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NEWS

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Violence targeted

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has devised a four-step program that hopes to reduce the amount of violence in schools in Union County.

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Tax reduction?

The School Boards Association is proposing a way to reduce dependence on taxpayers to finance education, but will the proposal be accepted? Some Union County assemblymen have questions about the plan.

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THE ARTS

Fitting tribute

The Les Malamut Gallery pays a fitting tribute to its founder and namesake.

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Area crime spree ends in hail of gunshots

By Craig Garrison
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old man wanted for bank robbery and murder was killed in a shootout with Mountainside and Scotch Plains police officers on Route 22 last week.

Michael Terrence Howard of Plainfield was shot and killed in a hail of 40 bullets Nov. 25 near the Glenridge Avenue exit on Route 22 West at

about 1:30 a.m. The police returned fire when Howard, the target of a nationwide manhunt, after allegedly murdering a teenager in Baltimore, drew two handguns and fired at officers as they approached his vehicle, according to Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan.

Howard's death marked the end of

what Manahan described as a violent one-man crime wave spanning a two-week period, that began after someone threw an egg at Howard's father's car Nov. 14.

An arrest warrant was issued after Howard allegedly shot and killed a 19-year-old man, Raymond Wallace, in Baltimore. Howard believed Wal-

lace had thrown the egg, according to police.

On Nov. 17, Howard was back in New Jersey, where he allegedly committed an armed robbery at the First Savings Bank in Plainfield. On Nov. 20, police say, Howard shot and wounded Plainfield resident Tyre Fort during an argument.

Howard's final spree began around 11:30 p.m. Nov. 24 in what Manahan described as an attempt to commit suicide by gun. In less than two hours, Howard engaged in three shootouts with police.

"At 4:50 p.m.," Manahan said, Howard exited his red Mazda MPV minivan alongside a Plainfield patrol

car, hooked his hook and fired four or five shots into the vehicle. Police Officer Anthony Hoyatt, hit twice in the right arm, tried to radio for assistance as Howard continued firing into the patrol car.

Howard waited at the scene. Manahan said, and approached Hoyatt's squad car as they arrived. He fired five shots at Plainfield detectives Steven Francisco and Robert Henderson, hitting Francisco in the leg and the pelvis, and fired several other shots at Officer Keith Donegan before driving away.

Mountainside Corporal Andrew Nuthall spotted Howard's vehicle. See EVIDENCE, Page B

Budding gangsters



Photo by Jeff Gross

From left, Gaudineer School students Manoah Finston and Jesse Fishbein rehearse for the school's production of "Guys and Dolls," which opens tonight. See story on Page 3.

Borough tree-lighting set for Saturday

By Craig Garrison
Staff Writer

Mountainside will be ushering in the holidays Saturday with the annual rite of the season, the lighting of the borough's official Christmas tree.

The lighting will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Borough Hall, located at 1385 Route 22 East and New Providence Road.

This year's ceremony is marked with some sadness, however, and dedicated to the memory of Leo Strohmeier. Strohmeier, 76, died Nov. 24, a few weeks after the Borough Council passed a resolution recognizing his dedication to Mountainside's holiday tradition.

Strohmeier played the role of Santa Claus at the tree-lighting ceremony and at the Elks Club. When he became ill in early in the show, he donated his ornaments to the purchase of a second Santa suit. Vigilante said. Elizabeth Magdalena, secretary of the Mountainside Lions Club, and Strohmeier had been in charge of the Christmas tree-lighting for about 22 years. "Whip the tree got over 20 feet in height. Lou is the one who designed the rig in order to get the lights on it," Magdalena said.

For years, he and his family kept the Christmas tree lights and other decorations, Strohmeier's wife, Alice, asked that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the Mountainside Lions Club Christmas Tree Fund.

"To all my residents, I wish a happy, healthy and safe holiday season," said Vigilante.

Mountainside's tree-decorating tradition goes back at least to the 1960s, said Sue Williams, director of Recreation, and Santa Claus may make an appearance.

Following the tree-lighting, residents will be invited to an evening of ice skating at Warrington Rink in Elizabeth. Skating will be free for residents with skates; those who need skates will have to pay for rental.

If you miss the tree-lighting ceremony, you can check out the traditional county festivities at the Watchung Stables in the Watchung Reservation.

This event starts at about 6:30 p.m. Friday night with a run date, scheduled for Saturday. The activities will include the lighting of the 20-foot Christmas tree, a chili cook-off, a petting zoo, refreshments, visit from Santa Claus and entertainment by the Union County Sheriff's K-9 Unit. Members of the Watchung Mounted Drill Team will also put on a display of their equestrian talents.

Those attending the Watchung Stables lighting are asked to bring along a dry or canned food item or a new, unwrapped toy to be donated to area charities.

"To all my residents, I wish a happy, healthy and safe holiday season," said Vigilante.

Jitney service faces more delays

By Craig Garrison
Staff Writer

Springfield's long-awaited jitney bus route will go into service Saturday as expected, but Township Committeeman Roy Hirshfeld is beginning to lose the light at the end of the tunnel after three months of delays.

"I'm anticipating this will begin by the new year, perhaps sooner," Hirshfeld said.

All six towns which received the railroad station feeder service grants in June are still waiting for promised minibuses. The routes were originally scheduled to go into service on Labor Day weekend.

New Jersey Transit gave \$50,000 in matching state grants to Berkeley Heights, Chatham Township, East Orange, Maplewood, Springfield and West Orange in June.

NJ Transit also promised each awarder a number of labor day problems over bus delivery, and contractual conditions, according to town officials, pushed delivery back five times.

Springfield officials, whose town does not have direct rail access, feel especially frustrated. Many commuters said they were being squeezed out of non-resident parking spaces in Summa and Millburn. Hirshfeld, Deputy Mayor Greg Clarke and Mayor S.J. Mallman said they had drawn up an operating plan for a shuttle between Duff's Corner and Short Hills Station but have little to show for it.

"The problem is that we don't have a bus or a contract," Clarke said. "It's academic; NJ Transit would change something with each meeting."

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Township examines cost of sewage lines

By Craig Garrison
Staff Writer

An average in sanitary sewer lines could be costing Springfield tens of thousands of dollars every year in unnecessary fees, according to Deputy Mayor Greg Clarke, and township residents are being urged to assess their homes and businesses for illegal hookups to sanitary sewer lines.

Clarke stated at the Nov. 24 Springfield Township Committee meeting that some residents may have illegal hookups that connect sources of storm water to sanitary sewer lines, increasing the amount of sewerage that must be treated. This excess amount, or "overage," is accompanied by an increase in treatment fees.

There are two types of sewer lines: storm water, which carries rain and other ground water, and the sanitary sewer lines, which transports water and waste from toilets, sinks and tubs.

Springfield is one of 10 towns in Union County that form the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. Sewerage treated in the city of Rahway before being returned to the Rahway River. This costs the township about \$600,000 a year, Clarke said.

Any excess water that must be treated is billed at 10 percent of the \$600,000 fee, Clarke said. Much of this excess sewage is rain water that would not require treatment if it didn't enter the sanitary line.

These illegal connections could be costing Springfield taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars, Clarke said. This year, the township may be billed as much as \$10,000 to treat the overage.

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Photo by Jeff Gross

Heart attack victim revived by quick-witted resident

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

A routine cup-of-coffee in a local Springfield shop became a morning of life and death for several township residents.

Two weeks ago, several shop regulars notedly noticed when an elderly gentleman walked outside into the back parking lot and began hanging on the window. At least one witness, Bob Bush, noticed something out of the ordinary. "I could see in his face something was wrong," he stated.

The victim, identified by witnesses as "Dominic," was able to convey in Dash that he was having chest pains. Dash said, he "immediately called me to the shop to call 9-1-1, but just off-duty." South Orange police officer and Springfield resident Mike Pannullo immediately ran outside to help.

We were holding Dominic, talking to him until the paramedics arrived, and then the man died in our arms," Dash said. "Mike responded like a cat and started administering CPR."

At first there was no response, but all of a sudden he brought the man's chest back to rising," Dash said. Right in front of me, I watched a man die and come back to life. I never experienced anything like that before."

As the patient began regaining consciousness, emergency vehicles arrived on the scene.

"Dominic is on the road to recovery. But he wouldn't have made it if Mike hadn't reacted the way he did," Dash said. "Mike did a heroic job."

Pannullo regards the incident as simply another aspect of his job as a police officer, he said. "I'm on duty 24-7. If there is anything that I can do for anybody in the community, I'm going to do it. I try not to sit here and just myself on the couch. I just do whatever I can."

Council appropriates funds to battle millennium bug

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

After disapproving \$35,000 from the capital improvement fund to the purchase of computer equipment passed its first reading at the Mountainside Borough Council meeting Nov. 24.

This is part of the money needed for Y2K, and Mayor Robert Vigilante is preparing for the year 2000. Some of our current computers are old and may not be conducive for use in the year 2000.

Y2K refers to the year 2000 problem, also referred to as the "millennium bug." Many computer systems use software that tracks dates with only the last two numbers of the year, such as '98 instead of '1998. When '99 appears for the year 2000, many computers will regard it as 1900, possibly leading to severe system failure.

Also passing their first readings were ordinances for Mountainside to pay \$300,000 to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority in order for the borough to become an official member. Vigilante explained that for the past two years, Mountainside has been a guest of the RVS. "We had obtained the rights and usage through Crawford," Vigilante said. "Part of this re-paginating two years ago was to allow Mountainside to become an active member."

Vigilante cited two advantages to gaining status as a member of the RVS. As a guest, Mountainside was in the least beneficial position to purchase additional new rights, if necessary. Active members also acquire an official representative to the authority.

Jeffrey Sturmer was welcomed as the borough's new police officer. With no appointments, the average age of officers in the Police Department is about 32. "We have a new, modern department," Vigilante said. "Our officers have progressed academically with what we are facing in the new millennium. Many have degrees in law enforcement."

A \$2,500 check was presented to the Mountainside Board of Education Project Pocket Party offered funding to municipalities for the improvement or acquisition of parks of fields. While the Board of Education was not allowed to apply for this grant, the borough applied and then made a gift to the board in order to help complete improvements in local fields.

Last week also signified the opening of the community room on the second floor of the Municipal Building. "This room will serve residents of all ages," Vigilante said. "It's open to all nonprofit groups in Mountainside. Profit groups will not be open in use during the day," the mayor added.

Mountainside resident Bart A. Barrie was the recipient of this year's Mabel Young Good Neighbor Award. Barrie was described as "a person who has given his time and talents and love in unquenchable ways, seeking no acclaim or recognition, but always giving and being his brother's keeper," award presenter Bill Donino said.

Barrie, currently a self-employed attorney in Mountainside, moved to the borough in 1972. Among additional volunteer positions, Barrie served as chairman of the Mountainside PTA Fair and president of the Board of Trustees of the Community Presbyterian Church. In 1979, he was elected to the Board of Education, where he served as vice president, finance chairman and as the board representative to the state.

These are just some of the things Barrie has done in our community. Barrie said, "They are the things most of us know about. What only a few of us know is the things he does for others, for which we will not receive in his curriculum vitae."

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'Guys and Dolls' makes Gaudineer debut

By Pamela Isackson
Staff Writer

An old sage says that it takes a village to raise a child. According to JoAnna Raboy, director of the production of "Guys and Dolls" at Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield, it takes a village to put this musical on.

With the first curtain call tonight at 8 p.m., Raboy, the middle school and high school vocal music teacher, was referring to the members of the Springfield community who have volunteered their time to assist with the production. Several of these volunteers are parents of the performers. Eighth grader Sara Goldberg stars as Adelicia; her mother assists with costumes and staging. "Mrs. Goldberg has helped us enormously with her expertise," Raboy said. "She's the type of generous person who would have Johnson even if her daughter wasn't in the show."

Eighth grader Marine Fink, who plays missionary Sarah Brown, also finds her mother's coaching her at rehearsals, mostly reminding her to smile.

Minibus now anticipated after new year

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Hirschfeld said the current hold-up is over insurance documentation that the township delivered to NJ Transit earlier this week. "They say that the buses aren't New Jersey and they're ready to be delivered to us, as soon as they receive the insurance documents and we receive the leasing agreement and the validation."

Before the deal is officially consummated, however, township attorney Bruce Berger will look over the contract to ensure that Springfield's current approach to the jitney's use is acceptable to NJ Transit. Hirschfeld said:

"The current plan is to have 10 cars available to residents, and non-residents above age 65 cost of \$10 per seat. For an additional \$10 per seat, Springfield residents could park their cars in the parking lot. Our understanding could be changed slightly if park-in fees, if any, can be charged a higher fee than residents to use the bus."

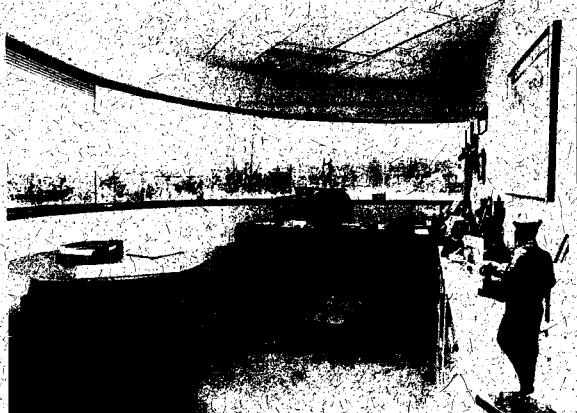
ter high residents to use the bus, Hirschfeld said.

The original plan was to only allow township residents to use the jitney service, said Mahan, but NJ Transit pushed the idea.

"They say they want to have the jitney service open to anyone, not just residents," Mahan said. "They are going to give us a 20-seat bus but we have 80 residents on our waiting list. Here we are going to serve them."

The question is whether residents or non-residents will rule the jitney. "It has a geographical aspect. Most of the awarded awards — and selected bidders Sunbeam and Mahan — are adjacent to each other."

"We haven't talked with other towns to see if they're having problems," Clarke said. "Each town is different."



Office Gallery, a company offering a bevy of office services and suites, opened its Springfield location Tuesday.

Office Gallery opens in Springfield

By Pamela Isackson
Staff Writer

Locally based The Grand Opening of Office Gallery in Springfield LLC, an executive space company, continued to maintain a full-service office complex capable of housing up to 165 companies.

Usually these are sales offices testing the marketing waters without committing to long-term investment unless a lease or build-up," said Office Gallery President Leo Kramer. "They just walk in the door and they are up and running."

For a monthly fee that fluctuates depending on the

amount of services requested, Office Gallery...

voice recognition, spreadsheets, word processing, email system, Internet access and conference...

The initial concept by Office Gallery is to provide immediate assistance for individual business owners or startup companies. "That's what we do," Kramer said. "Today there are 160 companies in the dozen or so clients."

Office Gallery began in 1989, founded by Kramer, president and vice-president, respectively, Kramer Realty Corp. Other locations are in Princeton and Rutherford.

Video on Houdaille Quarry distributed to residents

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In other business announced at the Nov. 24 meeting, Mayor Jim Mulligan said the township has filed a lawsuit in municipal court to prevent the relocation of the Suburban Treatment Associates methadone clinic within Union Township.

Craig Hartelius, speaking as chairman of the Springfield Environmental Commission, also announced that a video and slide material on the Houdaille Quarry has been distributed throughout the community.

A Charming Environmental Transformation of a Quarry, a half-hour video that covers the history and present condition of the quarry, which is located on Union County property near the Springfield-Union border at the intersection of Shimpke Road, Union-York Road and Route 78.

The Springfield Environmental Commission also prepared a brochure and a study guide on the quarry, including information about the county's lead company pasting facility, which is located on the site.

The video and literature were prepared by members of the commission, led by its chairwoman, Marcia Loveman, and Jason O'Gara, the project manager for NEDP, with 7 matching grant from the township.

The video is being shown on TV 16 and is available at the Springfield Public Library and in the Sarah Bailey Clegg Center, Hartelius said.

"This is a beautiful open space area that not many people have heard about," Hartelius said. "The clarity of the water in the quarry is astounding."

Evidence of crimes found in suspect's vehicle

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Traveling eastbound on Route 22 at about 1:30 a.m. Howard made a turn and began heading west with Sullivan, en route. Members of the Scotch Plains and Union County Police departments set up a roadblock on the Elizabeth Avenue exit.

Before reaching the roadblock, Howard stopped his vehicle in the middle of the highway and wanted Sullivan approached the vehicle with Sgt. Mark Zyla and Officer Suzanne of Scotch Plains and Sgt. Kevin Keating from Union County.

The officers reported that after they ordered Howard to step out of his van, he complied, drew two handguns and began to fire through the roofline of his side window. The officers returned fire and Howard was struck twice. None of the officers were injured in this exchange.

Howard was admitted to University Hospital in Newark, where he was pronounced dead after surgical treatment and emergency surgery.

"He lived a life of violence and he went out of this life in a violent way," Mahan said. "I'm proud of the way they handled themselves."

Inside the van, police say they found the gun used in the Nov. 24 shooting, a blood-streaked wad of cash from the Farmers Bank robbery and the 9mm handgun used in the shooting on Nov. 29.

There was a violent armed criminal held-pointing a shotgun at police and perhaps bent on destruction in any case, who was finally subdued by officers who risked their lives to prevent any more injuries to innocent citizens or other police officers.

Mahan said, "I'm proud of the way they handled themselves."

Mahan said that at age 14, Howard was arrested and convicted in Elizabeth for robbing and stabbing a Bond Bros. man. He was paroled last year and released on probation.

Hartelius and Howard were treated for their wounds at Lindenbergh Regional Medical Center. Francisco was released on Nov. 27 and Howard remained home in Elizabeth.

"Thank God everything turned out nicely for the good guys," Mountain's Officer Phillips stated. He said that the shooting was his first in eight years with township police.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Proposed legislation doesn't do enough

Recent legislation sponsored by Assemblymen Joel M. Weintraub and Kevin J. O'Toole has promised to alleviate some of the burden felt by Springfield and Mountaintop emergency services which are called upon innumerable times each year to save lives at accident sites along the busies arteries of Routes 22, 224, 78 and 124.

The proposed measure, A-2577, would allow municipalities to recoup some of the cost of personnel and equipment used in responding to emergencies situations on state or federal highways and toll roads. As most of the accidents on these roadways involve non-resident drivers who are merely passing through the area, it makes sense that local taxpayers should be compensated for the money spent on paying accident victims from their vehicles and providing first aid.

The state is already obligated to pay for maintaining highways, and emergency services are simply another form of maintenance.

While the intention of the relief bill reflects the needs of both, we support the bill's totals erected — \$300 per incident, at a maximum of \$15,000 per year — amounts to a drag on the budget when you consider the volume of traffic and accidents that occur along state highways in this area. The legislature cannot provide more than to have any tangible positive effect on area municipalities.

According to Mountaintop Police Chief James DeBelle, his department spend a large portion of their time chasing Route 22 and responding to traffic incidents. Springfield police must also spend time responding to accidents on this roadway as well as those along Routes 22, 78, and 124.

Data from this newspaper's police blotter corroborates these observations, suggesting that a majority of the property taxes from local residents isn't funding accident relief for drivers, drivers who don't even live in the area.

Springfield Township Committee and Mountaintop Borough Council members have been advocating this position for years, but the latest response — the recently proposed legislation — amounts to nothing more than a big let-down. A total of \$1,500 per year might be adequate for municipalities with only short stretches of state highway to consider, but for those with long, high-volume highways like Mountaintop and Springfield, it is not enough.

Instead of offering a uniform maximum figure to all municipalities in New Jersey, the legislature should consider the average number of accidents and length of state highway for which each town is responsible! These figures can then be used to calculate a fair dollar amount for which each municipality should be compensated.

So towns have the same needs, and Mountaintop and Springfield residents should not have their property taxes fund less highway relief because state legislation would pester to treat all municipalities the same.

Computer classes provide skills

The Denville Technology Committee has taken a positive step toward providing borough adults with much-needed computer skills by organizing classes for those who have found themselves out of the technological loop. We commend the members of the committee and hope the classes will be repeated soon.

Using the Denville School computer lab, several classes were offered last night — one focused on using the Internet and choosing an Internet provider; another featured tips on purchasing a computer and a third offered a general overview on how to realize a computer's full potential.

With technological advances being made everyday and most careers requiring at least a minimum amount of computer knowledge, classes like these have an important place in adult education. While many residents may not for learning computer skills at a community college or technological schools, the Denville Technology Committee managed to provide basic hands-on training at no cost to borough adults.

We encourage residents to take advantage of these classes when possible and to support those who teach and organize them.

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Wei Jingcheng
Chinese dissident
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SCHOOL SPIRIT — From left, Rabbi Barak, Kimberly Rego, Christina Appicella, and Jessica Horner lead Springfield's Walton School Holiday Parade at Jonathan Dayton High School's football game.

Murderers should pay the ultimate price

Legislation is subjective and, after all, the legislature has to come up with something in between.

Since capital punishment for certain crimes varies, Maryland's death penalty has generally been noted as a capital crime punishable by death or life imprisonment. In other states, however, capital punishment is not only reserved for persons who could be executed for killing their own spouses.

Since capital punishment is not clearly defined, what others are angry that just enough murderers are getting their just desserts. In 1982, when New Jersey reinstated the death penalty, advocates of capital punishment jumped for joy in hopes that murderers would get what was等着 to them. Not so. In those 16 years, not one person has been executed.

Thinking about the death penalty I can't help but believe those who commit the more heinous crimes, such as child molesters who murder their victims, should be permanently and bodily removed from society. Those who murder wantonly and have no remorse for what they have done

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

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I'm thinking about the death penalty I can't help but believe those who commit the more heinous crimes, such as child molesters who murder their victims, should be permanently and bodily removed from society. Those who murder wantonly and have no remorse for what they have done

should also suffer the ultimate fate.

In some cases, when the situation is not so clear-cut and doubt about guilt or innocence remains, the truth should be explored as far as is humanly possible. If guilt is the determination, the punishment should fit the crime. Whatever that would mean.

Also, since a defendant is found guilty and has exhausted all appeals, the sentence should be carried out as soon as possible. Having a condemned person wait around for years is cruel and unusual punishment, which the Constitution says is a violation.

Unfortunate, murder is too commonplace a crime for the death penalty to be completely disregarded. Some crimes must be punished with more than a slap on the wrist.

I know many would disagree, saying all life is valuable and should not be taken. But what about the families and friends of the victims? Where do they come from? I don't think execution should be done for revenge; it should

show in the strongest way possible that there is no place in this society for those who take a life. The murderer should be dealt with severely and in a manner that will instill fear in those who are frightened.

Many believe the death penalty is not a deterrent to the would-be murderer. To them, life imprisonment without chance of parole is the appropriate penalty. Perhaps that would be a solution. But to me, that is a cop-out.

No matter how horrific the crime, there are those who would forgive and forget, with no penalty attached. Thankfully, that kind of thinking remains in the minority. Although there will always be murder and mayhem, those who commit crimes should pay the price for their actions.

There is too much anxiety and chaos around without lessening the penalties of the law. That kind of thinking is not only ridiculous, it's dangerous.

Norman Rauscher is a Summit resident and former newspaper publisher.

Women's purses are treasure trove of junk

I have heard women complain all the time about their men being pack-

rats. My assessment is full of that junk from my youth. I have no storage room left. Why does it insist on collecting old papers and magazines? They will never be used again.

Well this column is for you men who continue to collect old papers and magazines.

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We're asking

As mayor, what would be your first responsibility?



Pat Ryan



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The school system: We've been fighting a bit about how it's not being used as it could be. Myself, I have a big part in that, money talk.

The development of open land for more housing. There's too much overcrowding.

I would want to give young kids something to do after school. You have to catch out for the children.

I would keep working to keep property taxes low. It's a hard job, sometimes a thankless job, because people demand services, but don't want to pay taxes.

Gunfire in borough leaves man critically injured

POLICE BLOTTER

Mountainside: Braddock police are still investigating a shooting which occurred at 2:15 a.m. at a residence on Mountaintop Court.

When police arrived on the scene, they found three injured people, two women and one man, all age 20. The man, Eugene Pavlochuk, had been shot. He was flown by Northstar Medevac to University Hospital Trauma Center in Newark and is listed in critical condition.

One of the women received treatment and the other was treated and released from Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Mountainside Police Chief James Debbie said that the investigation is still ongoing. "We're not happy with all the stories we're getting at this point," he said.

• Mounts Ward, a 34-year-old Roselle man, was arrested Nov. 29 on a charge of driving with a suspended and expired driver's license. Ward was initially stopped on Route 22 West at 1:45 a.m. on Nov. 29 for moving violations.

• A car that appeared to have a fake license plate was pulled over on Route 22 at 11:32 a.m. Nov. 28. Artis Hubbard, 19, was subsequently arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

Borough police warned drivers that they would be out in force to stop drunk drivers, and last week they began the holidays by arresting three out-of-town drivers on the charge of DWI.

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Braddock, arrested and held in lieu of \$250 bail.

James Brethau, 23, of Watchung was stopped on Route 22 West at 11:29 p.m. fororial lights and was arrested after a computer check revealed that his license was suspended.

• Edward Flores, 33, was arrested at 10:40 p.m. after police say he was observed weaving on Route 22 near the Sheffield Street exit.

This program is run through a state-funded, D.W.I. "grants" said Detective-Sgt. Todd Turley. "It costs us no cost in the community. Officers are patrolling on holidays and weekends specifically looking for D.W.I.'s."

• On Thanksgiving, Mountainside police received their fourth drunk driving arrest of the week after Kleber Apschaw was pulled over on Route 22 West at about 8:15 p.m. The 23-year-old, Ecuadorean, was given a

• There were no injuries when a black Honda and a white Mercedes collided in the St. James Church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 24. The driver of the Honda said he was completely out of his parking space when the

black Honda hit him in the head.

• An unknown person smashed the driver-side window and attempted to steal the car stereo of a vehicle parked in the ComptUSA lot on Route 22 East Nov. 25.

Elevator traps man at high school

Springsfield

You know it's going to be a long day when the morning finds you trapped in an elevator. At 7:19 a.m. Nov. 25, the Springfield Fire Department rescued a man stuck in an elevator at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Firefighters were called to the school as "routine" and said there were no complications involved with the rescue.

• Nov. 28 began early with a 4:30 a.m. assist to the Springfield police in an Ambien-gum entry to Benjamin Davis residence. At 7:52 a.m., the squad visited the YMCA to investigate a report of heavy smoke in the area.

• The firefighters assisted their col-

leagues the morning of Nov. 27 by providing mutual aid during a house fire on Bryn Street in Summit. The department also provided three medical assists, all within hours of the day.

• Thanksgiving began early as a report of a house fire brought out the department to battle a fire at a Highland Avenue residence. The crew stayed on the job through noon as all units responded to an activated fire alarm at a Briar Hills Drive residence. At 2:58 p.m., another activated

alarm drew the firefighters' attention to Tree Top Drive.

• There were three incidents inside a home at Businesses on Morris Avenue on Nov. 28, beginning with a medical service call at 10:36 a.m. About 15 minutes later, the squad returned to investigate an activated fire alarm, and then another activated fire alarm at 11:35 a.m. A third fire alarm was investigated at another business on Morris Avenue at 3:12 p.m. Between calls to Morris Avenue, the squad assisted with a medical service call on Route 22 at 1:45 p.m., and checked out an activated fire alarm at a South Springfield Avenue business at 3:49 p.m.

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NEWS CLIPS

Hospital appeals for holiday gifts

New toys and clothing for infants through teenagers are being accepted at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside through Saturday, Dec. 19, as part of its Annual Holiday Toy Drive for the hospital's patients. Each year, the pediatric rehabilitation facility collects new unwrapped gifts for the children who will be spending their holidays in the hospital.

Last year, CSH was able to distribute 250 bags of goodies to children.

Only new clothing, toys and games

will be accepted by children and adults less than 18 years of age.

Donations may be scheduled to:

Children's Specialized Hospital, 200 East 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010, ext. 5150 or alternate delivery point.

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Those who donate are asked to leave name and address with the gift.

Please note that the hospital's

Liaison County Police restricts

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ark and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news, Church, club and social, Business, news items and Entertainment. Friday deadline.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

NO TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Borough Council of the Borough of Mountainside, and that all ordinances will be read at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on November 17, 1998, and that all ordinances will be voted upon at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on December 1, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. During the period prior to and including the date of the first reading, action can be made available at the Office of the Clerk, 215 Main Street, Mountainside, NJ, or at the Office of the Clerk, 100 Main Street, Union, NJ, or at the Office of the Clerk, 100 Main Street, Elizabeth, NJ.

SECTION I - Scope

This ordinance is intended to regulate

the use of the Community Room

in the Borough of Mountainside, NJ.

SECTION II - Definitions

The following words and phrases

when used in this ordinance shall have the meanings indicated:

SECTION III - Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to

provide for the use of the Community

Room in the Borough of Mountainside, NJ.

SECTION IV - Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the

Borough Council in connection with

the use of the Community Room

shall be those set forth in this ordinance.

SECTION V - Rules and Regulations

The rules and regulations for the

use of the Community Room shall be

those set forth in this ordinance.

SECTION VI - Use

The Community Room in the Borough

of Mountainside is open to the citizens

of the Borough of Mountainside, NJ,

and the use of the Community Room

is limited to the following purposes:

SECTION VII - Compliance with Rules and Regulations

The use of the Community Room

shall be in accordance with the rules

and regulations established by resolution

of the Borough Council.

SECTION VIII - Violations

Any violation of the rules and

regulations established by resolution

of the Borough Council shall be

subject to the following penalties:

SECTION IX - Interpretation

If any term or phrase used in this ordinance is

ambiguous, it shall be construed

in accordance with the intent of the

legislative body which enacted it.

SECTION X - Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect

upon its first reading.

SECTION XI - Repeal

This ordinance repeals all ordinances

and parts of ordinances heretofore

passed by the Borough Council in

connection with the use of the Community

Room which are inconsistent with the

provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION XII - Title

This ordinance is titled "An Ordinance

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Walk raises funds for hunger relief

The 1998 CROP Walk held Oct. 4, has gathered \$17,000 in donations to combat hunger worldwide. This result exceeded the walk's goal of \$15,000. Over 300 walkers from area churches followed the three-mile course, with the New Providence Police providing security accompanying A mid-point rest stop was provided at the Morris Hill Inn.

Participating churches included Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of New Providence, Little Flower Roman Catholic Church and Westminster Presbyterian in Berkeley Heights, and St. John's Anglican Church and Trinity Episcopal Church in Summit.

\$1,000 of the total was contributed by a team of 10 Walkers organized by Faith Nursery School, a ministry of Faith United Church. Thirty-one four- and five-year-old children, students at the school, walked about a distance Sept. 28 to raise the funds. Their efforts were forwarded without recognition to Friends of Hunger in New Jersey, whose director, Thom Foy, said,

"Of the funds raised in the two walks, 25 percent has been donated to St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. Hickman High School, known as Global World Service, an interdenominational organization, also purchased food for hungry families in the U.S. and abroad."

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the local project can call Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church at 998-423-3700. Anyone interested in learning more about CROP Walks may contact Esther Karen Beck, of Faith Episcopal Church, at 998-322-6093.



From left: John and Emily Everson of Fanwood, Lynn Nelson of Summit, Laura Perrucco of Fanwood and Marti and Melissa Neuman of Chatham participate in the 1998 CROP Walk.

Overlook Hospital Ranked Best in Nation for Quick Treatment of Heart Attack Patients

Ninety minutes from when treating heart attacks and another 45 minutes from arrival more closely than in a Newark Hospital in Summit, where cardiac specialists in the new Cardiac Center of the hospital's Emergency Department have reduced the median time to treatment for heart attack patients to 16 minutes. That time, which is rated the best in the nation, represents the average number of minutes elapsed between symptoms arriving at the Emergency Department and the administration of thrombolytic drugs to be administered.

Receives "Best Practice" designation

The Federal Health Care Financing Administration has designated the Newark-based hospital as the best in the country for its quick response to heart attacks. It is the third hospital in the nation to receive such a designation, which includes two other hospitals located in New Jersey. Newark Overlook Hospital officials recommended that heart attack patients receive thrombolytic agents within 90 minutes of arrival at an emergency room, reducing the likelihood of death or disability.

Fast treatment is key to success

The national average for quick treatment is 85 minutes.

Thrombolytic agents are used to dissolve clots in the coronary arteries that are the leading cause of death. This should be accomplished as quickly as possible to prevent further damage to the heart muscle. The most effective treatment is to give a drug called tPA within the first 90 minutes after the onset of heart attack symptoms. Other treatments include angioplasty and bypass surgery. If a patient arrives at the hospital within 12 hours of the onset of symptoms, usually while sleeping, the delay is even longer.

Dr. William A. Parker, CEO, and Dr. Steven G. Lewis, cardiologist, are instrumental in the creation of the hospital's Cardiac Center. They encourage the experiencing heart attack symptoms to go to the side of a car and seek immediate help, preferably by dialing 911.

Mobile units provide pre-hospital ECG

Overlook's mobile intensive care paramedics unit, an ambulance crew, now in the state equipped to transmit an electrocardiogram (ECG) to the Emergency

Department prior to patient's arrival. The mobile ECG team performs physicals along with the cardiologist in all, quickly determining whether a patient with chest pain is experiencing a heart attack. The hospital's Cardiac Center has been fully accredited by the American College of Cardiology in its treatment of heart attack patients.

Overlook's Cardiac Center has performed over 1,000 procedures on heart attack patients with 95 percent survival rate. In machine-to-machine heart-to-heart, the patient's vital signs are transmitted to the physician's computer screen. For the past year, the hospital has been designated as one of the top 100 hospitals in the nation for heart attack treatment.

Overlook's Cardiac Center is the first in the nation to offer a mobile ECG unit.

Indigestion or a heart attack? "Don't mistake heart attack and other abdominal pain for indigestion," commented Dr. James R. Averill, responding to the common misconception that the pain of heart attack early on can feel like indigestion. Averill cautions and reduce the likelihood of missing a heart attack, especially in women, the American Heart Association (AHA) has the symptoms of a heart attack in adults included:

- sweating, cold, nausea, fullness or squeezing pain in the center or your chest lasting two minutes or more;
- pain or discomfort in your shoulder, neck, jaw, arm, back, or teeth;
- shortness of breath, lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea, chills, or cold sweat.

These symptoms warning signs that the heart is failing to work, and the AHA recommends that those who experience chest pain lasting 10 minutes or more get to the nearest hospital emergency room immediately.

If you suspect you know is experiencing heart attack symptoms call 911. For a referral to Overlook Hospital Cardiac Center, please call 1-800-AHS-9580, 1-800-247-9580.

Or visit www.AtlanticHealth.org to take heart health risk assessment and learn more about what you can do to reduce your chances of developing heart disease.

Workshop to relieve holiday stress

The Summit YMCA Yoga Department is pleased to present "Meditation & Stress Reduction" with Extzon Hill on Sunday at 3 p.m. at 67 Maple St. in Summit.

The program will combine intensive skills training in meditation and relaxation exercises, as well as step-by-step guidance in practical and powerful meditation techniques, which stop stress of fatigue, reduce physical tension and develop emotional resilience, and breathing, relaxation and focusing exercises, which center the mind and increase mental stamina and clarity.

Hill is a trained teacher of meditation and spiritual development. She teaches courses on different aspects of women's self empowerment, including "Woman's Bodies: Truth Myths and Tales," "Women's Grace and Power," and "Reclaiming Sacred Femininity." She is the author of the audiocassette Daily Spiritual Program. She also has a juris doctorate from UCI Law School and teaches Women's Studies at Montclair State University.

The course is open to the public, and is \$30 per person. Call the Summit YMCA at (908) 273-3330 for details.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

For the first time in the 1998 school year, four of the five area schools will be participating in an NJSLAA sectional championship game.

Although not one area squad will be playing this weekend for a state championship title, six local schools' many-area teams reached sectional finals in the 1998 and how they did:

1990: Roselle, lost

1991: Union and Breamley Regional, both won

1992: Union and Roselle Park, both won

1993: Union and Roselle Park, both won

1994: Union, won

1995: Johnson Regional, won

Summit, lost

1996: Union, lost

1997: Breamley, won

1998: None

All 12 area schools wrapped up their seasons starting last Wednesday night, continuing on Thanksgiving and concluding last Saturday.

Elizabeth's journey of four years of football culminated in a second-sectional, final, finisher's win. The team among AVERFCU TWELVE area schools for a second consecutive season.

It was not the best football season among area teams this year. Only four — Elizabeth, Union, Roselle and Hillside — finished with winning records. Two others — Breamley and Johnson — finished at .500 and 4-5 marks.

All 12 area schools opened the same weekend and played eight consecutive weekends through to the play-off cut-offs. Only three opened with wins and two (Breamley and Roselle) of the five that made the state playoffs would not have made it last year under the old format of just four teams qualifying in each section.

Breamley will take a three-game winning streak into next year and Summit, a two-game streak.

This Is High School Football will return next fall.

See you in September

WEEK ELEVEN

Wednesday, Nov. 25: Union 22, Maplewood 19

Thursday, Nov. 26: Elizabeth 21, Linden 0

East Side 19, Linden 8

Roselle 28, Roselle Park 13

Hillside 26, Newark Central 0

Breamley 35, Keasbey 8

Ridge 40, Johnson 35

New Providence 32, GL 7

Saturday, Nov. 28: Breamley 36, Dayton 29

Hillside 21, Newark Central 20

J.R.'s picks

Last week: 7-1

Season: 22-21-1 (42-4)

FINAL 1998

AVERFCU TWELVE

1. Elizabeth (8-3)

2. Union (7-5)

3. Roselle (8-3)

4. Hillside (6-4)

5. Ridgewood (6-5)

6. Johnson (8-4)

7. Linden (7-7)

8. Roselle Park (3-6)

9. Breamley (4-6)

10. Summit (2-8)

11. GL (2-8)

12. Dayton (2-7-1)



Dayton High School senior linebacker Nick Contardo hits Breamley quarterback Brian Melina and is ready to bring the signal-caller down during last Saturday's Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division contest played at Ward Field in Kenilworth.

Dayton showed improvement by playing Breamley tougher

Bulldogs made strides in efforts this year

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Although it was not the best of seasons for the Dayton High School football team, the Bulldogs did improve from a year ago, under second-year head coach Sal Mistretta.

The Bulldogs managed to win two games and the antler and nearly pulled off another victory in their season finale, last Saturday, against Breamley at Ward Field in Kenilworth.

Dayton had leads in the game, but fell just short in failing to Breamley's 48-20 score on the same field.

Here's a look at Dayton's season.

GAME 1: Breamley Brook at Dayton

The Bulldogs' season opened on Friday night in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group I bowl, hosting Madison Saturday, Oct. 10.

GAME 2: New Providence at Dayton

The Bulldogs suffered their second shutout defeat of the season, falling to an unbeatened Pioneers team at Metel Field-New Providence on the North Jersey, Section 2, Group I bowl, hosting Madison Saturday, Oct. 17.

GAME 3: North Plainfield at Dayton

The Bulldogs managed to pull off their first victory in their five games, defeating the Blazing Blasters.

GAME 4: New Providence at Dayton

Dayton's defense held firm for a 27-11 performance that netted 92 yards.

GAME 5: Roselle at Dayton

After defeating Breamley 35-28, the Bulldogs faced off against Roselle.

GAME 6: Hillside at Dayton

Dayton's defense held firm again, defeating the Hilltoppers 28-14.

GAME 7: Linden at Dayton

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GAME 88: Breamley at Dayton

Dayton's defense held firm again, defeating the Bulldogs 48-20.

GAME 89: Hillside at Dayton

Dayton's defense held firm again, defeating the Hilltoppers 28-14.

GAME 90: Linden at Dayton

Dayton's defense held

