This interpretation of the status-quo symbolizes the division in society that we still have very much," she said.

## Third of armed robbery trio nabbed

Springfield police arrested the alleged third member of an armed robbery trio Jan. 12. The suspect, identified as Jessica Nacovsky, 19, of Whippany, was charged with hindering the apprehension of another suspect. Her arrest came after she was questioned at police headquarters.

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Nacovsky was wanted since allegedly being seen fleeing from a strongarm robbery at Bob's Store Dec. 18. Two men held up on the Route 22 West retailer at about noon and assaulted the store's security guards in the process. While the pair were arrested on scene by police, the third fled, police said.

The duo, identified as Carlton Waites, 32, of Plainfield, and Carl B. Harris, 40, of Jersey City, were both charged with one count of robbery. Nacovsky was released on her own recognizance.

• Merging seems to have been harder on Route 22 lately as 11 accidents were logged over a three-day period. The driver of a Ford Explorer ran into the back of a Toyota Corolla on the west-east U-turn at the Lido Diner at about 4:55 p.m. Jan. 15.

• About 22 minutes earlier, a similar two-car crash occurred between a Mazda 626 and a Ford van on the Fadem Road ramp to Route 22 East. A delivery van on Route 22 East was nearly T-boned by a Mercury exiting the Community Plumbing lot on the center island at about 11:26 a.m.

• Not all crashes this week were on Route 22, however, as a Springfield police cruiser and a Lincoln Town Car came together Jan. 13 on Route 78 East at milepost 48. The squad car driver had exited the

west-east U-turn and was trying to merge when he said the Lincoln came down on him from the left lane at about 7:36 p.m. The Lincoln motorist said an unidentified car in the center lane refused to let him out of the left lane.

• The owner of a Tudor Court home reported a robbery Jan. 12. He found the front door broken at about 3:38 p.m. and discovered more than \$2,300 in valuables missing. The items include two VCRs and a video camera, two wedding rings, checks and a safe containing documents.

• An official of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church reported five microphones stolen from a Jonathan Dayton High School storage room sometime before Jan. 12. The equipment, worth about \$1,291, is used during Sunday worship services held in Dayton's Halsey Auditorium.

## Dayton remembers legacy of King

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Back in the classrooms, group members mulled over King's remarks. The discussion in at least one room went from airing different opinions to arriving at a consensus. "It's been a lot of work, right into the start tonight," said Dayton Diversity Studios' Club advisor Sundra Parker, "but there is some real discussion going on. It's moving to look into the different rooms."

After 30 minutes, a school buzzer ushered participants back into the auditorium. Markey asked what people learned from the experience and what they had concluded about King's statements. Refreshments and a final round of fellowship were offered at about 9 p.m.

"People have come to me saying positive things about tonight," Markey said. "I would like to see more discussions among the community, and I have offered people an opportunity to continue the dialogue."

Markey, who's asked about the absence of Rev. Samuel Wright, said he did not know why last year's keynote speaker was not present.

"Wright called me, saying he would attend," Markey said. "He and Reverend Clarence Alston Sr., of the Antioch Baptist Church, were present at the observance's organizational meetings."

Neither Wright nor Alston were able to return calls made Tuesday. The Antioch Baptist Church, however,

had a special program printed for Sunday's service as part of its observance. The cover bore one of King's portraits and an essay titled "The Real Meaning of the King Holiday."

"The United States of America will stop for 24 hours to honor the memory and the light of a black American," said the essay. "Amendments of all races, backgrounds and political persuasions will be forced to take official notice not only of Dr. King but also of the mounds, the sharecroppers, the students and the Ross Parks who made him what he was. The only other American honored by a national holiday is George Washington, for King and his nonviolent army gave America a new birth of freedom."

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## Pass along the message

The birthday of a man who had a great vision for the United States has become a national holiday in America, and to celebrate the memory of Martin Luther King Jr., millions of Americans enjoyed a long weekend.

Like other holidays, such as Christmas, Memorial Day and Veterans Day, the day to remember Martin Luther King Jr. has become more of an excuse for some people to enjoy a three-day weekend. But to others, thankfully, the real meaning of Martin Luther King is still revered today.

King was a man who believed people of all races could live together harmoniously, peacefully and equally. His message is more than just a calling for black people. It is a message that has bridged the generations and transcends race, gender and nationality.

Now more than ever, as the population of the United States — especially in this area — becomes more and more culturally and ethnically diversified, King's message should be heeded. No longer is it just whites and blacks who find a common ground, but the scores of ethnic groups who come to this country seeking the dream that all people dream — prosperity, safety and, most importantly, freedom.

Sadly, there is still unrest in today's society. Poverty, inequity in educational standards, lack of affordable health care, and pure hatred — it seems as if specific races and ethnic groups remain plagued by these ills, and little if anything is done to improve these conditions. And if any steps are made, as in charity care and school funding for example, solutions are found only when our collective back is to the wall.

Though with the passage of time some of the meaning has become faded, forgotten, the hopeful message of Martin Luther King Jr. still reigns crystal clear.

We must choose to listen and heed that message. We must choose not to practice or condone acts of evil that would destroy relations. We must choose to accept and promote diversity, and to pass that message on to others, or at the very least, let it positively influence our actions.

## Good step

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced it will host a March conference on sharing services and cooperative purchasing. This kind of dialogue is a step in the right direction.

Officials in many localities, Springfield among them, have been calling for the consolidation of government services, especially those that are duplicated at the local and county levels, for a long time. And they are right. Such duplication of services hits you, Mr. and Mrs. Resident, where it hurts — in the pocketbook. In the absence of such consolidation, local officials have been forced to increase budgets to pay for these separate programs, and thus to increase taxes. The budgeting of local tax dollars for services that already exist at the county level is an incredible waste, and should be stopped.

"It is the responsibility of county officials and municipal leaders to take full advantage of the value of partnering," said Freeholder Linda Stender. "In these times of cost-effectiveness, it is important to provide optimum services for less money."

Now, if it is unusual for a Democratic-controlled county government to call for sharing — i.e., cutting — services to stabilize budgets and taxes, it is even more so for local Democrats to do so, but that is exactly what former Mayor Roy Hirschfeld did in a recent *Echo-Leader* column. Adopting traditionally Republican rhetoric, Hirschfeld said, "The problem is that local towns like to have home rule, where to tax and spend seems a God-given right." An approbation of taxing and spending — the words could not be more Republican. Yet the sentiment, no matter its origin, is correct.

## Not here

Motorists in New Jersey may be allowed to drive 65 miles per hour on state and federal highways within five months. State legislators and Gov. Christine Whitman have worked out a compromise bill raising the limit on some 400 miles of less populous areas. One highway being eyed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation is Interstate 78 between Route 24 in Springfield and the Delaware River.

If the governor and the Legislature make a compromise on the 65 mph limit, we want to suggest one to NJDOT: go 65 on Route 78 — but not in Union County.

Raising the limit on rural stretches reflects motoring reality. The latest State Police statistics show a majority of drivers exceed the 55 mph limit to an average of 67 miles per hour.

But Route 78 in Hunterdon County isn't the same highway as Route 78 in Union County. While the western part of our five-mile segment goes through Watchung Reservation in Mountaintide and Summit, the eastern part is a gateway to interconnecting roads and the attendant congestion. Of particular concern are the mile-long downhill run facing east-bound drivers and the "dead man's merge" with Route 24.

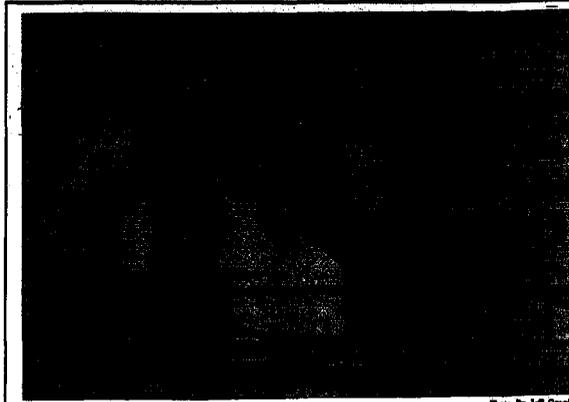


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## Heroes of popular culture are bad influence

Have you ever noticed that some movie stars, stage entertainers and professional athletes take on the personas of their professions and live their lives as though they are constantly performing?

A good case in point is the actor Bruce Willis. It seems he's in about a million films a year. They're all the same: huge body counts, car chases, mass destruction and a weak, very weak story line. Willis' facial expression never changes, nor do the supporting actors vary their characterizations from one film to another. The films are strictly super-macho.

The reason I latch onto Willis is that the *New York Times* had a story in a recent edition that described him as a member of a growing group who are oddified and wailed on hand and foot at the gambling casinos because they are high rollers. On this particular night, Willis had just won \$50,000 at black jack, was drinking watermelon juice made especially for him, and was clenching an unlit cigar between his teeth. Also, he had been wagering \$30,000 an hour at the Las Vegas casino. It was a typical Bruce Willis setting. A famous Hollywood actor in an animated setting, complete with "the beautiful people" who have lost touch with reality.

### As I See It

By Norman Rauscher Correspondent

One could not imagine Willis in a role as an easy-going plumber or having an ordinary 9-to-5 office job, except if the plot called for large body counts and the destruction of a dozen cars.

People who perform become the characters they portray. Can anyone picture the sultry Marlene Dietrich as a homey grandmother baking pies and churning butter? Dietrich off-stage was the same as she was on — a brittle, no-nonsense woman of the world who could put any man in his place with one withering look.

The same could be said for Humphrey Bogart or John Wayne or Errol Flynn. All were macho, ready to take on anyone who so much as blinked the wrong way.

Today, rappers, with their talk of ruidia, killing cops, abuse of women — tough guys with tough lives who

somehow get shot to death in nightclub parking lots — live their make-believe lives offstage, and many young people must become envious because such lifestyles are so far from the path of their mundane lives.

I've nothing personal against Bruce Willis. I only think that when you see one Willis film, you've seen them all. Just like an Abbott and Costello movie — you see one, you've just about seen them all — all chaos and anarchy.

Some years ago, when Humphrey Bogart was entering his tough-guy mode, he made constant headlines via barroom brawls and hanging out with a so-called wild crowd. The same went for Errol Flynn, who was considered the consummate ladies' man. Back in the 1940s, he was constantly involved in scandals regarding his sexual exploits.

Today we have the rock stars and ebullient basketball stars, all with the attitude that they are God's gift to mankind, and that there is no law, tradition, custom, which will impose on their way of life. It seems to be part of the game to punch out your coach, or bite off a piece of your opponent's ear in a boxing ring, or spit in the face of a referee or fellow player. Any-

thing goes, and the penalties seem to be no more than a slap on the wrist or a mild lecture. Is it my imagination or did you ever get the feeling that it's the multi-million sports figures or rappers or rock stars who run the world?

Something, somewhere is wrong when a person like Bruce Willis, who probably gets \$10 million per picture, can gamble away a quarter-of-a-million dollars in a casino while sipping casto-made watermelon juice. Of course, Willis works hard for his money, shooting people, torching cars and throwing women out of windows — we have no right to tell him how or where to spend his money.

But it must occur to many that gambling away that kind of money is not in the best interests of the millions who do not have the capacity to indulge in such capricious hobbies.

However, what is important to Willis is that he got his name in the newspaper as a special person who is casted to because he is a wealthy movie star, sans talent.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher in Summit, is an active member of the Summit community.

## Law-changes shouldn't benefit law breakers

As a teen-ager, I really didn't have a fixed curfew. Rather, it tended to vary from night to night, even to event. However, one thing was a constant — regardless of the time, when curfew hour came I'd either better be home or on the phone with a good reason why I wasn't.

As both my mother and I recall — and, yes, I checked my "facts" with her before I set down to write this — I was good about honoring the rules, earning me further liberties and trust. But when following the rules wasn't on my agenda, you can be sure I didn't get any special favors for the next few weekends.

I use this analogy to underscore the reasons behind another, more timely question. Simply put, why did anyone think it was a good idea to raise the speed limit when most drivers couldn't manage to observe the rules as they stood?

On New Jersey's major highways, those doing the legal speed are often in danger of being blown away by other motorists whose personal schedules are just more important than the laws of the land. Why are the ones who ignored the posted laws being rewarded with permission to do what up until now was illegal?

As for me, I'm no vehicular saint. My speed of choice was — and will continue to be — 60 mph, a velocity which enables me to calculate the length of a trip in time based on the distance in miles. Was I breaking the law? Certainly, and if I got a ticket, I'd have no one to blame but myself. However, I'm not talking about me or even the Silver drivers on the road; I'm questioning the logic of the legislation.

As I see it, this is the boiled-down-to-basics scenario: The agreed-upon legal speed limit is 55 mph. The majority of the drivers ignore the law

### Vantage Point

By Bill Van Sant Staff Writer

and travel at whatever speed they choose, averaging at an arbitrary figure of 65 mph. The law-makers then say, "Oh, well, we may as well change the law to accommodate the crime."

Am I crazy, or is this thinking a bit reversed from what it should be?

During the past few weeks, many area residents have told our reporters that they support the change, making various statements like, "It's long overdue," "It will help move the traffic along," and "No one drives 55 mph on those highways. It is too slow."

The quote that gave me particular pause was, "If they don't change the limit, police-will keep issuing tickets, and are just lining the pockets of the insurance companies."

Excuse me, but that's not the point. It shouldn't matter where the money goes; what matters is where it comes from — the person who has broken the law and is therefore penalized. And, unless I'm mistaken, traffic ticket revenue does not go to the insurance companies. That's not to say that the driver's premium won't go up, generating money for the insurer, but that's just another example of the penalty for breaking the rules.

I must also wonder how people would feel if the Legislature chose to make armed robbery legal because, if they didn't, the police would just keep arresting armed robbers.

Being the most densely populated state in the union, New Jersey's roadways are already over-congested and

somehow dangerous. Whenever I'm driving across St. Georges Avenue in my hometown of Rahway, I always wait when I get the green light. Why? Because it seems that here in our state, we have a five-second grace period during which you may fly through a red light. That's just one example of the way many New Jerseyans observe driving laws.

When my wife, the kids and I visit my in-laws in Connecticut, I don't need road signs to tell me what state we're in: I just observe the driving habits of my fellow motorists. As soon as I see the majority of people changing lanes illegally and dangerously — and flying along at 80-plus mph, I know we're in our home state.

I shudder to think what it will be like with the increase? If everyone already does approximately 10 mph above the legal limit, figuring, "They won't bother pulling me over for just

10 miles" — and I know since I've thought it myself — can we expect a new average of 75 mph? And will that be followed by another accommodation in the structure of the law?

The way I see, the speed laws should only be changed once we New Jersey drivers can demonstrate responsibility behind the wheel by following the rules, thus earning further liberties and trust. By slipping along at whatever speed we like, we're in effect saying to the state that, quite frankly, we don't care what laws you make; we'll adapt them to suit our needs and wants and just wait for you to catch up with us.

With the speed we're traveling, both on the highways and in general, I doubt if the lawmakers will ever catch up unless they hold us accountable for what we do and stop making our crimes easier to commit and get away with.

If only my mother was in Trenton.

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# Cops stop burglars, arrest five in house fight

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

This past week, the Mountaintide Police Department arrested two men for attempted burglary and several others after a house fight, on charges ranging from simple assault to driving while intoxicated.

On Jan. 15 at about 12:30 p.m., two men were arrested after allegedly attempting to break into a home. Patrolman Rich Lattariga responded to a call from off-duty officer Lt. James Debbie, who had observed a suspicious-looking male wandering about the property of a residence on New Providence Road.

When Lattariga arrived on the scene, he observed a man in a gray Mazda, parked in the shoulder of the road, and then saw Debbie struggling to prevent another man from entering the vehicle on the passenger side. Lattariga exited his car and ordered the driver, identified as Gabriel A. Solo II of Newark, to get out of the car. Solo, 21, failed to comply, and Lattariga and Debbie were forced to physically remove both men from the vehicle. Debbie said. The passenger was later identified as Edward Reyes, 31, of Elizabethtown.

Lt. Debbie said he had been driving through the area while off-duty when

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he observed the suspects near the house and stopped his vehicle to question them. After one of the men stated he was there to get a job, Debbie, thinking it was a false statement, attempted to apprehend the suspects. It was then that he called for back-up.

As Debbie held him, one of the suspects attempted to enter the getaway car. But the car was blocked in by Lattariga's vehicle and the two could not escape.

Later, while making the arrests, Debbie found a bent screwdriver in Reyes' pocket. After Solo was transported to headquarters and issued a statement, he was taken by police to several houses at which he had admitted to stopping. Police determined the two had taken a cellular phone from one of the houses.

After the men were placed under arrest, Sgt. Todd Turner determined by a follow-up investigation that both men had been attempting to burglarize the house.

Both were charged with attempted burglary and receiving stolen property, and Reyes was also charged with theft and resisting arrest. Solo was

released, but Reyes is being held in a Mountaintide jail cell on \$3,000 bail while he awaits trial in Union County Court.

On Jan. 9, five adults were charged with assaulting several juveniles at a party in Mountaintide. At about 9:30 p.m., officers Andrew Sullivan, Stephen DeVito, Donald Amberg, Sgt. Todd Turner and Det. Sgt. Rich Origio responded to a call from the 1000 block of Willow Avenue, regarding a fight which was in progress.

Upon arrival, the victims, all minors, stated they had been having a party when five adults and two juveniles forced their way through the front door and began assaulting people.

According to one of the victims, these individuals were uninvited, and apparently they had been a past altercation at school between a victim and one of the suspects.

The suspects, all Mountaintide residents, fled the scene, but were spotted by Det. Sgt. Ostaja and Sgt. Turner while driving on Willow Road.

Four men, identified as Lawrence Chirwick, 19, and Edward Martillo, Brent Davis and Timothy Byrne, all

18, were charged with simple assault. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Anthony Santos, 19, was charged with DWI in addition to the assault charges. Chirwick was released on his own recognizance. The incident is under investigation.

On Jan. 14 at about 7:30 p.m., Det. Sgt. Turner arrested a man for making a false report that his motor vehicle was stolen. The man, identified as Dwayne Foster, 31, of Newark, was arrested at 1385 Route 22 East. Foster had filed a report stating that his vehicle had been stolen, but a police investigation found otherwise.

A Somerville man was charged with passing a bad check on Jan. 14. At about 1:15 p.m., Officer Turner arrested a man identified as Michael Beascham, 30, for allegedly writing a check for \$595.58 that he knew would bounce. Beascham is awaiting a court date of Feb. 5.

A Scotch Plains man was arrested for driving while suspended. Officer John Phillips stopped the driver, identified as Brent Granat, 25, for improper passing while traveling on Mountain Avenue. It was later revealed that his license had been suspended. Granat was released without bail and awaits a February trial.

# Salt water spill leaves drivers high and dry

Springfield and Summit firefighters assisted in cleaning fluid spills from an overturned truck on Route 24 East Thursday. The Mack tractor trailer tanker, according to joint reports, was rounding the 40 mph merge for Route 78 East when it lost control at about 9:30 a.m. While the truck landed on its right hand side, fluid spilled from a hole gouged in the tanker's rear.

Two Summit units, which arrived first on the scene, determined that the tanker's contents emptying into Van Winkle's Creek was manmade salt water. Three Springfield engines, arriving at about 10 a.m., found diesel fuel flowing into a road shoulder depression. They stabilized the area as the state police ordered in two heavy duty tow trucks.

Members of the state Environmental Protection and Transportation departments, the Springfield Health Department, and the president of Gray Trucking, the truck's carrier, were also on hand until the truck was cleaned at about noon. Route 24 East drivers faced a mile-long backup into the merge. The truck driver was uninjured.

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All units visited a Stone Hill Road apartment complex at about 5:08 a.m. Saturday to handle an electrical problem. An engine went to Route 22 West at about 6:12 p.m. Friday to mop up a motor vehicle accident spill.

Other Thursday calls stayed close to headquarters. An activated fire alarm in the Municipal Building was investigated at about 12:50 a.m., and a firefighter assisted the Volunteer Fire Aid Squad at about 3:24 p.m.

All hands went to an Independence Way complex at about 10:40 a.m. Jan. 14 on an activated alarm call. A building elevator in a Morris Avenue office building kept two passengers trapped until an engine cut off power at about 12:16 p.m. on Jan. 13.

An engine went to a Willow Court home to check a water condition at about 3:40 p.m. Jan. 12. All hands helped clear a smoke condition in a Springfield Road house at about 7:19 the same night and left there for another call to the Municipal Building about 11 minutes later.



Photo by Walter Killion

**DANGEROUS WATERS** — Firemen inspect the scene of a tanker truck that overturned on Route 24 East, gouging a large hole in the rear of the tank and spilling salt water and diesel fuel onto the roadway.



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### Youth Baseball registration

Mountaintide Youth Baseball will hold registration for the 1998 season on Saturday and on Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to noon at Doerfield School. Registration will also be held Jan. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. Youngsters who will be 7 to 4 years of age as of Aug. 1, 1998, are eligible to participate.

T-Ball clinics on Saturday mornings will be held for 7-year-olds. The American League will consist of 8- and 9-year-olds; the Major League of

10-, 11- and 12-year-olds, and the Pony League will be for 13- and 14-year-olds.

Registration fees are \$65 per season, and \$55 for each additional child in the family. T-Ball is \$35 each. First-year participants are asked to bring a copy of his or her birth certificate to the registration. Parents of participants are asked to give four hours of their time during the season.

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# CLUBS IN THE NEWS

## Oak Knoll School

Several Summit residents recently achieved first honors or were named to the honor roll for the first trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit. Students earning first honors receive no grade lower than an A. Students on the honor roll receive no grade lower than B.

First Honors: Juliana Martin, grade 7; Natalie Proglion, grade 7; Caitlin Morahan, grade 8; Christine Koch, grade 11; Lauren Cohen, grade 12, and Devon Tigh, grade 12.

Honor Roll: Lindsay Belfuso, grade 7; Katherine Giaccio, grade 7;

Jennifer McCallum, grade 7; Ann Curran, grade 8; Andrea Gibbons, grade 9; Caroline Khadder, grade 9; Leigh Slonaker, grade 9; Anne Wadellon grade 10; Courtney Boova, grade 11; Emily Sheridan, grade 11; Kathleen Angelo, grade 12; Michele Dodyno, grade 12; Carolyn Peur, grade 12, and Brenna Supple, grade 12.

## Mount St. Mary Academy

These students achieved honor roll status for the first trimester at Mount St. Mary Academy in Watchung. Springfield resident Rebecca Dolan was named to the Principal's Honor

Roll, and resident Lauren Ducas was named to the Regular Honor Roll. Mountside residents Melissa Garcia and Sonia E. Mazzilli were named to the Regular Honor Roll.

## Oak Knoll School

Several Mountside residents recently were named to the honor roll for the first trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit. Students on the honor roll receive no grade lower than a B. The students are Stephanie DeVos, seventh grade; Cynthia Fisher, tenth grade, and

Nicole Kress, tenth grade.

Two Springfield residents also were named to the honor roll for the first trimester at Oak Knoll School: sixth grader Christina Curran earned first honors, awarded to students who receive no grade lower than an A, and 11th grader Christina Tien was named to the honor roll, having received no grade lower than B.

Oak Knoll School is a Catholic independent school. The school is co-educational from kindergarten through grade 6 and for young women only in grades 7 through 12.

## Drinking water discussion

The Summit League of Women Voters has arranged for a videotape entitled "Tools for Drinking Water Protection" to be shown on Channel 36 on three successive Fridays: Feb. 6, 13, and 20 from 5:30 to 6 p.m. This video presents a panel of experts and pre-taped case studies. Discussion focuses on three key approaches to drinking water protection: land-use planning, public education, and water monitoring and contingency planning. Now is the time for citizens to get involved in protecting their drinking water sources. In 1996, after many

years of negotiations, congressional amendments of the Safe-Drinking Water Act emphasized community-based water protection efforts. Pollution that comes from our daily activities, such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil and littering, is contaminating our water bodies.

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# EDUCATION

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

## Special presentation

"LD College Options: Planning for Future Success" will be the topic of a special presentation at Summit High School on Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The program, sponsored by the Special Services Department of the Summit Public Schools, is free and open to the public. The high school is located at 125 Kent Place Boulevard in Summit.

Dr. Loring Brinkerhoff, a higher education consultant specializing in students with learning disabilities, will speak on life after high school for learning disabled students, students with ADHD, and students who need special accommodations in a college program. Brinkerhoff will discuss what students need to do to prepare for college and what parents can do to make the transition to college easier. Practical information on how to locate and evaluate LD support services will be discussed, as well as details of the college application process.

Brinkerhoff is the disability accommodation specialist for the Education Testing Service and is an adjunct assistant professor of special education at Tufts University. He has authored more than 25 articles and manuscripts, and co-authored one of the leading texts in the field, "Promot-

ing Post-Secondary Education for Students with Learning Disabilities."

## Board of Ed meetings

The development of the 1998-99 school year budget is underway at the Summit public schools, and the Board of Education encourages the public to participate in its budget discussions. Public information on the budget will be available during a state of upcoming meetings and a TV-36 show "Budget News: Summit Public Schools: Looking Ahead," that will air throughout February.

Following is a calendar of dates on which discussion of or action on the Summit public schools budget will take place:

Jan. 24: Board of Education Operations Committee work session and meeting with district administrators and program personnel. This is not a public meeting.

Feb. 11: Receipt of state aid and cap information from state.

Feb. 12: Board of Education workshop meeting at Summit Middle School at 8 p.m. State aid and cap information will be discussed. Public input will be solicited.

Feb. 26: Board of Education regular meeting at Brayton School at 8 p.m., public discussion. The board will adopt a 1998-99 preliminary budget for submission to state.

March 4: Preliminary budget submitted to state.

March 12: Board of Education workshop meeting at Summit Middle School at 8 p.m., for budget discussion.

March 19: Board of Education regular meeting at Washington School at 8 p.m., for budget discussion and adoption of final budget.

March: Date, place and time to be announced, for discussion of final budget.

April: Date, place and time to be announced, Board of School Estimate meeting for public hearing and vote on final budget.

In addition, the budget process and issues the board is facing in preparing next year's budget is the topic of a TV-36 production with airing dates through the end of February. Superintendent of Schools Michael Knowlton, School Business Administrator Harold Kessler and Virginia Jordan, former Board of Education president and current chair of the board's Operation Committee, met recently with TV-36 host Beth Pincus to discuss the budget.

The show will air on today at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 3 at 5 p.m., Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 17 at 5 p.m., Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 24 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. and Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

## Oak Knoll open house

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit will host an Open House on Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for parents and prospective students of the Upper School. Guests will have an opportunity to meet faculty representatives and students and to tour the nine-acre campus.

Oak Knoll School is a Catholic independent school established in 1924 by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. Oak Knoll is part of a network of 25 Holy Child Schools throughout the United States, Ireland, England and Africa.

The school is co-educational from kindergarten through sixth grade and women-only from seventh through twelfth grades.

The founder of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, Cornelia Connelly, stressed the significance of educating "the whole child," a philosophy the school has carried throughout the years. In commitment to that philosophy, Oak Knoll offers 18 sports teams, three choirs, two dance ensembles and an orchestra in addition to its academically demanding curriculum.

The school's athletic teams compete in the Mountain-Valley Conference and won three conference titles and a state title in four sports during the 1996-97 school year.

For directions to the Oak Knoll campus or for more information about the Open House, contact the Director of Admissions at (908) 522-8109.

## Technology presentation

Parents, students and interested members of the community will have the opportunity to attend a two-hour event geared toward technology awareness Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. The Deerfield Technology Committee, in conjunction with the Mountaineer PTA, will co-host the event, which promises to be both educational and fun.

Guest speaker Darryl Walker, master of the Westfield Community Website, will give a live, multimedia presentation using the latest cutting-edge Internet technology at Deerfield School. Parents and students can also visit the computer lab which will showcase the school's educational software.

In addition, there will be a fun exhibition of technology-related services and products on hand. Prizes will be awarded.

Dr. Laurence Bremner, who practices in Mountaineer, has just returned from a scientific meeting of world opinion leaders on the subject of dental implants, today's state-of-the-art alternative to traditional crown and bridge restorative dentistry. The four-day meeting was held at the El Conquistador Resort & Country Club in Puerto Rico.

Emitled "The Journey to the Future of Osseointegration," the meeting was the first in a series of International TeamDay events being presented by Nobel Biocare, the Swedish-based leader in dental implant technology. "Osseointegration" is a process in which manmade tooth roots fabricated of high-grade titanium actually bond to the jaw bone to form virtually permanent supports for replacement teeth.

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More than 50 of the world's leading research, surgical and restorative authorities presented evidence and clinical experiences to clarify currently debated issues related to implant dentistry and share their visions of the future it promises for patients and dental professionals.

It is estimated that more than one million Americans are candidates for the dental implant procedure which Dr. Laurence Bremner offers regularly, along with a full range of traditional dentistry options, from his office located at 1162 Springfield Ave., Mountaineer.

## Special tribute



Summit Middle School student Jeff Corbett entertains his grandmother and 'Special Person' Faye Kominos at the third annual Special Person Breakfast held recently in the school cafeteria. Organized by English teacher Donna Mariano, the breakfast was held as a tribute to persons whom the students chose as being very important people in their lives. Each student wrote an essay explaining the influence these people have had on them.

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# SPORTS

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## LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

### Springfield Minutemen hoop teams excel

The Springfield Senior Minutemen basketball team split two games last week. The Minutemen rebounded to defeat Cranford 62-54 after falling to Roselle 52-24.

In the Jan. 14 win against Cranford, Mo Abdelaziz had an outstanding game, scoring 10 points in the first quarter and finishing with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Mat Paz, the Minutemen's leading scorer, poured in 22 points. He scored 14 points from the free throw line and also grabbed six rebounds, showing great hustle.

Joe Albiz also played well, scoring 10 points, including making one three-pointer. He also grabbed seven rebounds and dished out four assists.

Chase Froundlich scored seven points, including making one three-point basket, and dished out five passes that went for assists.

Billy Chambers turned in an eight-point performance for Springfield.

In the Jan. 12 defeat against Roselle, Paz paced Springfield with a nine-point effort.

Ross Rahmani came off the bench and hit two jump shots to finish with four points for the Minutemen.

Springfield, which began the week with a 4-6 record, was scheduled to play at Westfield Tuesday, at Warren today and at Chatham this Saturday.

Springfield's Junior Minutemen basketball team was defeated by Roselle 63-37 and by Cranford 60-33.

Andre Callender scored in double figures in each game for Springfield.

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The New Jersey Scholastic Athletic Association (NJSSAA) Reebok and Sneaker Stadium are pleased to announce that the 1998 Annual "North-South All-Star Basketball Games will be played at the Rutgers Athletic Center on Sunday, April 5.

The girls' game will take place at 2 p.m. and the boys' game will begin at 4.

Tickets may be purchased for \$5 by calling the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association office at 609-259-2776 or from any of the participating coaches and players along with at the door at Rutgers.

Local coaches involved include Elizabeth's Al Thompson as one of the North boys' coaches and Elizabeth's Bob Firsiroti serving as one of the North girls' coaches. Both have led teams to state championships.

Proceeds from this All-Star Classic will be utilized by the NJSSAA, Reebok and Sneaker Stadium. The funds will help institute a "New Jersey Coaches Education Program."

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# Big performance for Bulldogs



Photo by Mike Miller

Dayton Regional High School senior forward Chris Loeffler, with ball, scored a game-high 25 points to help lift the Bulldogs past Roselle Park 62-29 in a key Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division contest in Springfield last Friday night. Loeffler also had a career high in rebounds, the 1,000 point mark for his career and began the week with 1,018. Dayton handed rebounding champion Roselle Park its first Valley Division loss as both teams and St. Mary's of Elizabeth began the week with just one loss in the division.

## Anxious to show improvement Dayton girls' basketball ready for second half

By Joe Ragotzino  
Staff Writer

No one is more ready for the second half of the season than head coach Dave Rennie and his Dayton High School girls' basketball team, looking to turn the tables on their Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division opponents which have focused on the young and inexperienced Bulldogs.

"Our main goal is to improve and have something to build on for the off-season and next season," said Rennie, whose team began the week at 1-7 overall and 1-3 in Valley Division play.

"We want to be stronger at the end of the season and play the teams that beat us earlier better than we did the first time."

The Bulldogs' lone win of the season came against St. Mary's of Elizabeth, a 48-30 win at home on Jan. 6.

Indeed, inexperience has a lot to do with Dayton's sub-.500 start as the Bulldogs' top seven players consist of two juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen. Admittedly, Rennie says he is still trying to learn more about the players in his first year at the helm.

"They're still trying to get to know each other, on and off the court," said Rennie, a Springfield resident and teacher who came over from Union High School. "They're still getting familiar with each other and I'm still getting familiar with them. It's a learning experience."

"Despite their woes, the Bulldogs have displayed an excellent attitude. "The whole team is working hard and willing to put in the time to get better," Rennie said.

Point guard Linda Agostinelli, guard Christina Tomasino and forward/guard Tara Listowski are the freshmen who are making a big impact on the varsity level. Agostinelli has been sparkling, scoring 23 points in the team's 48-34 loss at home to Bound Brook Jan. 13.

"She has great court-sense," Rennie said. "She has the court sense of a junior or senior. She rarely makes mistakes. As a freshman, she has the potential to be one of the best in the conference in the next couple of years."

Listowski, an effective jump-shooter, has developed a solid offensive game. "She gets herself in position to get the ball and get her shot off," said Rennie. "I look to her to become one of our top scorers down the road."

"They have good skills," Rennie said of his freshmen. "Their biggest problem is the strength aspect. They're not as strong as some of the upperclassmen they go up against, but they're gaining valuable experience. They're very coachable and are willing to listen and learn."

A major problem for the Bulldogs has been a lack of height, which translates in being out-rebounded considerably. But to make up for that deficiency, the Bulldogs have to learn to effectively box-out, Rennie stresses.

"Just because your opponent is taller than you doesn't mean you have to be out-rebounded," Rennie said. "A rebound can be obtained by simply boxing out your opponent."

Dayton's offense also needs to be more consistent. Rennie wants his team to be more patient in the half-court game.

"We have to look for the best shot, even if it takes 10 passes," Rennie said. "We've got to look to take better shots and concentrate on putting the ball into the basket."

The Bulldogs were scheduled to play New Providence Tuesday and tonight are scheduled to play at Manville, two Valley Division foes they have not faced yet. Then its back to the drawing board against Valley foes they've already played.

So are the Bulldogs ready to pull off a few surprises?

"I think we certainly can," Rennie answered. "At this stage, it's just a matter of the girls getting confidence. At this point, they just have to believe they can."

And that kind of attitude will go a long way toward making the season somewhat of a success.

"We will have a bright future if we continue to be optimistic and play hard," Dayton will hold "Girls Hoops Night" tomorrow when they host St. Mary's of Elizabeth at 7. All middle school and recreational girls' basketball teams are invited and refreshments will be served.

## Dayton impressive in rout of Roselle Park

By J.R. Parachini  
Sports Editor

Realizing in a hurry that just because you might be the favorite doesn't mean that the victories will come automatically, the Dayton High School boys' basketball team is finally playing the brand of basketball it was predicted to be playing this year.

After an overall 2-3 start and 0-1 beginning in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play, the Bulldogs began the week with a 7-3 record and five-game winning streak.

The biggest win of the streak took place at home last Friday night as Dayton managed to rout Roselle Park 62-29. Roselle Park entered the game as defending Valley Division champions and the only unbeaten team remaining in the Valley this year with an overall record of 7-1 and Valley mark of 3-0.

### High School Boys' Basketball

Dayton third-year head coach Bill Berger said last week that the early-season losses (the first two in holiday tournament play to bigger schools) served as a wake-up call. After all, most would have predicted Dayton to be the favorite, or at least one of the favorites, to win the Valley Division this year, especially since four of five starters returned, from a team that went 16-6 overall and 12-2 in the Valley Division for a second-place finish last year.

Dayton woke up, indeed, last Friday as it held Roselle Park to a season-low 29-point performance.

Dayton began the week with a 5-1 record in the Valley Division and the trio of Dayton, Roselle Park and St. Mary's were the only teams left in the division with just one loss. St. Mary's edged Dayton 49-48 in Elizabeth back on Jan. 6 and Roselle Park defeated St. Mary's 47-44 in overtime last Thursday in Roselle Park.

Records of the three teams at the beginning of the week looked like this: St. Mary's (8-2, 6-1), Dayton (7-3, 5-1), Roselle Park (7-2, 5-1). All three are scheduled to face each other one more time in regular-season play.

Dayton was the only team to beat Roselle Park in Valley Division play last year, handing the Panthers a 39-33 loss in Roselle Park before the Panthers returned the favor later in the season by beating the Bulldogs 47-33 in Springfield.

The win over Roselle Park also turned out to be a grand night for Dayton senior forward Chris Loeffler, the team's leading scorer with 25 points in victory. Loeffler scored a game-high 25 points and paced the 1,000-point milestone. He began the week with 1,018.

Senior center Ralph Sarracino, Dayton's second-leading scorer, poured in 13 points.

Dayton played perhaps its best game of the season on defense, limiting Roselle Park to just 11 (one a three-pointer) field goals and six foul shots. High scoring junior guard Javier Garcia was held to just 10 points, the only Panther in double figures.

Also scoring for Dayton were Chris Salvaio with eight points, Terrance Franklin with five, Giancarlo Sarracino and Tony Santarelli with three each. Eric Fishman and Ryan Froundlich with two each and Dan Riva with one. Also scoring playing time for the Bulldogs were Jason Paz and Garrett Weiss.

### Mountainside's Kobel sparks GL

Governor Livingston High School standout junior center Lauren Kobel scored a game-high 23 points to lead the Highlands Regional 49-44 Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Valley Division girls' basketball victory over Roselle last Friday in Roselle.

Kobel, GL's leading scorer, made 13-of-18 foul shots, including 7-of-9 in the fourth quarter to help keep GL in front. She connected on five two-point baskets.

Lauren's sister Alison Kobel scored seven points, making three two-point baskets and one free-throw, to help GL improve to 3-4.

Wrestlers pin down conference foe Middlesex.

The Brearley High School wrestling team, made up of wrestlers from Brearley and Montross, defeated Middlesex 34-27 last Saturday afternoon in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division action in Middlesex.

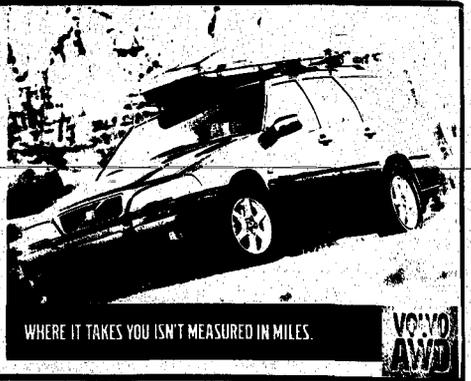
Winning by pin for the Bears were Joe Ruggiero at 103, Mike Puro at 119, Scott Ferguson at 125, Rick Mitchell at 160 and Mike Hamm at heavyweight.

Others who won matches for Brearley by forfeit were David Vasquez at 135, Matt Caputo at 140, Matti Vigilante at 145 and Jim Zika at 189.

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