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NEWS

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We remind residents that first, quarter taxes are due in the municipal treasurer's office by Feb. 10.

COUNTY

Put to the test

Guidelines under Megan's Law's notification process will be tested with the publishing of information about a convicted sex offender living in Union County.

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New freeholders

Two new freeholders will be sworn in tonight.

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THE ARTS



Love sweet love

"Love Sweet Love" will be performed by the Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company.

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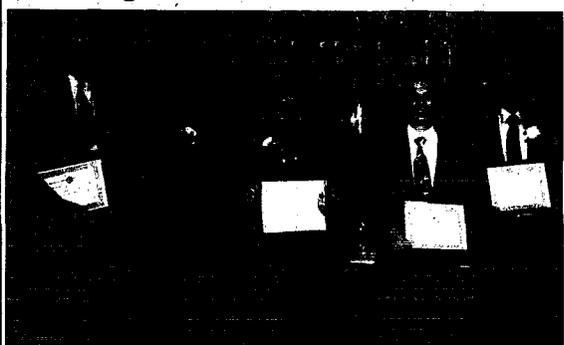


Photo By Walter Elliott

The Springfield First Aid Squad honored one of its own for distinguished continuous service at a dinner in their honor at L'Affaire in Mountainside. Receiving plaques are, from left, Gerald Gbauer, for 20 years of service; Gloria Simpson, for 35 years of service; Jackie Herzinger, 35 years; Peter Shewitz, five years, and Donald Mackinson, 10 years. Absent was Jocelyn Oliviero. See story on Page 3.

Mountainside enters insurance fund; money set for building improvements

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Borough Council approved the borough's Joint Insurance Fund for 1998 and allocated \$470,000 in finances for capital improvements to certain local buildings last Tuesday.

This marks the sixth year Mountainside will participate in the insurance fund, which allows the borough to pool together to buy non-health related insurance for employees who work in participating towns.

According to Mayor Bob Vigilanti, Mountainside takes part in the program to save money on coverage, along with 13 other communities.

Vigilanti said that last-year Mountainside saved approximately \$86,000 in premiums, and an excess of \$500,000 during the past five years.

"We save money and we are even getting better coverage," he said.

Several Joint Insurance Fund collectives exist throughout the state. But Mountainside will soon be looking to establish one of the state's first health insurance funds for workers, Vigilanti said, and will be investigating the possibility of creating its own program in the future, he said.

In other matters, the council unanimously to approve \$470,000 in funds for the improvement of several borough buildings in 1998. The money will come from five-year bonds that will be bought by the borough.

The unfinished community room, located upstairs in Borough Hall, will be targeted for these funds, Vigilanti said. Work will also be done in the fire house and the library, both of

which are more than 25 years old. In addition, parking will be added at the library and the vacant lot near Borough Hall, Vigilanti said.

"We will most likely pay them off as we go along. They will not have any impact on residents' taxes," Vigilanti said.

"There will actually be a tax decrease, on top of the savings he realized last year."

Renovations have started in some areas, but will mostly begin in the spring and early summer, said Borough Engineer Mike Disko.

The council also voted to appoint Ruth Rees as the borough tax assessor's clerical assistant.

Rees will receive a monthly salary of \$250 to assist Tax Collector Patricia Scheer and Deputy Collector Judith Osky.

Representative of Westfield bank makes pitch to Springfield chamber

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The introduction of a new bank highlighted the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Chapter meeting Thursday morning.

Declaring "We're out to fill the need for a community-oriented bank," Frank N. Goffreda unveiled the Town Bank of Westfield to about 26 businesspersons and civic leaders. Goffreda, the bank's president and chief operating officer, described the new lender's aims and operations.

"The Town Bank will try to bring banking to more like what United Counties Bank was a few years ago," Goffreda said. "I used to work for United Counties before it was

absorbed by National Westminster, who was in turn swallowed by Fleet Bank. With all of that consolidation going on, I saw less concern for local investors, lenders and depositors."

Goffreda and several other employees of larger banks filed incorporation documents with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation on Nov. 21. The state Commissioner of Banking and Insurance then approved Town Bank of Westfield to offer charter investor shares.

"We aim to raise \$5 million through initial share offerings of between \$5,000 and \$100,000," Goffreda said. "With the checks coming in to start deposits, we're well on our way to reach that goal. We should be

able to start lending when our home office opens in May and had for a \$9 million funding level."

Goffreda foreses free ATM use for depositors and free checking accounts for small businesses.

"People seeking loans will deal with their local fellows," Goffreda said. "They won't have to wait for someone in Boston or some other distant place to make a decision. The consolidation of banks has opened a pool of well qualified employee candidates, from tellers to managers."

When asked why the first new bank in Westfield in 70 years is making a presentation in Springfield, Goffreda said Springfield, Summit and Mountainside are part of a 10-mile radius of appeal.

Echo Leader retained official town paper

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Celebration and change marked the Springfield Township Committee meeting Tuesday night.

The change came in the council's decision to restore the Echo Leader as the township's official newspaper. The measure, respectively moved and seconded by Committeemen William Ruocco and Roy Hirschfeld, rescinded the committee's Jan. 1 vote to make The Star-Ledger the official publisher of legal notices.

"There are legal regulations which state that an official paper must be printed in Union County," Ruocco said. Since the Ledger is published in Newark, it doesn't meet the law."

At least two audience members welcomed the move. Charles Jacques complained about the Ledger's size, and Liz Balfour was frustrated at not being able to place an advertisement for a pianist for her community player troupe.

The Township Committee made nine other changes through resolutions or ordinances. The first resolution approved was the appointment of Rosalie Berger as Springfield's size, and Liz Balfour was frustrated at not being able to place an advertisement for a pianist for her community player troupe.

"I look forward to serving on the RVSA board again," Berger said. "Although there are some new people, there are some familiar faces whom I've worked with in the past. The

Borough televising meetings, for now

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

Fear not if you can't make the Mountainside Borough Council meeting. Last Tuesday marked the second time the meeting was videotaped for broadcast on the local cable station.

Last November, Democratic candidates for Borough Council campaigned on the issue of televising meetings. But the question remains as to whether the taping will continue. Sources say it will depend on the level of public interest.

When Democrats Michael Krassner and Steven Brocchini ran for election, they made it clear that they strongly supported televising the monthly meetings.

However, after the election saw the defeat of both Democrats, Mayor Bob Vigilanti decided to go ahead and have the meetings taped.

But Vigilanti and council members said they were not sure if the results will warrant the effort. "Last year when the borough sent a survey questioning public interest, there was a very low response," he said.

He continued by saying the survey found that people were more concerned with the cost of their cable than the televising of the meetings. "Most people did not even respond to that question," Vigilanti said.

Some residents, like Borough Democrat Lou Thomas, have evinced

board was kind enough to invite me to their annual Christmas party, whether I was a member at the time or not."

Berger's appointment was carried with only Committeewoman Judith Blitzer abstaining. Blitzer objected to volunteers being paid according to the RVSA's bylaws.

"I know Rosalie will do as good a job as she did in the past," Blitzer said. "It's just that I think volunteers should do things because of their love for the work."

The celebration came in the awarding of participants of the Clean Communities Weekend, which took place Oct. 17 and 18. In front of a crowd of about 900 people, Springfield Environmental Commission President Clara Harelik and Mayor Vij Mullan

handed certificates and other awards to many of the 125 children who took part in the cleanup campaign.

"I want to thank the children and their parents," Harelik said. "Some competed in the poster, slogan and T-shirt contests, some participated in the weekend, and others did the cleanup."

The Clean Communities Weekend, by which we cleared truckloads of trash from our parks and other land, is something to do year-round and not just on a weekend."

"I impressed me how enthusiastic the children here are," Mullan said.

"If that can be transferred to the parents and have them do some volunteering, Springfield will be in better shape. Tonight is one of the few times the committee room is filled."

planned all-council meetings about the audio quality of the broadcasts. But the question of cost is an issue as well.

"If we want to professionally broadcast these meetings, we're talking \$5,000 or so," Vigilanti said. "This is money we'd rather spend on something more beneficial."

He did say, however, that despite some problems and concerns, officials will give it a trial run of six to seven months. After that time, officials will send a survey on its continuance to all residents.

Councilman Tom Perota agrees the taping is a good idea, but money is an issue. "I'm all for it. I like seeing myself on television but I just don't want to waste anyone's time or cost the borough any unnecessary money," he said. "From what I've heard, however, there wasn't much of a demand for it. Usually if people have questions about something, they'll just show up at the meetings."

Vigilanti said other municipalities have more involved means to discuss, and sees the debate surrounding televised meetings as a good thing.

"I guess when all residents have to complain about are problems with the cable-televised council meetings, there's not much to complain about," he said.

Perotta agreed, saying, "We must be trying something right if this is the borough's most major concern."

Psychological Association names new president

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

A Mountainside resident for 27 years, Rosalind S. Dorlen, who works as a clinical psychologist in Summit, was elected this month to serve as president of the New Jersey Psychological Association in 1999.

The NIPA is the professional association representing more than 2,500 psychologists statewide and an affiliate of the American Psychological Association. The NIPA's mission is to advance psychology as a science, a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare.

Currently, Dorlen and psychologists statewide are involved in what has become a national fight against abusive managed care practices. Dorlen and her colleagues at NIPA are also a major reason Gov. Christine Whitman proclaimed May "Psychological Health Awareness Month," in an effort to make society aware of the ways to cope with psychological stress.

called "Advocacy," which attempts to curb abusive practices of health maintenance organizations. HMOs provide health care to an estimated 60 percent of all Americans, but their policies allow "insurance" companies, which pay for the psychological counseling, to dictate the amount of care a patient receives.

"Regardless of actual need, care is based on, and can be restricted to, financial rather than clinical grounds," Dorlen said. "It takes the confidentiality and decision making out of the doctor's hands and places it into those of some bureaucrat in another state. It takes away the relationship between the doctor and patient." A recent article was written in Newsweek, called "Shortchanging the Psyche," which criticizes the nation's current health care system.

Since refusal of treatment based on financial grounds is nothing new to the country, Dorlen is aware of the different opinions available. While many Libertarians favor the Canadian

policy, where all people receive health care, regardless of their ability to pay, Dorlen disagrees. "The Canadian policy is not a good idea in this country. But I do think health care should be regulated so greedy insurance companies don't dictate operations," she said.

The NIPA is involved in a lawsuit dealing with abusive managed-care practices. "All managed care is not bad, but there are many companies that are involved in abusive practices," she said. "We have to educate consumers."

"Community Psychology" is also a major part of Dorlen's life. About three years ago, Overlook Hospital conducted a community needs assessment, where people were asked to survey their own health. Dorlen participated in research for the survey, which concluded that people, in general, did not know how to deal with high levels of stress. Dorlen called the results of the survey "startling."

As a result of the survey, Overlook's "Healthy Avenue" Van was



Rosalind Dorlen

developed to give people physician referrals. The van travels across Summit and neighboring communities, helping people recognize health problems they might have. Thus, a partnership formed between the NIPA and Overlook. Together, they dedicate themselves to an educational campaign that reaches

out into the community and helps people alleviate their stress, and cope with emotional problems.

Last May, Whitman proclaimed the month of May as "Psychological Health Awareness Month," based primarily on the findings of the Overlook survey and urging from the NIPA. An article was written shortly after the 1995 study that cited it as having "spark[ed] a war on emotional poverty."

"As psychologists, we do more than treat mental illness. We recognize the potential for it in all people. This is part of 'Community Psychology,'" Dorlen said.

Dorlen has been practicing professional psychology for more than 25 years. She received her master's degree in anthropology from Columbia, a certificate in school psychology from Kean University, a doctorate of clinical psychology from Rutgers University and post-doctoral certification at the Institute for Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy of New Jersey.

Springfield accounts for overflow; and township may avoid penalties

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

It was Springfield's turn to explain about its overflow problems before the Highway Valley Sewerage Authority Jan. 8.

Township Engineer Robert Kirkpatrick, Attorney Bruce Bergen and Deputy Mayor, Gregory Clarke accounted for the 27 instances of overflow which occurred during the calendar year ending Sept. 30. While the RVSA Board of Commissioners may have felt they were hearing a familiar refrain, initial reviews appear to favor against fining the Township.

"I think Kirkpatrick, Bergen and Clarke explained the situation well," said RVSA Commissioner and Springfield representative Ralph DeVino. "The board is looking to see how the towns are locating and solving their overflow problems. So long as they are making so much of an expenditure and are making progress, the board won't fine the town."

Springfield, one of 10 municipalities belonging to the RVSA, has a waste volume allocation of 3.7 million gallons per day. The RVSA measures the sewer main flow with a meter at the Kenilworth border. The Township joined Kenilworth, Scotch Plains and Woodbridge in

exceeding the limit of 10 overflow instances per year.

The RVSA assigns each town a sewer volume as a technical check on its roadway treatment facility. It may levy a \$5,000-per-day fine on a town which fails to correct its overflow problems.

Springfield's representatives have become perennial speakers before the board. Words like "mystery," "conundrum," "baffled" and "frustrated" keep appearing in their vocabulary.

"I've been before you three of the last four years pretty much saying the same thing," said Kirkpatrick. "As the attorney and deputy mayor will tell you, I and the engineering staff have been beating our brains out on the problem. We'd get a 2.18-inch rainfall which won't show up on your meter by the Kenilworth border one month, then get a third of an inch of rain the next month and the meter acts as if we're flooded."

"The Township has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on the overflow problem since 1990," said Clarke. "We're dealing with a sewer system which is between 70 and 100 years old in parts."

The Township engineering department has been searching for illegal storm drain, lookups and

sump pumps," said Bergen. "When the department finds an illegal connection, they tell us and we inform the home owner to disconnect under penalty of a fine."

Kirkpatrick said he found two yard drains, four roof gutter drains and 14 storm drains connected to the sewerage system. Storm and sewer mains are to be kept separate under state law.

The illegal connections are one of many problems besetting the Springfield sewer system. An inspection of a main by a video camera was thwarted, for example, when an unexpected right-angle bend was discovered. Another puzzle remained presented itself when a 27-inch diameter main came within two inches of overflowing after a moderate rainfall.

Kirkpatrick described the three continuing correction programs which started last year. One involves the use of smoke to test 80,000 feet of mains for interconnections, a second calls for grooving hundreds of feet of manhole covers and a third searches for pipe inflow or infiltration.

Springfield's speakers said that about \$115,000 is being spent on the projects. About \$75,000 is being expended on smoke testing in key areas of town.

Borough awards busing bid, ending transportation troubles

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

At Tuesday's Mountainside Board of Education meeting, the board voted to approve a transportation bid to a local bus company consolidating bus service for Deerfield and Governor Livingston schools. The board also discussed tentative budget plans for the rest of 1998 and 1999.

The board voted to appoint the Vogel Bus Company of Roselle to transportation duties for this year and next. The company will provide six buses, at a cost \$975.85 per day, which will arrive twice each morning and afternoon at both schools. "The new contract saves the schools a considerable amount of money, and we also use fewer buses," said former Superintendent of Schools Leonard Baccaro. Baccaro also said the buses will satisfy all the district's requirements, including seatbelts and whistles.

The signed contract puts an end to transportation problems that had been plaguing the district for over a month. Chief School Administrator Gerard

'The new contract saves the schools a considerable amount of money.'

—Leonard Baccaro
Former schools superintendent

Schaller said the board consolidated three separate bus contracts into one to save money.

Concerning the school budget, Schaller presented a basic plan, explaining it was only a working outline that would require nearly \$250,000 in cuts. Items on the agenda, which were seen by board members Tuesday for the first time, included increases in staff and renovations to the Deerfield school building.

The new staff positions would include three part-time specialists, including a computer resource teacher, a consultant for the learning disab-

led, and a business administrator. Renovations would include a \$350,000 roofing project that has been a topic at board meetings since last year.

Schaller also expressed the need to allot funds for improvements to the athletic fields, which if approved, would cost the district \$146,000. He also cited some potential renovations to the industrial arts and science rooms. Also included on the proposal were plans to construct a dark room.

The board also voted to approve a grant provided by the Improving America's Schools Act. The grant, given annually to the district, helps fund various programs. This year the grant will help fund after school writing and math labs at Deerfield. The board voted to approve the one-hour labs, which provide instruction to designated students in reading and math. According to Schaller, the labs also help prepare students for the Iowa and Early Warning Tests. "The labs have been successful and the children are enjoying them," Schaller said.

First Aid Squad honors volunteers

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

No matter how one viewed it, Jan. 11 was a special date for the Springfield First Aid Squad. About 70 members and friends of the squad gathered at L'Affaires in Mountainside to honor volunteers, introduce new officers and socialize.

"This is an annual banquet," said longtime member Dan Kalem. "It's been around about as long as the squad itself, which was formed in 1949. This is a rare time when everyone on the squad can be together in one place at one time."

The event was special for Jackie Herzlinger and Gloria Simpson, who received certificates for 35 years of continuous service.

"That first year, 1953, was rough," said squad president Simpson. "There was an accident on Route 22 where a driver was found wrapped around a truck axle. Once I got through things like that, it became a way of life answering calls."

"It was a special evening for Peter

Shewitz, Donald Mackinson, Gerry Gbauer and Jesse Albert as well. They were awarded certificates for between five and 15 years' service.

The dinner was a time to take stock. Kalem showed pictures and clips from *The Leader* of squad members and equipment. Another display near the entrance exhibited charts of present call patterns.

"The squad made 1,083 calls last year," said Martin Gomstein of the second display. "Of the daylight calls, 35 percent of them went to work-places - firms who give us little support."

The night's guests included Springfield Chief of Police William Chisholm and Fire Chief William Gras. They expressed their appreciation of the squad's teamwork and dedication.

"It's always good to see the squad on the scene of an incident when we're there," said Gras. "They know exactly what they're doing. The squad and the department work well together."

"For years, it's been an established practice for all emergency aid calls to go through us first and we then call the squad," said Chisholm. "They have always performed their services professionally and without pay. The only change I've seen over the years is that the squad personnel on hand are fewer."

Chisholm's comment underscores the squad's pressing need for members. Springfield's, like most first aid squads, are trained and certified volunteers. There are thin spots in the roster, especially during workdays. During those times, Gras sometimes has to send a firefighter on squad calls.

The gathering had moments of levity. When new officers were being sworn in, they recited, "I, Your Name Here, do solemnly swear..."

Squad officers include Simpson as president, Joan Bowen as vice president, Gbauer as treasurer, Elizabeth Fritzen as captain, Mackinson and Apu Mullick as Lieutenants and Paul Koenigser as supply sergeant.

Board awards contest winners

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education assessed the present and future during its meeting Monday night. The present came mainly in the form of an official awards presentation. The future was in the form of an alternate 1998-99 school calendar.

Nine James Caldwell and Thelma Sandmeier school students officially received state, national and international awards for their Cryola and Cray-Pas crayon art work before 40 people. The awards were results of efforts by students and guidance from art teacher Marilyn Schneider. While Schneider's students are consistent contest winners, their entry in the international Cryola Dream-makers competition surprised her.

"Cryola entered the three students on their own and were judged at Buffalo State College," Schneider said. "I have to thank the students and their parents for allowing me to see their world through painting. I also thank Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland for his 12 years of support."

Work by Marisa Bianco, Derek Seigel and Samantha Stephens are part of a 70-nation exhibition staged by Cryola this year. Other student artists honored are Laura Alonso, Amanda DeCocco, Maria Imeo, Kyla McMillian, Natasha Scott and Kyla Ting.

"The Cryola and Cray-Pas contests are examples of a scholastic-private-public partnership," Friedland said. "Some companies we deal with as suppliers will hold competitions or

other programs to assist teaching. While it's special to have students show their view of the world through art so creatively, having them attain awards so often among 5,000 or so entries is a tribute to them and Mrs. Schneider."

Once the congratulations were passed out, the board turned to more future planning. That work included considering a second draft 1998-99 school calendar.

The alternate draft has the school year starting Sept. 8, the first Monday after Labor Day. The year is to end 183 days later on June 24, to coincide with the Jonathan Dayton High School graduation.

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Jitney is the right idea

With state and national economies on the upswing, area towns have recently seen several changes in their cityscapes. In Springfield and Mountaineer, signs of economic renewal can be seen in the renovations to downtown buildings, such as the Mountaineer Firehouse and Chisholm building in Springfield, among others.

However, while a bull market is nice, it is no reason for town officials to become complacent. Refurbishments are being undertaken for the good of the town; nevertheless, there are other steps that could be taken to ensure a lasting boon.

One such effort could be the introduction of a jitney service that would take Springfield and Mountaineer commuters to train stations in Summit or Millburn. Both towns, feeling a parking crunch, have reduced the number of non-resident parking spaces at their train stations, making taking the train inconvenient to residents of Springfield or Mountaineer. If a bus link were provided, residents would have an easy way to get to the train, but there are other reasons a jitney would be beneficial.

First, New Jersey Transit has introduced its Midtown Direct line to Summit, making the city a desirable place to live for commuters who work in New York City. Already the easy commute has had an impact on Summit, easing the city's parking problem downtown which previously had been gridlocked by the cars of daytime commuters. Summit has become a transportation hub, with the train station becoming a center of commerce and public activity. Also, with parking downtown having eased somewhat, it is expected that commerce will improve along the streets, drawing shoppers and, hopefully, businesses to the downtown, which in turn will increase property values there.

By extension, a quick and easy jitney service to the Summit train station from our towns would make them more amenable places to live for commuters, increasing property values, and providing a sales point for real estate agents and landlords.

Former Springfield Mayor Roy Hirschfeld had the right idea when he included a survey on a proposed jitney service in the township's municipal guide, which was mailed to residents Jan. 3. He undertook this after speaking with Summit Mayor Walter Long and Millburn Mayor Elaine Becker about parking problems, and then to former Union Township Mayor Greg Muller about the proposed Townley 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.

During a recent meeting with New Jersey Transit officials on the proposed jitney service, Hirschfeld said he was "surprised to see NJ Transit Executive Director Shirley DeLiberio and six other local mayors, who also wanted jitney service, at the meeting." He shouldn't have been. Providing jitney access is a first step in making a town transportation-friendly. At the meeting, he was told grants would be made available, provided he "show a positive response by potential users." Hence the survey, one of his last official acts as mayor.

Though mailing the surveys during the holidays resulted in a slight delay, all residents should have received them by now, Hirschfeld said. At last count, 20 had been returned to the Municipal Building. No very good return, statistically speaking. Nevertheless, Hirschfeld is going ahead and filing the grant application anyway.

Residents of Springfield and Mountaineer should support the introduction of a jitney-to-train service. Convenient transportation is the well-spring of a town's economy. It would bring revenue to the municipalities, convenience to commuters, and would increase the desirability — and the property value — of a borough or township address, all of which would bring economic prosperity to your doorstep.

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John Simpson
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SINGING PRAISE — Members of the Jonathan Dayton High School Chorus sing at the school's second annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration Jan. 15. King himself spoke at the high school in 1966, shortly after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize.

King's legacy and life must be remembered

While I'm Here

By Walter Elliott

I have spent the last two weeks thinking about Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and holiday. Going by the observations and discussions held in Springfield and Summit, there are more than a few people doing the same thing.

For me, a child of the 1960s, the civil rights movement wasn't a distant thing. I remember some of the marches on television or in Life magazine, including the night King was shot.

The civil rights movement had a local aspect as well. I recall marching with other people on Main Street in Orange for a full-fledged, modern high school, Orange was emerging from a period of racial germandering. There was concern that the new high school would become an annex to the old high instead, continuing the disparity.

King and the movement visited Springfield one night in 1966, when he spoke to an assembly at Jonathan Dayton High School. So had some controversy as a couple letters to the editor asked why public space be given to a person with alleged Communist ties.

The allegations were eventually proved false, long after King's death. But that didn't stop those who can never hold a candle to King's accomplishments from using such charges to fight against making this leader's birthday a national holiday.

The momentum began in January 1969, with the advocacy of local radio stations. Supporters saw the day as one of prayer, fasting and reflection on King's vision. Congress passed the holiday bill in 1983. The King holiday, at a recent Antioch Baptist Church worship program indicated, is on par with Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, recently renamed Presidents Day, as the only national holidays honoring an individual.

Turning to the present, I am concerned that the King holiday will become just another day off. I've seen the increasing use of King's face in advertisements and the lack of knowledge about the leader by some people. While the Springfield City Council inaugurated a community observance last year, I could not get a consensus from various attendees on why it took so long for the township to start holding such a commemoration.

The first two Springfield community observances showed me that King's vision and teachings are not lost on some. His quotes on furthering justice, the ability of love to transform an enemy into a friend, and caring for all in the community were before the eyes and on the lips of attendees. This year's commemoration departed from the initial observance in that it had discussion groups consider King's words instead of a keynote speaker. The Summit Unitarian Church took the discussion one step further by holding a forum on the future of affirmative action.

This is all well and good. There are some points, however, which haven't been considered.

First, the civil rights struggle was not solely for African-American rights. Yes, the effort started in that community as it had some of the most grievous of disparities. However, to label the movement by the arms it came from is like calling AIDS a chiefly homosexual disease.

Such tagging is part of the stereotyping process which can often lead to discrimination. Indeed, some of King's writings include a statement that the fate of the entire community and of its segments are intertwined — we're all in this together.

Second, as important as it is to remember King the dreamer, we must remember King the activist. He developed his non-violent methods of civil disobedience after studying the writings of Mohandas Gandhi and Henry David Thoreau, among others.

That meant breaking laws that he considered unjust. This was in direct conflict with adhering to the laws that legislators and public safety enforcers are sworn to uphold.

Before jumping to the conclusion that the King holiday is honoring a law-breaker, remember the "considered unjust" part. Passages in King and Gandhi's writings indicated that civil disobedience should be taken only after all legal forms of redress are exhausted. Gandhi wrote that the power of love, or soul force, which drives the effort, must not be used lightly nor for small causes.

Third, nonviolent means of redress and resolution may reduce bloodshed. The images of attack dogs, fire hoses and bombings here attest that a non-violent movement will not be bloodless. There may be times when a military or police strike may be the only recourse, and justice must be meted out. The cycle of pain and revenge, however, and the philosophy of an eye for an eye may well leave everyone blind.

I came away from the observances and talks hopeful. The struggle for human rights continues here and elsewhere, including the need to be educated about the movement. There's much work, discussion, and even disagreement ahead. But Springfield and Summit have continued the dialogue. Perhaps I may see you at next year's King observances.

Modern table manners lack finishing touch

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

It's not that I object to young children eating in a formal restaurant. What I do object to are unruly children eating in a formal restaurant and their parents not doing anything about their behavior.

On a recent night my wife and I went to a restaurant at about 8 p.m. for dinner. The place was moderately filled, including four kids, all about three to four years old, who were having a wild time. One was standing on a chair, another crawling on the table, a third crawling on the floor getting in the way of waitresses and waiters, while the fourth was screaming his head off because he couldn't get the top of the salt cellar off. All the while the parents sat idly by, ignoring this outrageous behavior and not quieting the kids down. All of this was happening while the children were throwing food around the table, with much landing on the floor. Parents still remained mum.

Two very important breaches of behavior were occurring here. All the children were up way past their bedtime, for one, and should have been in bed. The other breach was the cavalier fashion with which the parents treated the situation. Others sitting at nearby tables were plainly annoyed. Here you have a situation where you go into a very nice restaurant expecting to enjoy some good conversation and top-notch food, only to be annoyed by a bunch of unruly kids, and parents too selfish to think of the disservice they are causing neighbors by permitting such goings-on.

I'm not saying this is typical. But I see it more and more often. Some

they will suffer low self esteem and go through life feeling deprived.

Some parents take the attitude that their children are entitled to complete freedom of activity. That's okay, so long as that freedom doesn't interfere with mine. In this case I think I should have the freedom of enjoying dinner in a restaurant without a lot of carrying on by the kids of disinterested spectator parents.

This growing problem of rowdiness by the young while parents do nothing is causing some restaurants to change their policies. There are now several two-, and three-star restaurants which advise those who make reservations that children under eight or nine are not welcome. These restaurants are willing to lose business to keep customers who yearn for a quiet place to have dinner.

I realize that it's an impossible task to take small children to a restaurant

and expect them to act like little ladies and gentlemen. But I do expect if a child gets raucous, stands on the furniture, or slides around on the floor — creating havoc — that the parents should take a strong hand in knocking off such behavior. That's not too much to ask.

And while these parents are busy quelling their rowdy children, they should enforce the age-old rule that all males of my age remove their hats in restaurants, especially those that are worn backwards. I have nothing against kids, only those who misbehave and parents who permit them to do so at the expense of others. What's happened to good old-fashioned manners?

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Protect Jerusalem's reunification

To the Editor:
When Israel reunified Jerusalem in 1967 after a defensive war imposed by her Arab neighbors, the Israeli government restored unprecedented protection for the rights of all religions there. The Arab community is also represented in the Israeli Parliament, while one cannot find Jews serving in any office in any Arab land.

Nevertheless, the entire world, including the United States, continually questions the reunification of Jerusalem. How ironic that the reunification of Berlin was cheered by the world, but the reunification of Jerusalem is continually questioned.

This is more than regrettable, it is morally reprehensible.

Bernard Jacobson
Union

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

If President Clinton is found guilty of perjury, should he be impeached?

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What do you think of the Clinton sex-scandal?

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Did he or did he not?
If Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky came to mind while reading the above questions, you are not alone. A swirl tide of depositions and allegations has swept media attention since word was disclosed Jan. 21 of a possible affair between the President and the then-21-year-old White House intern.

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr received taped conversations between Lewinsky and fellow Pentagon employee Linda Tripp the day before. Attorney General Janet Reno and a federal appeals court panel approved Starr's use of the tapes in his continuing Whitewater investigation.

In the tapes Tripp recorded, Lewinsky reportedly said she had several liaisons with Clinton three years ago. She said the president and confidant Vernon Jordan tried to get her to tie about the affair should it come to light. Prior to the phone calls, Lewinsky made an affidavit of denial.

The then-college student left the White House for a job in the Pentagon in 1995 with a promise that she

would be allowed to return. When the return never materialized after that year's presidential election, Jordan, as a Revlon Corp. director, offered her work. The Revlon offer was withdrawn last week when the tapes surfaced.

Starr was seeking information on the president's character in connection with the Paula Jones civil suit. She charges that Clinton made an improper advance on her in 1991, when he was governor of Arkansas and she a state employee.

Lewinsky and her lawyer have offered Starr her testimony in exchange for immunity. The president and first lady, Hillary Clinton, have called the allegations false three times in the last week.

Several issues have arisen from the flood of charges. There's the question of both Clinton and Lewinsky's character. Lewinsky is, depending on the account, is either truthful or star-struck from her internship. Clinton's marital fidelity has been questioned since allegations of a long term affair with General Flowers surfaced during the 1992 Democratic primary.

If Lewinsky's charges are proven,

however, other questions may arise. Could a sexual relationship carried on by the president and an intern be considered sexual harassment, for example?

A more serious charge revolves around whether Clinton asked Lewinsky to lie. If that is true, then Starr's prosecution of Clinton and an intern be considered sexual harassment, for example?

Another line of questioning involves the role of special counsel. On one hand, Starr's five-year probe of the Whitewater land deal has yielded several guilty verdicts and plea bargains. On the other hand, some point to the millions that have been spent on prosecution without an end in sight, and claim Starr's pursuit is politically motivated.

Keep in mind Lewinsky's immunity offer is pending and the Jones civil suit is continuing. The accused are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Finding out what some people think about the matter brought the Echo Leader to the Lido Diner dur-

ing lunch hour Tuesday.

"The president stands as a role model for the country," Lori Fish said. "If he is allowed to have an affair and get away with it, what does it say for the rest of us?"

"The president all we had affairs in the past," Ellen D'Zaino said. "Bill Clinton happens to be the one who got caught."

"I don't think Clinton's guilty," said John Emmons. "There is so much junk being talked about now. The truth will come out in time."

"What the president does in his own personal time is his business," Riki Jaffe said.

"I agree with Riki," said Wendy Horowitz. "I think the charges are being brought because President Clinton has done so much for the country."

"I think the charges against the president are false," said Nancy Claud.

Gary Wade said he has heard enough about this story. "I don't want to listen to any more of it. Period."

Board seeks help of residents in building a strategic plan

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Mountaineer Board of Education has announced a new program for the development of the district's strategic plan. The program will allow residents to work alongside staff and administration in helping formulate the short- and long-term goals of the district.

In September, when Gerard Schaller was appointed as new chief school administrator, he promised a mission statement which would establish the board's future educational goals.

The district's new strategic planning program will look to develop such a statement, using input from Deerfield staff and administration, as well as residents, parents, and other stakeholders in the community.

Schaller said using a process endorsed by the Middle States Association and with the help of Joanne Borin, planning facilitator from the New Jersey School Boards Association, parents, teachers and administration will work together to develop the beliefs, mission, and goals necessary to move the district forward to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

One of the primary issues discussed will be technology. Last month, the board released its new five-year technology plan, which established five primary technological goals of the district.

The board said technology will always be an issue at the forefront of discussion due to its constant progression.

According to Mountaineer Board of Education President Pat Taeschler, the school board is looking forward to the diverse input of the community. "This will be a process of educational planning," she said.

"We will look to establish, with input from a variety of sources, the educational directions of the district. It should be a great experience," Taeschler said. "There will be a series of meetings, and the program will end in a social retreat and a mission statement."

The kick-off event was held Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School cafeteria. The meeting included an overview of the planning process and an opportunity for all present to provide input on the strengths and needs of the district.

Rahway man arrested for stealing gold chains

Mountaineer police arrested a woman, identified as Ivy Harris, 27, on Route 22 West, at which time it was found her license was suspended and a warrant had been issued for her arrest in East Orange.

On Jan. 21, a Highland Park man was arrested for driving with a suspended license. At about 10:30 p.m., Officer John Philippakis cited the man, identified as Gregory Shaffer, 46, for speeding. It was later found his license was suspended. Shaffer is being held in the Mountaineer district jail cell on \$1,000 bail.

A Plainfield man was arrested for driving while suspended Jan. 22. Officer Michael Jackson stopped the man, identified as Zayid Farrell, 22, for a motor vehicle violation, at which time it was found his license had been suspended. Farrell also had several warrants out for his arrest in Piscataway and Mountaineer. He was released on \$458 bail.

An Amoco gas station on Route 22 East reported a theft of services Jan. 18. According to the police report, a suspect offered an Amoco card to the gas station attendant, and after the card was not accepted, drove off without paying for the gasoline, valued at \$17.01.

A wall was reported stolen at Washlake School on Woodcrest Drive. The owner stated she had kept her wallet in a medicine cabinet in the school nurse's office, and a number of items were inside the wallet, including the victim's birth certificate, social security card, and ATM bank card, police said.

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Borough considers making changes to board of recreation

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Mountaineer Borough Council introduced an ordinance that, if passed, will change the structure of the borough's Board of Recreation.

The ordinance would abolish the current Board of Recreation Commissioners and create a Department of Recreation.

Recreation Director Susan Winans said the change to a department will be made to increase the specialization of its members.

"Presently, the Board of Recreation Commissioners includes seven people," Winans said. "If someone is interested in sports alone, they are forced to deal with all the different aspects of recreation. The new department would include more people, and thus, people would be able to concentrate more on the areas in which they are interested."

department would most likely be involved with sports, one with field trips, and one with the borough pool, she said.

The people would be selected for the various positions based on their familiarity with the subject, she said, which would add to the efficiency of the department.

Winans also said the potential change would not have any effect on people who take part in recreational activities. "We would continue to offer the same programs. We hope to improve on the program and generate more interest from the community," she said.

The ordinance will be voted on during February's Borough Council meeting. If passed, the council must wait 20 days before taking action.

Also on the agenda was an ordinance that would change parking regulations. In compliance with certain state fines, Mountaineer must issue a fine of \$30 for motor vehicles that are found to be in parking violation.

Accidents flip cars, bring down telephone pole

A pair of motorists found themselves looking apologetic down at Springfield's roads Tuesday.

A Saturn driver said she was going southbound on Milltown Road when she lost control approaching Smithfield Street at about 9 p.m., police said. The Saturn crossed lanes, hit a curb and flipped onto a front lawn. Its driver received minor injuries and the car was towed.

An Oldsmobile driver and his passenger went on a similar ride on Baldurston to police, the car was heading northbound near Henshaw Avenue when it crossed the center line, hit a utility pole — snapping it in half — and flipped. Police, fire, first aid, and utility crews responded to remove the car, clean up oil that spilled from the pole's damaged electrical transformer, and treat the occupants' minor injuries.

A Ford Thunderbird that moved

parking the car on Mountain Avenue.

Moving right before turning left on Hillside Avenue earned a Toyota driver an accident and a ticket Monday. The Toyota driver was attempting to enter a Hillside Avenue driveway when a Honda behind her began to pass in the westbound left lane, leading to a collision at about 9:15 p.m., police said. Another Toyota had a rear-end-on accident with a Ford at South Springfield Avenue near Dandara Road at about 1:40 p.m., injuring the Toyota's two occupants.

Brake failure on a Chevrolet Celebrity was blamed for its striking a utility pole along northbound Mountain Avenue Monday. The failure occurred when the driver attempted to stop at a traffic light at Henshaw Avenue at about 7:15 a.m.

A Subaru was approaching Mohawk Drive on southbound Milltown Road Sunday when it started to slide, hitting a tree and a utility pole

along the road's west side at about 1:50 p.m. The driver was injured, but caught her own doctor, police said, while a GPU worker checked the pole for soundness.

A Toyota Pulsar owner learned to his chagrin Saturday that although a car may be parked and unoccupied, it can still have an accident and earn traffic tickets. The Pulsar, which was left in neutral without its parking brake engaged, rolled back into a Honda Civic in a Morris Avenue lot at about 5:15 p.m. The Pulsar owner received three summonses, including one for improper operation, police said.

A Honda Civic driver and his passenger heading to a computer store on Route 22 East got some unwanted assistance Friday. Police said they were about to enter the store's lot at about 8:30 p.m. when a red mid-1980s Ford truck rear-ended the Honda, pushing it into 65 feet.

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Cluster of calls brings firemen to Baltusrol Way neighborhood

Springfield's firefighters frequented the Baltusrol Way neighborhood five times in four days — but not for golf. An Oldblome that hit a utility pole on Baltusrol Way at about 8:50 a.m. Jan. 20 started the chain of events. The car was heading north when it crossed the center line and hit the pole, tipping the vehicle. Its occupants were treated for minor injuries. This was followed by a report of a leaking gas stove nearby at 9:07 a.m. Handling both situations simultaneously prompted the department to request that a Union Township fire pumper be sent to Springfield headquarters in their leave.

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Next, the department helped police gain entry to a Baltusrol Avenue home at about 2:39 p.m. to check on a resident's well-being. Then it was back to Baltusrol Way. Friday to check first on a flooding problem at a residence at about 5:58 p.m. and then on a burning odor in a house at about 9:53 p.m.

• A flooding problem in a Caldwell Place house at about 3:51 p.m. was Saturday's sole entry. A similar condition, found in a Brook Street residence.

dence at about 6:28 p.m., shared Friday's log, with a report of a natural gas leak at the corner of Mountain Avenue and Stumpike Road at about 10:18 p.m.

• A firefighter was permitted to assist the Springfield First Aid Squad on a medical service call at about 2:26 p.m. Thursday. A unit assisted the police department in handling a car accident with a fluid spill at South Springfield Avenue and Jade Meadow Drive at about 4:55 p.m. Jan. 21.

• Not all of the department's calls Jan. 20 were at Baltusrol Way. An engine went out to the front lawn of a Milltown Road home where a flipped Saturn came to rest at about 9:08 p.m. The Saturn lost control approaching Elmwood Road and Smithfield Street, resulting in minor injuries to its driver and passenger.

• A car fire along Route 22 West received the attention of firefighters at about 11:36 a.m. Jan. 19. The day before, an activated carbon monoxide detector took a unit to Tree Top Drive at about 10:17 a.m.

Jonathan Dayton lists students on honor roll

Grade 9
Linda Agostinelli, Michelle Barone, Victoria Bigli, Lawrence Bluestone, James Carrello, Christy Celolacano, Lisa Denicolo, Lillian Fasman, Christina Fiorio, Rochus Frankel, Chad Freundlich, Evgenya Fuks, Alla Gulshina, Alycia Johnson, Holly Kaplan, Barry Kessler, Serge Khorochevsky, Victoria Kozienko, Alex Kramers, Tara Lisotavici, Michael Lyubavin, Rachel Mandel, Felix Milo, Dara Miranjahang, Illess Mico, Olga Oksov, Alessandra Pultti, Michael Pumo, Sean Rosenzblum, Dana Rutkowski, Nicole Sayki, Alex Shaw, Peter Shepherd, Eugene Silva, Christina Tomasino, Abhiram, Victor, Maggie Zambolka, Jonathan Zipskin and Joseph Zucor.

Neumer, Daniel Orit, Lauren Palais, Lyndon Paman, Kimberly Pecana, Bethany Rainey, Rachel Tisi, Walter Todd and Brian Young.

Valeriya Biryuzova, Sheryl Brunstein, Lauren Bronshtei, Lina Cherefs, Stacy Cohen, Angela Desiccio, Matthew Delmaro, Debbie Gili, Vyacheslav Khorochevsky, Jennifer Lisante, Nathaniel Maslow, Donna Mijahang, Danielle Mojo, Nadia Pacifico, Chelsea Page, Marcia Palae, Rafaei Polinski, Joshua Ravitz, Scott Sambur, Jennifer Samacino, Maria Staron, Brian Wedemeyer and Russell Werner.

Grade 12
Madelaine Allerod, Sabino Battaglia, Chris Behar, Mitchell Bernstein, Nathali Clarke, Katherine Cullerton, Daryl Daniels, Maria Fajenbaum, Lori Fishkin, Eric Fishman, Joseph Gonella, Bella Gorelik, Wendy Horowitz, Danielle Kirsch, Christopher Loeffler, Christina Lombardo, David Lutsenberg, Erin Moran, Katerina Mousilias, Abigail Ocampo, Tara Ortiz, George Rhoads, Scott Rozsbaum, Keethi Simmon, Carrie Sinclair, Jessica Stapfer, Denise Tarantolo, Melissa Trachtenberg, Jeffrey Vogt, Tamara Young and Andrea Zawozuk.

Grade 10
Bronis Azran, Karen Bibbo, Victoria Brusteyn, Michelle Ciandella, Alan Cohn, Courtney Corigliano, Veronica Delapaz, Tiffany Dorn, Brian Drewniak, Ryan Dubial, Franki, Chad Freundlich, Rebecca Friedman, Zachary Goldberg, Dina Gordon, Michael Hendrich, David Heyer, Justin Katz, Daniel Kazemi, Michael Kessel, Fatimah Khan, Michelle Khordos, Jessica Lu, Charles Licatess, Steven Lin, Lisa Max, Laura Moiseev, Rachel

Franciosa appointed fire chief

The Mountside Volunteer Fire Department appointed Marc Franciosa as the new fire chief this past week, replacing former chief Tom Salimbeni, who recently stepped down. Franciosa was Mountside's assistant fire chief, and lives in Garwood.

Below is a listing of the Mountside Fire Department staff:
Chief: Marc Franciosa
Deputy Chief: John Browne
Deputy Chief: Gary Canisgallo
Captain: Walter Heckel
Captain: Jeff Stoffer
Lieutenant: Steven Smith
Lieutenant: Paarl Eslemeyer
The department reported no activity this past week.

J.K. Jackowski

Joseph K. Jackowski, 90, of Springfield died Jan. 21 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Jackowski lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 20 years ago. She was employed for many years with Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, and retired in 1976.

Surviving are four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Leo Zucker

Leo Zucker of Springfield died Jan. 20 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Zucker lived in South Orange and Manalapan, before moving to Springfield six years ago. He owned and operated Amberly Tours, Manalapan, for 25 years. Previously, Mr. Zucker owned and operated A. Cornfield and Co. Inc., East Orange, for 30 years. He was active in philanthropic communities, Republican politics and was a member of the commission of the office of Economic Opportunities under Gov. William Cahill. Mr. Zucker was a member of Diogenes Lodge of the Masons Order of South Orange and the Knights of Pythias of Covered Bridge and Union, where he was recognized for his outstanding contributions for Operation We Care for a Cystic Fibrosis Campaign. He was a fund raiser and active with the Heart and Lung Center of the Deborah Hospital Foundation.

Angela Rose Ganci

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of science degree in education. Mrs. Ganci was a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, the Mountside Women's Club and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elks Lodge No. 1583 of Union. She also was a volunteer and member of the Playhouse Guild of the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

Jean Mazza

Jean Mazza, 80, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died Jan. 22 in the Cornell Hill Nursing Home, Union.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Mazza lived in Union before moving to Springfield 10 years ago. She was a secretary for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union Local 135, New York City, for 25 years and retired 15 years ago.

Surviving are a brother, James Copano, and two sisters, Mary Natale and Connie Rossi.

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To find a long-lost relative, neighbor or roommate, try www.whowhere.com. Search for people's email or real addresses anywhere in the U.S. and in some foreign countries.

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Call the Reference Desk for more information at (908) 233-0115.

Internet classes offered

Internet classes for beginning users will be offered at the Mountainside Public Library on the following dates: Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.; March 24 at 7:30 p.m., and April 30 at 2 p.m.

The classes are free and open to Mountainside Library card holders only. The Beginning Users class is one 40-minute session for novices. For those familiar with basic web searching, "Advanced Searching on the Internet" will be offered Feb. 19 at 2 p.m.

Advanced searching requires some familiarity with Windows '95 and the World Wide Web. The 40-minute classes will cover searching techniques using several different search engines, such as Inetseek or Alta Vista. Classes are offered to Mountainside residents only due to space limitations. Sign up for one class only.

The Mountainside Public Library is located at Constitution Plaza; call (908) 233-0115 for more information.

Library has 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 56K dial-up 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

Library trustee meetings

The Mountainside Public Library will be holding meetings of its Board of Trustees on the following dates: Feb. 9, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, No meeting in August, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 10, Dec. 21.

All meetings are held in the library Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m.

Streisand film festival

The Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to present "Lunchtime Theater — a Barbra Streisand

Film Festival." The series will start at noon Feb. 10 with "Funny Girl." Barbra's Academy Award-winning performance follows the early career of Fanny Brice. The festival continues on the following Tuesdays at noon: Feb. 24, "The Owl and the Pussy Cat"; March 10, "The Way We Were"; March 24, "For Pete's Sake"; April 7, "Funny Lady"; April 21, "The Prince of Tides"; May 5, "The Mirror Has Two Faces."

Drama club reading

On Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library is presenting the Dramatic Arts Club of the Freehold High School in a reading of works by the American playwright Tennessee Williams.

The Dramatic Arts Club of the Freehold High School has been in existence since 1960 and in that time has produced over 100 dramas and musicals. The organization produces two major shows each year and a series of one-act plays at various festivals, where students have won many acting awards. The Dramatic Arts Club tries to expose its members to a variety of styles of theater.

The plays chosen for this presentation are early works of Tennessee Williams, and have as much relevance now as when they were written. The program will include the following readings:

"The Yellow Bird" — this short story was the inspiration for the plays "Eccentricities of a Nightingale" and "Summer and Smoke".

The play was the inspiration for the film of the same name starring Robert Redford and Natalie Wood.

"Talk To Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen" — this 1948 play is about two people who are defeated and soiled by the tainted glamour of New York City. The subject matter relates to today's problems of addiction and homelessness.

"Portrait of a Girl in Glass" — the play "The Glass Menagerie" was based on this short story.

Book discussion

"A Civil Action," the bestselling chronicle of a lawsuit over toxic pollution, will be featured at the next book discussion at the Springfield Public Library. The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the library meeting room.

Author Jonathan Harr describes a true-life suit brought by eight families in Woburn, Mass., in 1986 after an outbreak of leukemia. He particularly follows the passionate involvement of lawyer Jan Schlichtman through years of preparation and litigation. A movie based on the case is to be released later this year starring John Travolta.

Bonnes Fetes!



Seventh grade students kick off the season with a celebration of family, completing "Nos Artres Genealogiques" just in time for the New Year. Pictured from left: Back row, Beatrice Von Seckendorff, Rebecca Paskow, Tim Scofield, Jamie Tam, Christina Reldy, Nicole Teeschler, Kim Plisch, Brihany Sanders, and Ashley Farrell. Front row: Stacy Vlachakis, Ashley Criscitello, Estrella Lopez, Michael Margello, and Shaun Modi.

STUDENT UPDATE

Student of the month

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The athletic senior is an active participant on the Oratory sports scene. He has taken part in the school's intramural football, basketball and volleyball programs. One of Brian's foremost contributions in the area of sports is his membership on the varsity swimming team. Because of his talent and leadership in this area, he was named team captain for the 1998 season.

St. Peter's Prep

Springfield resident Nicolas Scott, a freshman at St. Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, and Summit resident Thomas Parry and William Coffey, were three of 175 students to receive honors at the Jesuit school's recent Fall Honors Assembly, announced principal Jack Rosalovsky. He is a graduate of St. Rose of Lima Grammar School in Short Hills.

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In addition to his Oratory activities, Brian is a lifeguard at White Meadow Lake. He is currently applying to colleges on the East coast with an eye to a teaching career in history or English.

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SPORTS

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Springfield Minutemen basketball teams had an outstanding week as the Senior team won two of three games and the Junior squad won all three.

The Senior team (8th graders) defeated Warren 50-21 in Warren, was defeated by Westfield 39-37 in Westfield and then defeated Chatham 56-40.

Brian Birch's three-point play with four minutes remaining in the third quarter sparked Springfield to its win over Warren.

Joe Albiez continued his excellent play by making two three-point baskets.

Matt Paz paced all scorers with a 12-point performance and Albiez had 10.

Birch scored seven points, Billy Chambers six, Michael Jaffe and Woody Woodruff four, Alex Belous three and Carl Nazare and Chase Freundlich two.

Paz scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds in the game against Westfield.

Jaffe and Chambers had seven points, Mo Abdelaziz four and Freundlich and Birch two.

Paz scored 27 points in the win against Chatham as the Senior squad improved to 6-7.

Home games this week were scheduled against Hillside and Berkeley Heights.

Springfield's Junior team (7th graders) improved to 5-2 with wins over Warren, Westfield and Chatham.

Andre Callender scored 18 points and grabbed 18 rebounds.

Yuri Portnall had 11 points and Dean Chencharik nine.

Nick Perretti and David Levine scored eight points and captain Mike Nintolo dished out 14 assists.

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The Springfield Recreation 1998 Girls Softball Program is seeking girls in grades 2 and 3 for its inaugural League. Registration is taking place at The Sarah Bailey Civic Center on 30 Church Mall in Springfield. The fee is \$45 and two checks are necessary, one of \$20 to be made payable to Springfield Recreation and one of \$25 to be made payable to the Girls Softball Parent's Organization.

More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 908-912-2227.

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The following is the upcoming Springfield Girls Recreation Basketball schedule:

- Feb. 1 11:15: UCLA (Gold) vs. Seton Hall (White)
- 2:15: North Carolina (L. Blue) vs. St. Johns (Red)
- Feb. 8 11:15: Seton Hall (White) vs. North Carolina (L. Blue)
- 2:15: St. Johns (Red) vs. UCLA (Gold)
- Feb. 15 1:15: St. Johns (Red) vs. Seton Hall (White)
- 2:15: UCLA (Gold) vs. North Carolina (L. Blue)
- Feb. 22 11:15: North Carolina (L. Blue) vs. St. Johns (Red)
- 2:15: Seton Hall (White) vs. UCLA (Gold)
- MARCH 1 1:15: Seton Hall (White) vs. North Carolina (L. Blue)
- 2:15: St. Johns (Red) vs. UCLA (Gold)

Dayton's Loeffler having a grand season for Bulldogs Standout senior reaches 1,000 points

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor
He's now one of only five Dayton High School standouts senior forward Chris Loeffler scored his 1,000th point during the boys' basketball team's 62-29 Mountain Valley Conference-Volley Division victory at home over Roselle Park Jan. 16.

Loeffler became only the fifth player in school history to reach the coveted 1,000-point milestone. Loeffler scored a game-high 25 points to push his career total to 1,015.

Dayton improved to 7-3 with its fifth consecutive victory and improved to 6-1 in Valley Division play, handing defending champion Roselle Park its first Valley Division loss of the season.

Dayton finished second in the Valley Division to Roselle Park last year but was the only team to beat the Panthers as the team split Valley Division contests, each winning on the others' home court.

Loeffler, who was visibly nervous about new scorers over the first period against Roselle Park, but then hit for five points in the second.

Entering intermission, Loeffler was

five points shy of 1,000.

With five minutes left in the third quarter, he stepped to the foul line and calmly sank a free throw to reach the mark.

The game was temporarily halted as Loeffler presented the ball by Dayton head coach Bill Berger. Fellow team captain Eric Fishman presented Loeffler with a piggy bank, containing 1,000 pennies on behalf of the team.

Boys' Basketball

After the festivities were over, Loeffler calmly began to dominate the game, scoring all of Dayton's points in the remainder of the third quarter.

Loeffler scored 10 more points to help Dayton beat New Providence 30-22 Jan. 20 in Valley Division action in Springfield.

That gave Dayton's leading scorer 231 points in 11 games this year for an average of 21. He's also averaging nine rebounds and two assists.

Loeffler's career point total increased to 1,025 with the 10 points against New Providence.

Loeffler scored 26 more for 1,051. Dayton won its seventh consecutive game by beating Manville 56-29 in Springfield last Thursday. Dayton

improved to 7-1 in the Valley Division and 9-3 overall.

Loeffler scored 22 more for 1,073 although Dayton's seven-game winning streak was stopped by Mountain Division rival North Plainfield 46-35 last Friday in North Plainfield.

Dayton had a big home game scheduled against St. Mary's of Elizabeth Tuesday as both entered the week as the only Valley Division teams with just one loss in divisional play.

Dayton began the week at 9-4 overall and 7-1 in the Valley while St. Mary's was 10-3 and 8-1 in the Valley. St. Mary's had a three-game winning streak snapped last Saturday when it was defeated by non-conference foe St. Benedict's Prep 52-37 at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth.

Dayton has Valley Division road games scheduled tonight and tomorrow night against Brearley and Middlesex, both at 7.

Dayton defeated Brearley 69-39 at home back on Jan. 8 as Loeffler scored 16 and Ralph Saracino 17.

The Bulldogs bested Middlesex 56-31 in Springfield back on Jan. 9 as Loeffler scored 25 and Saracino had 12.

Miller tops century mark



Jeff Miller of Springfield scored a career-high 28 points to become the ninth player in Seton Hall Prep history to reach the 1,000 point mark during the Pirates' 82-56 win against West Morris last Thursday in West Orange. Miller increased his career total to 1,013 with a 12-point performance against St. Patrick's of Elizabeth last Saturday night, a 60-49 Celtics win at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth.

High school wrestlers manage victory over NP

The Brearley School wrestling team, comprised of students from Brearley in Kenilworth and Dayton in Springfield, defeated North Plainfield 51-27 at home and lost to Johnson 59-23 Saturday.

The Bears began the week with a 3-5 record.

Winning for the Bears in their triumph over North Plainfield were Joe Ruggiero at 103, Altay Vigilante at 112, Mike Puro at 119, Scott Ferguson at 125, Atila Vigilante at 145, Joe Micoeli at 171, Jon Zina at 189, Mike Harms at 210 and Chris Tyne at 215pound weight.

Ruggiero, Puro, Ferguson, Atila Vigilante, Harms and Tyne won by pin for the Bears.

Anita Vigilante defeated Gary Taliba 15-9 in 145 pounds during Brearley's match at Roselle Park Jan. 21. The Panthers, who began the week at 12-0, won the match by a 7-10 score.

Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Clinic upcoming at CNJ

The New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association (NJSCA) has announced the scheduling of a Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Clinic to be held Saturday, Feb. 28 at the College of New Jersey in Ewing Township. The timeframe for the clinic is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration opening at 8 a.m.

This clinic is designed to meet the needs of varsity coaches, assistant coaches and recreational coaches.

The registration fee schedule is as follows: 1997-98 NJSCA members - registration fee is \$25 and on-site \$35, non-NJSCA members - registration fee is \$35 and on-site \$45 and non-graduate that includes 1997-98 membership is \$55 and on-site \$65.

The agenda is as follows: 8-9 a.m.: Registration/Continental Breakfast; Visit Exhibits. 9-9:45 a.m.: Elizabeth Sallie, New Brunswick H.S. — Long Jump. Stu Ralph — Javelin.

10:10-10:45 a.m.: Invited Frank Gagliano of Georgetown University. 11:00-11:45 a.m.: Dave Costello of Elizabeth H.S. — High Jump. 11:45-12:15 p.m.: Lunch.

12:15-1 p.m.: Myra Mitchell, Franklin H.S. — Establishing a Track Program. Mike Theuerkauf, Northern Valley H.S. — Shot Put. Steve Korcos, Buena H.S. — The Sprinth (100m & 200m).

1:15-2 p.m.: Rick Hildebrand, Pole Vault. TBA — Treating Injuries of a Track Athlete. Mike Naples, Ocean City H.S. — Distance (800m & 1600m).

2:15-3 p.m.: Mary Holleran, Manchen H.S. — The Relays. TBA — Rules & Regulations. Justina Doyle-Casavella, Voorhees H.S. — Cross Country Running.

Dayton Boys' Basketball

- Jan. 29 at Brearley, 7:00
- Jan. 30 at Middlesex, 7:00
- Feb. 3 Bound Brook, 7:00
- Feb. 6 Oratory, 7:00
- Feb. 10 at Roselle Park, 7:00
- Feb. 13 at New Providence, 7:00
- Feb. 17 at Manville, 7:00

Dayton Girls' Basketball

- Jan. 29 Brearley, 4:00
- Jan. 30 Middlesex, 7:00
- Feb. 3 at Bound Brook, 7:00
- Feb. 6 at Oak Knoll, 7:00
- Feb. 10 Roselle Park, 4:00
- Feb. 13 New Providence, 7:00
- Feb. 17 Manville, 4:00

Fans will get a chance to vote for Dream Team

By Joe Ragazzino
Staff Writer

In the next few months, fans will have a chance to vote for the Dream Team. No, it has nothing to do with the NBA. It's the Dream Team of high school wrestlers throughout the state. But this Dream Team won't be solely composed of current competitors, although some could make a strong case. Rather, the team is selected from the thousands of wrestlers who have shaped the sport's rich and steep history in the Garden State.

The Dream Team is the brainchild of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association History of Wrestling Advisory Committee, which for the past three years has released the "NJISAA History of New Jersey Wrestling Book."

This March, the NJISAA will crown its 750th state champion during the state finals in Atlantic City. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the committee decided to launch a voting campaign to select the best state wrestlers ever.

The project will be undertaken by the Advisory Committee led by Matt Menkowski, a wrestling official for the past 23 years. Each year during the Regionals and Super-Regionals, Menkowski has visited various sites, selling copies of the wrestling book, which is packed with statistics and histories of every high school wrestling program, including the District, Regional, and State winners since 1934.

Along with the purchase of the wrestling book, which is updated every year,

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fans will receive a free ballot to select the Dream Team. The book will serve as a tool to aid fans in making their selections.

For Menkowski, the task of distributing the books and ballots is far from daunting.

"It's fun," Menkowski said. "The whole idea is to promote the sport and the book and I'm having fun with it."

Incidentally, it was Menkowski who suggested the idea of producing the wrestling book. About six years ago, Menkowski approached State Wrestling Tournament Director Ernie Fintino about the proposal. For the next few years, discussions took place and the NJISAA History of Wrestling Advisory Committee was formed, comprising of officials, coaches, media members and fans. Thanks to a sponsor, the book was unveiled.

The committee agreed to repay the sponsor. Thus, proceeds from the book go towards the cost of the sponsor and other expenses, Menkowski said. "The book, added Menkowski, is to give prestige to the sport and to acknowledge the accomplishments of those who have ever put on a uniform. "Really, when do you ever get your name in a book?" Menkowski rhetorically asked. "Getting your name in a book gives you pride that you accomplished something. When you retire or your career is over, your name is always going to be there. Nobody can ever take that away from you."

arens tonight and hosts Morrisstown tomorrow at Chimney Rock Arena in Bridgewater. Dayton's home rink.

Thanks to support from the community and the school de-regionalization of Kenilworth and Clark. Dayton has a co-op team composed of players from Springfield and Kenilworth. Previously, players from Clark, Kenilworth and Springfield comprised a co-op team under the Johnson Regional name.

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Despite their misfortunes, the Bulldogs have a few bright spots, notably senior goaltender Anthony Chango, a Kenilworth resident and student at Brearley High School. The upperclassman is one of the team's most experienced members and consistently gives the Bulldogs a chance to win with his stellar play in front of the net.

"He keeps us in the game," Grischke said of Chango, who excelled for a traveling team. "If it wasn't for him, we would not be in most of these games. He has great techniques and great reflexes."

Senior defenseman Dan Brade and Joe Penn, both of Kenilworth, have been solid and physical.

Cohen, meanwhile, has emerged as a force, leading the team with six goals. Cohen caught Grischke's eye when the freshman played with the New Jersey Devils Youth Hockey program, which Grischke also coached.

"He has great offensive skills," said Grischke, a certified pro who coached the Johnson program to a couple of wins in its inaugural season five years ago. "He'll be one of the mainstays in the next four years."

Junior forwards Brian Berger and

Pete Meiller and sophomores forward Jonathan Kovacs, all of Springfield, are also gaining valuable experience.

Grischke recognizes that each time his team takes to the ice, whether in practice or in games, the players will get better.

"The more you get on the ice, the more you can improve on the things you're doing," Grischke said. "They're improving every time they step onto the ice."

A solid parent organization, led by Arthur Kravetz, Neal Berger and Bruce Conso, also helps matters.

As for capturing that elusive first win, Grischke has nothing but confidence that his team can do that. If not more than once.

"I think we'll finish with a couple of wins," Grischke said.

And with a strong number of returning players, coupled with a decent middle school program, a winning season could be in store down the road.

"I'm looking forward to next season," Grischke said. "The kids will have a year of experience and will get stronger. The future looks bright."

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Because of the ugly third-period brawl that took place between Dayton and Newark Academy players in which referee Paul Mellins issued more than 70 minutes in penalties and a game misconduct, the two teams will not face each other again this year.

Dayton was scheduled to host Newark Academy on Friday, Feb. 6 at Chimney Rock.

According to Grischke, the athletic directors from both schools decided it would be in the best interests of all involved for the teams not to meet again this year.

