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Crowded landscape

With the announcement by Sen. Frank Lautenberg that he will not seek another term in the U.S. Senate in 2000, a host of Democrats, some from Union County, have been considering whether to get out to run for the seat. Rep. Robert Menendez, and Assemblymen Joseph Subga and Neil Cohen are three local Democrats interested in heading to Washington. See Page B1.

Overtime blues

Overtime costs are a concern for at least two county departments in their 1999 budget. The department heads expressed these concerns during budget meetings this week as the county prepares its annual spending plan. See Page B1.

THE ARTS

Last dance

Bayern Virein prepare for a last dance at Archer's Grove in Union. See Page B3.



Setting the tone

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Township responds to reinstatement of police cap

By Allison Benbenek
Managing Editor

Mixed reactions around the greatest Springfield Police Capt. Fernan Pedersen during his first week back on the job. While many expected the Union County Superior Court decision which returned Pedersen's July 2001 salary by the Township Committee to apply retroactively, many called for steps to head off the fallout from the past year's allegations that he had been in the Police Department.

Springfield Mayor Gregory Clarke, who cast the lone vote against firing the police captain for making an inappropriate comment during a taped telephone conversation with Edward S. Foy, a suspended judge, told a news conference that he followed the original hearing officer's findings. He said, "I think the judge followed the original hearing officer's findings. He said, 'I believe he is independent and capable of being reemployed.'"

Clarke said he was not in a position to make a decision on a 30-day suspension. That was what he felt was the correct thing to do the first time around.

Committee member Tom Hirschfeld, similarly, expressed little sympathy with the decision. "I don't see how we can have a police officer who has been in the police department for 20 years and has a very good record, but you can't have the public perceiving someone as a corrupt officer," he said.

In the Police Department as well, Hirschfeld called for the police captain to take steps toward retraining township residents that business communities would not be tolerant of. "What the message is that he should be held responsible for the process of training and public appearance," Hirschfeld said.

Clarke's involvement in the hearing, lawsuits and internal Police Department complaints, Pedersen said he would need to check with his lawyer about whether a formal public apology is legally advisable. He did, however, express regret about the incident.

"I made a comment I shouldn't have and I'm sorry about that," he said. "I'm sorry that the whole incident happened and I'm just glad to have my job back."

Justice Goldman, rabbi at Temple Sha'ar Hashomayim in Springfield and member of the Interfaith Emergency Council, a group which advocates for punishment for Pedersen, stressed the importance of re-establishing a sense of trust between the police, spiritual community and the police department.

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Mayor Gregory Clarke
Springfield

Police Department. Pedersen and Chief of Police William Christy, in a statement, cited the court's decision that he must appear face each week.

"It's a problem having to go to work every day for a man who has been convicted of a crime," he said. "It has a history of doing it to the public, so it's a problem that we have to deal with."

Other Union County residents who also had a lawsuit pending against Pedersen and the township relating to a separate racial slur allegedly made by the police captain in 1998, expressed their support for Pedersen's reinstatement.

"It remains to be seen what will happen," he said. "But I feel that I'm going to have to deal with the biggest fight that has happened since 1997."

Pedersen denied the events of the first year will have an adverse effect on his work relationships within the department. "Changes were brought against me long before this incident happened and it didn't affect my work relationship with these officers," he said.

Township officials have observed the possibility that Pedersen being reas-

signed to a position in which he would not be responsible for supervising the officers who have lodged complaints against him. However, a decision has not yet been announced.

"I'll work wherever they tell me to work," Pedersen said. "I started in probation and I'll go to work wherever I am assigned."

"Shapiro found the idea of reassignment favorable. He felt he had some place to go to work that was better for me."

Reassignment to the Detective Bureau, however, would mean a step up for Pedersen. "The township is really between a rock and a hard place," Shapiro said. "If he goes to the Detective Bureau, that's a promotion."

Brooks also found irony in the township's problem of where to place Pedersen. "By firing him, the township gave him a paid vacation, and if

he's assigned to the job he gets a \$10,000 raise," Brooks said.

Repeated phone calls to Chabolin's office were unanswered, and the police chief declined comment when reached at home Monday.

Both Shapiro and Brooks expressed disappointment in the way the county court handled Pedersen's appeals hearing, citing the lack of opportunity provided for either officer to tell his side of the story.

Foy examined evidence from the report made by Czech, who was hired by the township to conduct an independent investigation, and briefs from Pedersen attorney Robert Young and township lawyer counsel Mark Tabkin. However, neither Shapiro nor Brooks testified before Foy.

In explaining his decision, Foy cited Pedersen's conciliatory actions toward Brooks following the 1993 incident allegedly involving a racial epithet.

"Part of Foy's argument was that Pedersen is a good boy, that he came to me to make an apology about the 1993 comment," Brooks said. "That's not true."

"I went to him to discuss the incident. If you're going to sue me as a result of your decision, at least call me and hear from me directly."

Council, residents react to borough salary ranges

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

For the first time in his 11 years as mayor of Mountaineer, Robert Vigilanti found himself on the Borough Council on opposing sides at the Feb. 16 regular meeting.

After more than four hours of public debate concerning setting salary ranges for council members and the mayor, Vigilanti attempted to table the discussion and bring it to a vote at the meeting, scheduled for March 16. His motion, however, was rejected 5-1. A council member would offer a second. Only recently re-elected Mayor Werner Schone provided a motion to support postponement.

"I think it's the first time they said 'no' but they have every right to do it," Vigilanti said.

Without a second, the ordinance was voted on last week and passed 4-1, with Schone the only council member to vote against the measure. Councilman Ronald Romak was out of town but Vigilanti said recently that Romak would have voted in favor of the ordinance.

The resolution sets salary ranges for the six council members at \$1,500 to \$6,000 and that of the mayor at \$3,000 to \$6,000 per year. The salary range, rather than set amounts, allows council members to increase salaries in coming years without the voting procedure.

In the past, there had been an ordinance that provided for the reimbursement of expenses without vouchers. The salary will substitute for the unvouchered reimbursement ordinance that was passed last year. "I think the word 'unvouchered' is offending people," Vigilanti said. "This is really an advance of expenses without the nightmare of filling out all the slips."

Vigilanti had suggested tabling the vote in order for council members to present residents with additional information. "I believe what council wants to do is fair and right," Vigilanti said at the meeting. "But it has got to be proven to you. I am asking the council to put together additional documentation for next month."

This suggestion came after members of the public, representing various political parties, expressed their opposition to the ordinance before the all-Republican council. "To be awarded a blanket stipend is not appropriate," said resident Adele Magnolia. "When you all ran for office you did not run on a platform that I said, 'I will vote myself a salary.'"

Citing the shortage of volunteers for the borough's Rescue Squad and Fire Department, resident Karen McQueen argued that setting a salary range for the council and mayor "sends the wrong message."

According to Vigilanti, borough firefighters now receive about \$1,200 a year. "With the way our society is and the economics of today, everybody wants something for their efforts."

"Times are changing," Vigilanti added. "The governing body has been experiencing more and more expenses as time goes on. It's not fair even if they can afford it."

After the meeting, Vigilanti said council members told him they believed all tabling would do was rehash the issue next month. "They said that they made their point."

Council members argued that, without salaries, qualified candidates would not run for council. "It's getting more and more expensive to 'volunteer' time to the borough," Councilman Keith Turner said at the meeting. "I wouldn't want somebody not to run for a council seat for the year of not affording it."

"Does this prevent some people from running? I would think so," said Schone, a council member for the past 17 years, who said he is "ambivalent" about the issue.

Members added that documenting every expenditure, including phone calls, mileage and faxes creates more of a hassle. Schone said he recently tried to document everything for four months.

"That time could be devoted to important situations," he said.

Schaller to climb roof for kids

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Mountaineer Chief School Administrator Gerrit Schaller hopes to hit the road March 2 in celebration of the nationwide "Read Across America" program. Schaller will spend students' lunch periods on the roof of Deerfield School if they read 2,000 books during the month of February.

"We wanted to inspire the love of reading," said Schaller. "We are permitting students to read material as long as it is appropriate to the different grades our school has."

"I'm going to do it to show the students reading and that reading is important to do. I'm going to read to them and they will read to me and we will read together every day of the week."

Making musical legends



Jackie Gonzalez, John Turcott and John Ghilino express their delight with the dramatic performance of 'Musical Legends' at Caldwell School in Springfield last week. The musicians displayed Ghanaian dance, language, history and storytelling traditions while playing a variety of authentic instruments. The performers also appeared before students at the Sandmeier and Walton Schools.

Tax increase absent from school budget

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Residents will not see an increase in taxes for their school system this year as the Mountaineer Board of Education passed its preliminary \$8.8 million budget at Tuesday's regular meeting.

"Budgets for 1999-2000 total \$8,810,150, an increase of \$19,933 from the 1998-99 budget. This budget is a 0.22 percent increase which will not affect the amount to be raised through local property taxes next year."

With absent board member Frank Geiger serving as a Berkeley Heights Board of Education meeting Tuesday, the vote tallied 5-1, with board member Richard Krutz stressing his opposition.

"In order to give everybody a feeling of being this year, we are taking money away from next year's budget," Krutz argued. "I see no reason for it."

The rest of the board supported the Board of Education's February agenda, which will still in through next year's meeting.

In order to procure a budget with certainty in the coming December, a Finance Committee report approved the

surplus of \$300,000 that had been placed in a certificate of deposit as a result of the deregulation of the school system two years ago. "We are giving back to the community what we had promised them several years ago," Geiger said.

Included in the budget is the \$2.8 million that Mountaineer pays in tuition to 47 Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights. At a price of \$12,500 per student per year, policy projected 204 students from the borough to attend Governor Livingston. There are currently 200 students enrolled, but trends show an increase in high school students throughout the state.

The board will consider increasing the number of computers budgeted for the lower grades in order to fund the communications systems, as the current one has been deemed non-compliant with the year 2000.

Tuesday's agenda also included the Board of Education's Superintendent of Schools by March 4. A public hearing has been scheduled for March 23 on the Deerfield School Master Center.

Board of Education members will meet on the 10th of the month. Board of Education members that attend, including Pat Kinosh

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and John Perrin have filed petitions for the candidates. The filing deadline is Monday, at 4 p.m.

The former teacher said when she first ran for the position, performing seemed to be the path, but English curricula. But the biggest change she has witnessed is the recent technology plan, she said. "I am running on my record, which is the only way I can run. I still believe in quality education at a reasonable cost."

Perrin is the most recent addition to the board as he was appointed in September after the resignation of Linda Schaller. "I feel the value of our community is based on the place of the town," said the architect and planner.

Setting of the master center at Deerfield School in Union County. "I'm looking for a change in the school system," she said. "I'm looking for a change in the school system, not just the building."

Board of Ed outlines budget proposal

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland presented a \$19.7-million 1999-2000 school budget proposal before the Board of Education and members of the public Monday night. That and a suggested separate line-item question on a five-year technology program are set to face voters during the school board election April 20. As it stands now, the budget would mean a \$108-increase in the school portion of the tax bill for the average assessed home in Springfield.

The projected \$19,700,518 budget, according to Friedland, is \$421,356 over the current budget. He also is asking to put on the ballot a separate \$300,000 program to upgrade classroom computers throughout the five schools.

"This year's budget was considered as a maintenance budget, where we cut back on some programs," said Friedland. "The budget before you is another maintenance budget in the sense that it funds major programs and maintains class sizes. It is more than a maintenance budget, however, when you consider that we're adding new programs while reallocating internal resources to support these initiatives and meet increasing enrollment."

Friedland, in his 30-minute presentation, outlined the general budget and revenue source considerations. Using an Apple Powerpoint laptop and projector, he indicated where the areas for increases and efficiencies are and why.

"When the building principals and department heads submitted their proposed budgets earlier this month, I had the task of trimming some \$2.2 million from the compiled budget," said Friedland. "There's \$1.3-million in revenue to be raised, more state mandates to be met, increases in salaries and other costs — and all to be done within the state's current spending money cap."

Friedland pointed to the administration staff reorganization as an example of cost control. Two positions are to be abolished and the \$80,000 in salaries will be reallocated for teacher-supervisors in six curriculum areas.

The teacher-supervisors will provide more technical assistance and curriculum planning for teachers. Other

improvement areas include new science and mathematics textbooks and starting a fourth-grade foreign-language program.

"There is a greater reliance on revenue generation," said Friedland. "We're getting rent for facility use from four clients, from the Holy Cross Lutheran Church's use of the Dayton auditorium to the Morris Union League Foundation's lease on the former administration wing at the Claudine Middle School. We're seeking out grants to support programs and, for the first time, some salaries."

Some revenue is generated by students during from-outside Springfield for special education. Friedland anticipates increases in tuition and transportation costs for the district's own special education students.

Most districts are keeping their special ed students within their systems," said Friedland. "The Union Station area, where we can get hurt."

Another concern is the district's surplus, which the state requires to be 3 percent of the budget. To help meet last year's budget, some \$300,000 was used. The remaining \$260,000, said Friedland, may not be enough to cover emergencies.

"Health benefits, which is an area spiraling out of control, is something we're working on," said Friedland. "We're negotiating with a new health maintenance provider. In the meantime, we're putting that allocation in our pocket."

The \$1.31 million, excluding \$693,535 in state aid, amounts to under 5 percent of the budget. The other 95 percent comes from the property tax levy. Springfield's homeowners shelled out \$16,796,852 in quarterly installments this school year.

The proposed 1999-2000 tuition tax levy is \$17,622,720.

The \$825,777 increase is about 4.9 percent," said Friedland. "It comes out to an increase of \$108 for the average assessed homeowner of \$27 per quarter. The overall budget's increase is less than 1 percent."



Joseph Fanning of Springfield, center, joins classmates John Strong, left, and Liam Casey, right, in celebrating their status as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Fanning named finalist for merit scholarship

Seton Hall Preparatory School has announced that Joseph Fanning of Springfield was named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

Fanning, a senior, joins a very select group of high school seniors, less than one-half of 1 percent of all high school seniors in America.

Fanning ranks 13th in his class with a grade point average of 4.39. He has been accepted through the early decision program to Boston College.

The Merit Program is privately financed, and the majority of scholarships offered are underwritten by some 600 independent sponsor organizations and institutions. In this nationwide academic competition, the largest of its kind, about one-half of the finalists will receive a Merit Scholarship award.

Eligibles are eligible for one of 2,000 National Merit \$2,000 scholarships on a state representative basis.

about 1,200 competitive national scholarship awards and about 4,000 scholarships financed by US colleges and universities. The process of selecting the 7,000 Merit Scholarship winners through the final competition now underway.

Eight local residents earn honors at FDU

Springfield residents Veronica Fogel, Malgorzata Janowska, David Kessler and Peter Stokes have been named to the honor's list at Fairleigh Dickinson University for the fall 1998 semester.

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Local NAFE chapter seeks revival

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The northern New Jersey chapter of the National Association of Female Executives got a rare treat at a Mountaineer restaurant Feb. 17. Some 31 NAFE members got to listen to national President Kim Calero with their monthly dinner.

Kim recently joined NAFE as president," said chapter leader Denise Warner. "She originally wanted to share her thoughts about networking but she talked about an overview of the recent and future changes at NAFE. If she gets around to networking, that's fine."

Calero never did get to talk about networking. She used her hour to show the national organization how to revitalize itself and its 185 international chapters.

NAFE was created 27 years ago to assist women with their career goals. In addition to monthly dinners for networking and guest speaking, NAFE members receive financial and technical consultation. Other activities include awarding scholarships, mentoring and a watch on federal pay equity legislation.

NAFE formed in Union in 1987, recently established a chapter foundation. Tax-deductible proceeds from fund-raising programs, career and skills days at Newark's Barringer High School.

"We also help a woman's shelter in Flemington with clothes," said fund-raising co-chair Liz Epstein. "Women who escape domestic violence situations often leave with little more than what they're wearing. They need outfits to present themselves at job interviews."

"I'm impressed with the NAFE, especially with their foundation," said Calero. "I try to get out to as many chapters as I can and being headquar-

tered in New York allows me to visit those chapters. There are chapters with up to 250 members who did not do as much as the NAFE."

Calero described NAFE's last two years as a tough. The organization, which changed owners eight years ago, was neglected. Membership grew to become sporadic and enrollment lagged to a trickle.

"That was before Jay MacDonald, publisher of Working Woman, bought NAFE," said Calero. "He believes in the glass ceiling as 95 percent of MacDonald Communications Corporation's workforce are women. MacDonald also came up with a business plan for NAFE and a philosophy to take career women seriously."

Calero said the changes will start with NAFE's Executive Female

newsmagazine. It will continue to be a supplement to Working Woman with a consistent banner, a professional editorial staff and a revamped look. The eventual goal is to become an independent periodical.

"We're pursuing a 'no junk' benefits plan," said Calero. "That will include a 401-K plan for our members. There will be membership renewal notices coming in the mail for the first time in months."

While the annual NAFE leadership conference will continue to use satellite teleconferencing sites, an association will be held at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York May 27 and 28. The teleconferencing sites have been trimmed from 28 to eight.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Shame on you

A resolution setting salary ranges for the six Borough Council members and the mayor was passed last week much to the dismay of the many Mountside residents who turned out at the Borough Council meeting to protest the move. For the first time in the borough's history, Mountside has set a dollar amount for compensating its public servants, replacing the previous method of reimbursing elected officials for specific expenses incurred while serving the community.

After last week's Borough Council meeting, there is little doubt that residents and council members are at odds regarding this issue. The council passed the resolution on the grounds that the new system will save time by eliminating the paperwork necessary to account for every expense made by the mayor and members of the Borough Council relating to their elected positions.

Whether this new system of compensation will cost borough taxpayers more money or save time for the local governing body has yet to be determined. The real problem with this issue lies in the fact that, despite an overwhelming amount of public outcry against the resolution, the majority of Borough Council members voted cynically against the idea of tabling the matter for the purpose of proving the validity of their resolution to the electorate.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti, who stated that the salary ideas "fair and right," made a perfectly sound and reasonable motion to postpone a vote on the matter until council members could provide degeneration to the public supporting their resolution. While Councilman Werner Schon supported this idea, no other council member would provide a second to the motion.

Had the matter been tabled, the Borough Council would have had another opportunity to vote itself a salary after proving its case and appeasing a fairly outraged public. Instead, it chose to ignore the concerned voters who elected each member, pulled rank and voted the resolution into effect directly, in front of a crowd of residents who spoke out against it.

This disturbing occurrence does not bode well for the future of the borough. Elected officials who disregard the interests and arguments of those who voted them into office do not truly represent the community.

Vigilanti and Schon deserve a hearty round of applause for their efforts to postpone a vote on Ordinance 1004-99. The rest of the Borough Council should consider the reasons they asked residents to vote them into office in the first place.

Welcome back?

Last week's Union County Superior Court decision to reinstate Springfield Police Capt. Vernon Pedersen seems as much a surprise to anyone involved with the case as it is to anyone who was not involved with the chain of events leading to Pedersen's dismissal by the Township Committee in July. It is a surprise because the ruling, which grants resignation at the idea of working for a supervisor who, understandably, may harbor profound animosity toward the lieutenant.

In all likelihood, the Township Committee's decision to fire Pedersen was motivated more by political pressure from a number of civic organizations that staged protests against the captain's anti-Semitic comment, rather than any firm belief that the remark warranted suddenly terminating a 30-year career in law enforcement. Considering the much more lenient recommendation of a 90-day suspension made by an independent disciplinary hearing officer last year, the Township Committee cannot justify shock at outrage with the town's ruling to return Pedersen's job.

We praised the committee's decision because we do not tolerate any type of expression of bigotry. Unfortunately, township taxpayers must pay the bill for their local officials' decision.

There is little doubt that Pedersen, among other members of the Springfield Police Department, are less than tolerant of certain racial and ethnic groups, and the events of the past year may only serve to strengthen these individuals' attitudes. While Pedersen has been decorated for his public work in the past, he also has been involved in racial incidents as well. The committee must now address the potential morale issue involved in Pedersen's returning to a Police Department where he will be in charge of officers that have filed complaints against him.

Residents have expressed hope that Pedersen will come forward with a public apology of some effort to reassure the community that he will not repeat his displays of bigotry. If political pressure prevails once more, Pedersen may make this exhibition. As for the possibility of sincere regret from the police captain, we're not holding our breath.

"Freedom unexercised" may become freedom forfeited.

Margaret Chase Smith
Politician
1953



WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

Betty Lies, writer-in-residence during a four-day poetry program at Deerfield School in Mountside works with seventh grade students from left, Alex Caffrey, Marissa Basile and Michael Biel.

Advances made the chore of ironing easier

The Way It Was

By William English

According to the old song, in the land of Nod, it was on a Friday, the day that Monday's trouble was spewed out and wrinkle free, using the flannels of years ago.

This was quite an operation, as almost everything had to be ironed, for there were no permanent press clothes, no wrinkle-free wash and wear, no ironed jeans.

The work was made even more tedious by the absence of self-heating irons, and every household had a variety of irons, ranging from the old-fashioned flat-iron to the modern one.

These irons were made of iron, and they were placed on the top of the kitchen stove to heat them. A number of them were placed there, as in front of me would probably cost \$20, and no longer work properly, but was then replaced on the stove to heat, and another would be used to continue the work.

The iron itself was not a good one, and the ironing machine, which was used on the flat surface of the ironing board, was not much better. The average iron was made of heavy, but not strong, metal, even had a few teeth, very few.

As they heated, the ironing handles also became hot, and a cloth that was used to protect the hands of the user at the time of ironing was an excellent idea.

In the good old days, while the iron was warming up on the stove, the person who was ironing had to be ready.

Another form of self-heating iron was one that was gas heated. By this time, many homes were supplied with gas from the local gas companies. They were usually a few gas jets that could be heated as fast as a flexible rubber hose, which was then connected to the iron.

When it was in use, the small gas burner inside the iron kept the iron hot, but the weaker iron heated by the hose that supplied the gas. These self-heating irons were also used by the military, so someone invented the electric iron.

Of course, to use this sort of iron, the house had to be wired for electricity, and some homes still did not have it even in the 1920s. Those that did, however, were finding many more uses for electricity than just lighting lamps, and electric irons became quite popular. The early ones had a simple heating element inside, made of the electric-resisting metal that allowed the iron to heat and produce sufficient heat to iron clothes.

There were those people who objected to the ironing electrically, and a cordless iron was invented. This one had the same heating element inside, but was not connected to a wire that rested on or near the ironing board.

When the iron was placed on the first cordless was made between the top of the iron and the ironing board, and the heating element inside began to heat the iron. This iron worked, but the constant heating

As this was in the industrial age, the invention of the "gas" or "cordless" alternatives of ironing was, and they produced many forms of self-heating iron for the task. There was a style that had a gas tank, but it had a hot gas compartment above it into which you could pour the gas, and the iron would keep the iron hot as long as the gas continued to burn. Unfortunately, for its inventor, it was a great success, but it was too easy to accidentally burn something while ironing the iron with the gas.

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Millennium makes celebrations more stressful

Problem Solver

By Robert Lapidus

New Year's Eve is just one example of the year we had to highlight to complete the season in a different way. Then we have to stop by the local officials' decision.

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Now you have no intention of giving your whizzer off to be part of that madness.

But you might have thought it would be amusing to get a room in a hotel or to be at the party. Fuggedabout. Those \$1,000-a-night rooms with a view have been booked for months. You might think that a \$500-a-night room would be a good idea, but you can bet that he will just laugh at you as he drives off in his Porsche.

Maybe you thought about a cruise. As for a popular diversion at that time of the year, fuggedabout. They are even scaling the places for the stay-aways.

Then there is that air strike that you can celebrate the millennium twice. Sound interesting? Double fuggedabout it.

At the bottom of course, it is still just another Dec. 31. And it is really hard for me to understand what all the fuss is about.

Perhaps you ambivalence about New Year's Eve and the millennium

is filled back in our high school days. New Year's Eve was really important. You started planning and strategizing sometime in August. Should you ask the homecoming queen? But you had to be ready when you were asked out by the quarterback.

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and to long of the iron made it rather unsatisfactory in use.

The first electric iron were made with detachable cords, which was just as well, as the cords became twisted as the iron was guided over the clothes and turned there at the process. This twisting caused friction wear on the cord and eventually burned it with a flash and a pop, usually near the iron and always to the annoyance of the person using it. Finally, a cordless iron was invented for the day.

This was such a common occurrence that junior high school students were taught how to repair electric cords in their shop classes.

It wasn't long before these two popular electric irons were made with detachable cords that could snap out the head of the iron and also that it did. The cords too, were connected internally, with less likelihood of twisting off.

However, when this did happen, it was necessary to take the iron apart in order to replace the cord. This could be a challenge, as there was some time to see how to dismantle the iron.

A few screw-heads were obvious, but even after they were removed, the iron would not come apart. With-out a book of instructions, one would puzzle over a recalcitrant iron for hours, but once the secret was discovered, assembly was easy.

When the iron was placed on the first cordless was made between the top of the iron and the ironing board, and the heating element inside began to heat the iron. This iron worked, but the constant heating

As this was in the industrial age, the invention of the "gas" or "cordless" alternatives of ironing was, and they produced many forms of self-heating iron for the task. There was a style that had a gas tank, but it had a hot gas compartment above it into which you could pour the gas, and the iron would keep the iron hot as long as the gas continued to burn. Unfortunately, for its inventor, it was a great success, but it was too easy to accidentally burn something while ironing the iron with the gas.

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Mock trial students learn courtroom etiquette

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Jonathan Daxson High School students became members of the courtroom with their first-time participation in the Vincent J. Apruzzese Mock Trial Competition last week. Sponsored with New Jersey County Bar Association.

Although the 100 students who served as lawyers, witnesses and jurors did not advance beyond the county competition, participants agreed that arguing the fictional Brennan v. New Jersey State High School Interscholastic Athletic Association case was a "learning experience." Now, most are anxiously awaiting next year's competition.



From left, JDHS students Adam Slater, Dan Oslit and Lauren Palais participate in the Vincent J. Apruzzese Mock Trial Competition last week.

"It gives you a sense of confidence when you can discredit a witness," said 11th-grade student Lauren Palais, a plaintiff's attorney in the trial. "This is good experience if you want to go into the field of law."

Students and co-advisors Linda Axelrad and Barbara Frueger received details of the case in December and requested the assistance of local attorney Yale E. Greenspoon of Greenspoon and Greenspoon Inc.

Unfortunately, Greenspoon was unable to see the students he advised perform as a judge called to appear at the last minute after 607 cases, trials and appeals. The difference between when we first started and how they ended up was graphic," Greenspoon said. "They improved so much. They are a bunch of concerned team players — nice, bright kids who really worked hard."

The fictional plaintiff was the family of Sam Brennan, a baseball-playing senior at Metropolitan High School.

During August 1997, the summer between the student's sophomore and junior years, Brennan suffered an injury that "destroyed his left eye."

While it appeared that nothing could improve Brennan's vision, Dr. Yac Sudhakaran performed experimental surgery to implant a working eye. During the following baseball season, Brennan led the team to a state championship after he beat long-time rival Pat Powell for the catcher's position. Because of his sudden success, Brennan was reported to the Athletic Association and, consequently, found in violation of Rule 20 which prohibits the use of performance-enhancing devices. He was banned from playing baseball during his senior year.

Eleventh-grader Adam Slater played the role of Brennan. "He was from

a poor family and relying on a baseball scholarship," Slater described. "Although Slater said he does not plan to pursue a career in the field of law, he is interested in acting. "I was impressed with the talent all around," he said. "It was hard because you never know what they're going to throw at you."

"The competition was arranged so the plaintiff side for JDHS challenged the defense team of a different school and vice versa. Simultaneously, JDHS jurors heard the case of two different schools. Actual lawyers served as judges and gave the students points in order to determine who would advance to the state competition.

Ninth-grader Jessica Goldblat was an underdog who stepped in five days before the competition to play a

defense lawyer. "It was very stressful. It was a lot of work at the last minute," she said. "I want to do it again with the full length of time."

Just a few days, Goldblat was required to learn the opening and closing statements and both direct and cross-examinations. "I am proud of myself for getting up in front of people in such a short time period," she said.

But this year's competition served as a starting point for the team, composed mostly of underclassmen. "It was interesting to learn about the law and how lawyers go about making their points," said ninth-grade student Shira Zabudovsky. She said her experiences with the mock trial made it easier to follow the "presidential impeachment trial."

Borough PTA plans fashion show

The Mountside P.T.A. is sponsoring its 13th annual fashion show, organized by the parents and teachers of Deerfield School. All proceeds from this event go directly to the Deerfield School enrichment programs.

The fashion show has enabled the enrichment programs to facilitate special cultural programs such as the Lincoln Arts Center and cultural educational programs to be brought into Deerfield's enrichment. All students at Deerfield benefit from such wonderful and enlightening programs.

The fashion show will be held March 11 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at L. Affare Restaurant Mountside. Fashions will be provided by Chico's of Westfield.

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Spring fever hits township YMCA



Above, Aaron Gzinn, 7, practices his soccer technique during the Springfield YMCA's Spring Fever Open House Sunday. Left, Molly and Erin Moriarty take a break from their toys in the nursery provided by the facility.



Photo by Jeff Grant

Summer camps offered for disabled children

Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaineer will sponsor 16 summer camp programs that provide young people with a variety of fun-filled experiences at several locations around the state.

- Beginning in July, children and adolescents with physical challenges, learning or developmental disabilities, speech language difficulties, and attention problems will have the opportunity to participate in sports, arts, theater arts, horseback riding, swimming and games at one of the summer day camps and an overnight camp.
- Day camps, located in Mountaineer include:
 - Campwee: July 19 through Aug. 27, offers arts and sports and outdoor activities for children with physical disabilities, PPD or autism.
 - Under the Umbrella: July 19 through Aug. 27, offers arts and crafts and outdoor activities for children ages six through nine who have learning disabilities, PPD, ADHD or autism.
 - Wheelchair Sports Camp: Aug. 2 through Aug. 6, provides physical games and sports activities to improve the strength, coordination, and mobility skills of children ages six through 16 who use wheelchairs.
 - Parent & Child Play Group: July 6 through Aug. 24, offers activities for parents and their infants and toddlers ages birth through three years, with physical disabilities.
 - Parent/Teacher Lab: 7 through Aug. 25, provides recreational and adaptive swimming instruction for

children ages three through six with physical disabilities and their parents.

- Community Kids I & II: July 5 through 29, provides speech therapy and recreational activities for children ages three through nine with communication difficulties.

In addition, a dance and music program is being offered at the hospital's Fairwood location from June 29 through Aug. 8. The program provides dance instruction and music education for children ages four through 11 with physical disabilities.

- Camp Chatterbox is CSH's only overnight camp. The camp is held in Hackensack from Aug. 23 through Aug. 28 and is an intensive therapy camp for non-speaking children and adolescents ages five through 16 who use augmentative and alternative communication systems.
- February is national Sign Your Child Up for Camp month. For a brochure and registration material for any of the CSH camps call 908/301-5484.
- Children's Specialized Hospital, New Jersey's only comprehensive rehabilitation hospital dedicated exclusively to children, is an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System.
- CSH treats young people with or without disabilities, from birth to 21 years through a network of services including acute rehabilitation, outpatient services and long term care and outreach programs in many communities. CSH has sites in Mountaineer, Fairwood, Forni River, Newark and Union.

Springfield library continues film festival

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will resume its Foreign Film Festival March 11 with the Iranian film "A Taste of Cherry," at noon and 7 p.m. "A Taste of Cherry" is the work of Iranian filmmaker Abbas Kiarostami, who wrote and directed the film. Winner of the Palme D'Or at the 1997 Cannes Film Festival, the film tells the tale of a middle-aged man who wished to commit suicide.

The next film in this series is "Mars with Guns," scheduled for April 15, followed by "Marjoe and Leatrice" March 13.

Funding for this series was made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office

of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. The series was also funded in part by the Friends of the Springfield Public Library.

Admission is free to all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Attention churches and social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083.

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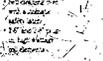
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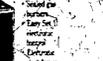


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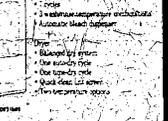


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The Dayton High School boys' basketball team had the misfortune of having to play Elizabeth Pascoch, North Jersey, B school St. Patrick's and St. Mary's last week.

The Bulldogs had won four of five prior to the two setbacks, but still began the last week of the regular season with a winning record of 31-9. Dayton also lost to North Plainfield 52-49 at home last Thursday.

Dayton was 8-7 in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference as of Monday and still had to play at Roselle Park in Valley play. St. Mary's, which began the week in first place in the Valley with a 12-2 division record, defeated Dayton three times this year, the latest was a 67-48 conference victory in Elizabeth last Friday.

High School Boys' Basketball

Terence Franklin scored 18 points and Ryan Freudenrich and David Woodruff had nine each. Samuel Thomas had 29 points and Herbie Hill 19 for St. Mary's.

Three days earlier, Carmine Santarella and Woodruff scored eight points and Arankin and Freudenrich seven, in a 64-36 first-round Union County Tournament loss to top-seeded and three-time defending champion St. Patrick's at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth.

Dayton was scheduled to play Westfield in a preliminary-round game at Edison Tech in Elizabeth on Feb. 13.

Minus five starters lost to graduation that led the Bulldogs to a 16-7 record and the Valley Division championship last year, this year's Bulldog squad proved to be quite competitive with a cast that came in quite green.

Dayton can now look forward to next week's state playoffs, having qualified in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 fourth seed, consecutive season after making the grade in last year in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 in 1996-97.

Dayton, the eighth seed, gets to host high school Kinnelon Monday and a win there will put the Bulldogs up against one-seeded Roselle Park in Roselle Park on Wednesday night.

The Bulldogs, ousted in their first state tournament game at each of the past two seasons, already won a convincing 67-30 win at home over Roselle Park, perhaps the team's most impressive victory of the season.

Franklin scored 20 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. Freudenrich scored 15 points, Santarella 11 and Woodruff nine in this year's first battle of the most recent Valley Division champions, Dayton the 1998 champ and Roselle Park the 1997 champ.

Dayton finished 16-6 two years ago and ended the season by falling at home to Hanover Park 59-58 in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 quarterfinals. Dayton finished 16-7 this year and ended the season by falling on the road at the final seed to fourth-seeded and eventual champion Bloomfield Tech 54-35.

So, the Bulldogs will be hungry for a victory this year and another shot at Roselle Park.

In Valley Division play this far, Dayton swept Manville, Bound Brook and Oratory, split with North Plainfield and had a chance to sweep Roselle Park. The Bulldogs were swept by St. Mary's, New Providence and Brearley. Non-conference wins have come against Morrisstown/Board, Governor Livingston and Westfield.

Here's a look at the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 field for next week's state playoffs:

Seeds: 1-Roselle Park, 2-Cedar Grove, 3-New Providence, 4-Newark Science, 5-Newark University, 6-Newark Arts, 7-North Warren, 8-Dayton, 9-Kinnelon.

Quarterfinal contests on Wednesday will include Kinnelon/Dayton at Roselle Park, University at Science/North Warren at Cedar Grove and Arts at New Providence.

The semifinals are scheduled for Friday, March 5 and the final for Monday night, March 8 at Millburn 7.

GL looked to knock off Elizabeth in UCT semis

The Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball team reached the semifinals of the Union County Tournament after posting a thrilling 52-49 overtime win over Scotch Plains last Thursday in quarterfinal round competition that took place at Rahway.

The fourth-seeded Highlanders took an eight-game winning streak and 76-4 overall record into Tuesday night's first semifinal against top-seeded Elizabeth at the Dunn Sport Center.

The second semifinal was scheduled for last night at Dunn and pitted third-seeded Scotch Plains against second-seeded Summit.

The 24th UCT girls' championship game is Saturday at Dunn at 1 p.m. Dana Dipietro's baseline jumper with a minute to go in overtime gave GL a 50-49 lead.

Heather Kantarik then made two free throws to give GL a three-point lead, her baskets the final points scored in an overtime that went in favor of GL by an 8-5 count for the final game, which was knotted at 44-44 at the end of regulation.

Mountaineer senior Alyson Kotel and Lauren Kibel had outstanding games as Alison scored 16 points and Lauren 10.

GL's defense paced GL in the scoring department with a 17-point effort, while Kantarik finished with seven.

Dipietro's only point of the game came on her critical baseline jumper.

As this last week of the regular season is winding, GL will found itself being in transition for its lead in the Mountain Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference. Immediate began the first week with three losses, while GL, Union Catholic and Roselle Catholic all had four each.

The Highlanders are also going for upcoming North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs, scheduled to commence next week.

GL, the third seed, is scheduled to face sixth-seeded Newark West Saturday, March 4.



Springfield Minutemen 7th grader Jordan Gerber, No. 45, goes up for two points while teammates Heimi Abdolaziz, to the left, and Mike Lusiano, No. 34, are there for a possible rebound. Springfield is scheduled to host Chatham Saturday night at Gaudineer at 6.



Springfield Minutemen 8th-grader David Levine makes a bounce pass in a game that took place earlier this year. Springfield is scheduled to play in the Dunellen Tournament tomorrow night and then host Chatham Saturday night at 7:30.

Springfield squads split vs. Bloomfield
Minutemen 8th-graders triumph

The Springfield Minutemen 8th grade basketball team remained undefeated at home at 4-0 against Bloomfield 45-43 last week at Gaudineer. The 7th grade team, 9-3, was defeated by Bloomfield by a 60-48 score. Andre Caldeiro converted five steals into easy baskets in the first half on his way to a 32-point 10-rebound performance. Caldeiro also blocked two shots to help the Minutemen improve to 17-5 overall and 4-0 at home. Mike Nitello scored 15 points, came up with five steals and was scooped from the foul line.

Youth Basketball

Andrew Basso and Nick Perrilli had six rebounds each, while Yuri Porrucci and Don Volpert each had three assists. Dave Levine had three assists, two rebounds and two assists, while Dean Casademunt and Kevin Duda also contributed. The 7th grade team edged Bloomfield 19-18 after the first quarter and 30-20 at halftime before its Essex County loss. The second half, Jordan Gerber paced Springfield in scoring with 21-point effort. He also had 11 rebounds. Frankie Miceli scored 12 points and had one assist for the Minutemen, while Harris Tischman scored six points and Len Perrone four. Also scoring for Springfield were Mike Luciano, who had three points, and Dan Scott, Heimi Abdolaziz and Jesse Weatherman, all with one basket. Springfield's teams were scheduled to host Westfield last night and this Saturday are scheduled to host Chatham, game times set for 6 and 7:30 p.m. The 8th grade team is scheduled to participate in the Dunellen Tournament tomorrow. The Springfield Tournament is scheduled for March 6 and 7. The Wayne Tournament and the league playoffs will follow.

Grapplers realize own improvement
Squad's win total much higher

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To say that the Brearley High School wrestling team made great strides this year would probably be an understatement.

The Bears concluded an outstanding 12-7 campaign by dusting off Morris County Union Madison 69-11 on the road last Saturday.

Brearley, under the guidance of former Irvington mentor Brian Luciano, finished 3-16 in its first year back on the mat last year. The win over Madison, Brearley's third consecutive, put a stamp on a huge match improvement over last year's results.

High School Wrestling

Brearley also improved in this year's Union County Tournament, finishing eighth with 107 points as compared to 120th last year with only 53. The Bears also had one championship in Anita Vigilante, who defeated top-seeded Jorun Finney of Union 13-8 in the 145-pound final. Vigilante finished third last year.

Mike Puccio finished fourth again, this time at 130 and lost to local 11 Vigilante and Puerto were two of nine Brearley wrestlers to win by forfeit against Madison.

Marc Yosipin got things going for Dayton against the Dodgers by pinning Anthony Piccolo in just 59 seconds at 103.

Dayton's Attila Vigilante won pinned J.B. Weir at 112 in the same time of 59 seconds.

Sean Cunningham won a 7-4 decision over Tom D'Alessandro 130 for Dayton's last non-forfeit win of the match.

Attila Vigilante was one of two Brearley wrestlers to finish second in District 10 last year. Vigilante falling to Millburn senior Jon Gurevici 4-3 in the 145-pound final.

Jon Zika, after falling to Doug Schenker of Roselle Park 3-2 in the UCT 171-pound final, fell to Almece Swint of Irvington 12-0 in the 189-pound final of last year's District 10 competition.

Joe Ruggiero, now wrestling at 125, was third for the Bears in District 10 last year at 103.

Teams in District 10 include three-time defending champion Roselle Park, Brearley, Union, Millburn, Columbia, Irvington, Barringer and Stony Hall Prep.

The top three finishers in each weight class advance to next week's Region 3 competition that is scheduled to commence Wednesday, continue Friday, March 5 and conclude Saturday, March 6 at Union High School.

Dayton girls' and GL boys' basketball reach win No. 5 last week

The Dayton girls' basketball and Governor Livingston boys' basketball teams were victorious last week.

Dayton's girls' team defeated St. Mary's of Elizabeth 67-43 in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division action in Springfield Friday. The Bulldogs previously were defeated by St. Mary's 46-47 in Elizabeth last week on Jan. 22.

Landi Agostinelli scored 20 points while teammate Tara Litovska scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Dayton, which improved to 5-14 overall and 4-11 in the Valley Division with the victory.

The GL boys' team first defeated Ridge 45-36 in Basking Ridge Feb. 16 before topping Millburn 49-39 in Berkeley Heights Friday to improve to 3-15 overall and win two games in one week for the first time this year.

Chris Butler scored 14 points and Terence Belli, 11, in the MVC Mountain Division victory at Ridge. Mike Mangold scored a team-high 44 point, while Keith Gurevici scored 12 in the non-conference win at home over Millburn. Rellly scored eight points, Butler seven and Chris Schenkerberg six for the Highlanders. Teammates Mark Cantaglio and Eric Canagallo, both played, Mark scoring two points.

Former Dayton star Fishman playing on baseball team at Bucknell

Former Dayton High School standout Eric Fishman is a member of this spring's Bucknell University baseball team.

The freshman, who played in the fall for Lewisburg Pa. school, weighs 160 and is listed on the roster as an outfielder.

The 5-11, 170-pound Fishman was one of the top players in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference last year. As a pitcher, the sophomore was 6-4 for the 7-12 Bulldogs.

Bucknell finished 31-17 last season and 13-7 in the Patriot League. Fishman is one of 12 freshmen on the 33-player roster and one of five on the team from New Jersey.

Mountaineer Youth Baseball fundraiser set for April 17

Mountaineer Youth Baseball, a non-profit organization, is holding its third annual silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, April 17.

There will be several hundred people from the area in attendance. Proceeds from this event will be used for league expenses.

More information may be obtained by calling Gail Arigo at 908-232-7361 or Michael Fabrizio at 732-346-9293.

1998 District 10 final round results

MILLBURN — The Brearley Dayton wrestling team finished eighth in District 10 last year with 38 points.

Brearley had two wrestlers reach the finals, Attila Vigilante at 145 and Jon Zika at 189.

Vigilante lost to Millburn senior Jon Gurevici 4-3, while Zika was blanked by Almece Swint of Irvington 12-0.

Joe Ruggiero finished third at 103. Vigilante as back at 145 and fresh off his first Union County Tournament championship. Zika graduated, while Ruggiero is now wrestling at 125.

In this year's 145-pound UCT final at the Dunn Sport Center, Vigilante defeated top-seeded Justin Finney of Union 13-8 in their championship bout.

Vigilante and Finney could meet again in this weekend's District 10 competition, scheduled to commence tomorrow and conclude Saturday, 1998.

TEAMS: 1-Roselle Park 170.5, 2-Union 729.5, 3-Millburn 66, 4-Columbia 38.5, 5-Irvington 58, 6-Barringer 48, 7-Seton Hall Prep 46, 8-Brearley 38.

FINALS

103: Russ Aybald, Union, defeated David Taylor, Center Vigilante 11-0.

112: Rory Adams, Roselle Park, pinned Mike Yamell, Union, 1:54.

119: Graham Markel, Union, pinned Omar Smith, Barringer, 5:17.

125: Brian Garrison, Roselle Park, dec. William Colon, Barringer 7:5.

130: Craig Frost, Roselle Park, pinned Matt Koppenhaver, Seton Hall Prep, 3:44.

135: Yugo Gramajo, Barringer, dec. Phineas Kropf, Columbia 6-5.

140: Phil Tera, Roselle Park, dec. Matt Seay, Millburn, 13:4.

145: Jon Gurevici, Millburn, dec. Attila Vigilante, Brearley, 4:3.

151: Eric Swick, Roselle Park, pinned Dave Pignone, Union, 1:32.

160: Kevin Kolbeck, Roselle Park, dec. Andrew Spier, Millburn, 9:1.

171: Angus Castelli, Irvington, dec. Doug Schoening, Roselle Park, 16:6.

189: Almece Swint, Irvington, dec. Jon Zika, Brearley 12-0.

215: Pat Appello, Roselle Park, dec. Jeremiah Fleming, Columbia, 6:3.

BWWT: Mike Munoz, Roselle Park, pinned Adam Klimkovic, Seton Hall Prep, 3:53.

102: Joe Ruggiero, Brearley.

112: Tristan Liberman, West.

119: Adam Pheasant, Millburn.

125: Anthony Lawson, Brighton.

130: Chris Mann, Union.

135: Kevin Davis, Roselle Park.

140: Steve Aybald, Union.

145: Chris King, Roselle Park.

152: Robbie Conner, Columbia.

161: Bryan Stein, Union.

171: Heister Smith, Union.

189: Chris Greenwood, Union.

215: Sherwin Hall, Irvington.

BWWT: Jason Wilson, Columbia.

