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Officers of the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad celebrate their 50 years of service Saturday night. The evening was marked with nostalgia, optimism and the bonds formed by those who volunteer to save lives in the community.

Rescue Squad celebrates 50 years

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

For 50 years, first aid has been a plain fact in Springfield.

Members of the township's Volunteer First Aid Squad gathered at L'Affaire in Mountainside Saturday night to celebrate the unit's first half-century of service.

A little business, a little history, a little professional recognition and plenty of food, drink and dancing marked a moving anniversary, one emphasized by the emotional bond many squad members feel between themselves and the community they serve.

Among the honored guests was Daniel Kalen, the squad's vice president, who was presented with a Service Award for his 45 years as an active member.

"I joined the squad in 1955," Kalen told the group. "It became part of my life. I think what we do here in this organization ranks with the best of what any human being can do for another human being. I congratulate all of you here today for being associated with an organization like the Springfield First Aid Squad."

Several of the squad's members have long service records. President Gloria Simpson has been with the organization 37 years, with Capt. Liz Fritzen checking in at 26 years on the squad, with over 20 years logged as captain.

"I will never see a finer group of people," Fritzen says. "They're top-notch. They put in hours and hours of training — of being at drills, taking classes for Emergency Medical Technician recertification. They get out of bed in the middle of the night to go on a call. It's not a social club. The public picks up the phone and says their kid's sick, that they can't breathe. We've been here 50 years handling calls like that."

"There's a lot of nights involved, and a lot of lost sleep," said Springfield Fire Chief William Gras, who attended the celebration along with Deputy Fire Chief Donald Schwertz. "And it's all for free. That's dedication."

Chaplain Charles Byrnes gave the prayer, then praised the squad for its "will to assist their fellow human beings in distress, in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan."

Simpson called the names of the squad's officers,

who came up to the dance floor one-by-one, to be sworn in by Central Area Vice President William Blanken. Simpson, Fritzen and Kalen were reinstated as president, captain and vice president respectively, with Donald Mackinson as first lieutenant, Apu Mullick as second lieutenant, Ding D'Angelo as supply sergeant and Sal Staris as training instructor. Bruce Fishkin was sworn in as the squad's treasurer, with Alicia Aguinado as recording secretary, Marlee Krupit as corresponding secretary and Raymond Nutschner as a 3-year member of the house committee. Robert Gansler was sworn in as a 3-year trustee.

For their lifesaving CPR efforts, Mackinson, D'Angelo, Charlene Damato, Jeff Barnes and Peter Schwertz all were honored. Lifetime members Gerald Harvey and Carol Allan were introduced as honored guests.

Joan Bowen and Linda Masas, two squad members who served the township during Tropical Storm Floyd, received citations for their efforts during the mid-September storm. The citations originally were given by the Springfield Township Committee three weeks ago to emergency service workers throughout the township. Fritzen presented the citations to Bowen and Masas, both of whom were unable to attend the township meeting.

An historic photographic tour was provided by Tapes Martyn Gormstein, with slides supplied by Kalen. The presentation proved to be a nostalgic one, with members calling out the names of co-workers and friends as they appeared in images from 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

An image of the squad's 1956 ambulance elicited a "That was a great ambulance" comment, while the squad's original ambulance, a hearse-like vehicle, was remembered as "a piece of junk." The evolution of the squad's technology, from telephones to pagers, from the first ambulance to the current Northstar helicopter, from elaborate drills held in conjunction with the fire department to simple drills held in pools, all were recalled in Gormstein's brief program.

Of the last image, one of stethoscopes and blood pressure equipment and pieces of gauze, Gormstein said, "One thing really hasn't changed. We have a couple of basic instruments to work with."

Preliminary budget brings 'good things'

By Darcy Doyle
Staff Writer

Members of the Mountainside Board of Education made peace as they discussed future programs at their regular meeting Tuesday.

"We are looking at the peace making concept with themes on specific areas of kindness," said Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller. "There would be role playing. They would be picking up these concepts even in kindergarten."

Schaller continued by saying, "There is a lot of movement in this direction which I am very excited about. We are trying to really communicate with the public. We also need to take technology very seriously."

The meeting continued with the board reviewing the 2001 budget. The figures were preliminary but Business Administrator Fran Tolley said, "We looked at where we overspent and where we underspent in the past and have taken that into account for the new budget plan."

"It's good to see we're not just spending money on a new roof, that we are actually spending it on some good things," said Board Member Frank Geiger.

"The thing that I like about the budget is that all the increases are showing us that a lot of good things are happening," said Board President Patricia Taeschler.

"There's a nice balance on this budget," Tolley agreed.

Another topic was a possible distance learning program for teachers. It is a two-year program offered out of Mary Gold College in Detroit. The college is primarily a teachers' college and is recognized by New Jersey. The cost is \$226 per credit hour but the teachers would have to pay for registration and lab fees.

Some of the classes would include effective classroom management, models of effective teaching, technology in the classroom and how to get parents on their side.

"Individuals who participate in this program must incorporate it into their teaching. I have heard nothing but good things about the program," said Schaller.

The board also discussed making

sure there is adequate space for the fourth grade class. Schaller said he recently met with an architect to discuss what possible changes they could make to the existing structure.

"We're looking very carefully," he said. "I want to make sure I have a classroom for the fourth grade."

Possible changes include combining areas, alterations of existing faculty rooms, converting the existing APR room to classrooms and moving the musical program to the kindergarten classroom after 1:30 p.m.

"I would be opposed to moving the musical program to the kindergarten class," Geiger said. "I would be concerned about the kindergarten's class projects being damaged."

Man killed after struck by car

By Darcy Doyle
Staff Writer

A 74-year-old man was killed and a 59-year-old woman was critically injured in a Mountain Avenue motor vehicle accident.

At about 5:26 p.m. Friday, Diana Orsiano of Summit and one passenger reportedly were traveling north on Mountain Avenue in a 1997 white Dodge wagon. The victims, Morris and Thelma Pacht, both Springfield residents, were crossing Mountain Avenue on foot near the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Remer Avenue when Orsiano's vehicle reportedly struck them.

Upon impact, Thelma Pacht was thrown to a nearby curb. Morris Pacht remained on the vehicle until it came to

a stop about 20 feet from the initial point of impact. He then fell to the front right of the car.

The case is still under investigation to determine the speed the vehicle had been traveling and if the two victims were walking in a nearby designated crosswalk, said Springfield Police Cpl. David Hartong.

Springfield Fire Capt. Wayne Masiello said he believes the couple may have been walking to their nearby Mountain Avenue residence.

The victims were transported to University Hospital in Newark where Morris Pacht was pronounced dead that evening at 9:50 p.m. Hartong, who was at the accident scene, said Monday he believed Thelma Pacht was still in critical condition.

Pedersen presses char

Police captain sues township, cites civil rights violation

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

After having made racist remarks, getting discharged, reinstated and then assigned to a screening committee for new hires, Springfield Police Capt. Vernon Pedersen is suing both the township and the Police Department, claiming that his firing was a violation of his civil rights.

The suit named as defendants current Springfield Township Committee members Roy Hirschfeld and Sy Mullman, Township Attorney Bruce Bergen, former committee member Judith Blitzer, Police Chief William Chisholm and the township's labor attorney, Mark S. Ruderman. Hirschfeld, Mullman and Blitzer voted to fire Pedersen in July 1998 after the captain made anti-Semitic remarks in a recorded phone conversation to Lt. Ivan Shapow.

Pedersen eventually was reinstated to his position by Union County Superior Court Judge Edward Toy last February.

The suit read, in part, "The Plaintiff Vernon Pedersen was further terminated by the said defendants because he did not practice the Jewish religion but was rather a practicing Christian. The Plaintiff's race was the determining or motivating factor behind his termination and his termination vio-

lated his right to freedom of religion as set forth by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution."

The suit also mentioned a "loss of consortium," alleging that Pedersen's firing resulted in injury to his intimate relations with his wife.

Pedersen's various comments resulted in the township settling out-of-court with Shapow, Sgt. Peter Davis and Patrolman Walter Brooks last year. Davis received \$150,000 in his settlement, Brooks \$185,000 and Shapow \$300,000.

In 1993, Brooks, an African-American, was the first to be on the receiving end of Pedersen's comments. Davis and Shapow both claimed to have been subjected to retaliation by the department after coming to the defense of the patrolman. Shapow's larger settlement also reflected Pedersen's recorded comments. The settlements were completed last August and paid in full, according to Hirschfeld, by the township's insurance companies.

Before the settlements were completed, the flames were fanned again when Pedersen was assigned to a screening committee and given the responsibility of making preliminary selections for new hires.

The assignment resulted in outrage from Shal Goldstein, New Jersey

Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League. "It sends a wrong message and makes no sense," Goldstein said last July after hearing about Pedersen's appointment.

"We're deeply concerned as a civil rights organization — it's insulting to the Jewish, African-American, and Hispanic communities," a reference to three ethnic groups cited previously by Pedersen.

Goldstein called Pedersen's involvement in personnel matters "chilling."

Clara Hareluk, the township's new mayor, and Steven Goldstein, the new deputy mayor, were not on the Township Committee at the time of Pedersen's firing and therefore were not named in the suit.

"I defended Capt. Pedersen to the hilt in 1997, when we only had here-say then," Hirschfeld said. In 1998, the committee member later wrote a letter to the *Echo Leader* concerning the Pedersen case. "When I was testifying in the reinstatement hearing, Pedersen thought I should have recused myself because of the letter I wrote to the *Leader*," Hirschfeld said.

At Tuesday night's Township Committee meeting, Goldstein was the only individual to speak out on the subject.

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New officers take oaths for department

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Three new police officers, and Martin Luther King Jr., were in the spotlight at Tuesday's meeting of the Springfield Township Committee.

As relatives shot video and snapped pictures, Thomas Goodwin, Martin Costello and James Morton were sworn in as probationary police officers by Township Clerk Kathleen Wisniewski.

"We wish you all the best," Mayor Clara Hareluk said. "I'm trusting that you'll protect the citizens of this town, and that you'll serve our police force well. You're joining a good force and I have every confidence you'll do the job."

Deputy Mayor Steven Goldstein expressed confidence not only in the new officers' academy training, but also in their upbringing. "Hopefully, you've learned the important lessons from your families," Goldstein said. "Duty, loyalty, compassion."

Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld congratulated the new hires, calling Springfield "a great town and a great community. I look forward to working with you. I'm sure you'll find it a worthwhile experience."

"Having sat in on the interviews, I assure you the competition was tough," Administrator Richard Sheola said. "I know we selected the cream of the crop."

Hareluk then read the resolution proclaiming Monday the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"Dr. King was a leader of the National Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, all of which led to the various legislative enactments assuring all of our citizens of the Constitutional promise of equal protection and equal justice under the law," the proclamation read.

Hareluk later reminded those in attendance that an observance in King's memory would be held Monday at Veteran's Park.

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Fire destroys Springfield home

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

An unfinished residence in Springfield caught fire Jan. 3, injuring three firefighters and necessitating the fire services of 10 municipalities.

"It was a very, very demanding fire physically," said Springfield Fire Chief William Gras.

The Laurel Drive residence was, in Gras' words, already "charged with smoke" by the time of the department's 8:32 p.m. arrival, shortly after neighbors placed their call. Fire companies from Union, Mountainside and Westfield were among those to respond. New Providence and Roselle Park both provided station coverage.

Although the cause is still undetermined, and under review by the Union County Prosecutor's Arson Task Force, Gras said officials are labeling it "accidental."

The house, which was being built privately by Union resident Anthony Tamburro, was receiving its finishing touches at the time of the fire. "We were ready to move in at the end of the month," Tamburro said. "We were just finishing the painting on Monday."

Tamburro, who works on Milltown Road in Springfield, said he was building the house to be closer to his grandchildren and place of employment.

Through the use of a thermal imaging camera, firefighters were able to determine the basement as the origin of the fire. "We entered through the front door and used the thermal imaging camera. It showed hot floors throughout," Gras said.

The arson task force has not been able to perform any further investigation in the basement due to the unsafe conditions of the fire, he added.

Two firefighters, one from Springfield and one from Cranford, were taken to Overlook Hospital in Summit with muscle strains.

Cpt. John Pyar of the Springfield Fire Department was more seriously injured. Pyar fell from the stairs leading from the second to the first floor. The railing had not yet been installed.

Pyar landed on his back while wearing his air tank. Gras said that Pyar, who has been released from Overlook, has been referred to an orthopedist. "He's okay, but he'll be out for a while," Gras added.

Gras said the department was able to get the blaze under control in about four hours, after which "we started releasing the other town's companies."

Overall, Springfield's department spent about 13 hours on the scene. "We stayed behind with the camera and shot the building," Gras said. "We kept finding hot spots and had to go back in."

Gras credits the thermal imaging camera with helping firefighters

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Jackie Genovese, left, munches on jelly donuts and Beverly Chin displays the "potluck" book they read in class. The first-grade class read all about an alphabet potluck lunch and then brought in a snack beginning with the same letter as their name.

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Learning ABCs



Springfield Sandmeier School student Nicky Pulice makes a food sculpture out of the various snacks brought in for his first-grade class's alphabet snack party.

EVENTS

King celebration planned by Clergy Association

A celebration of the vision and dreams of Martin Luther King Jr. will be Monday at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Springfield Clergy Association, participants will gather at Veterans Park in Springfield, at the corner of Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue.

After some brief introductory remarks, the gathering will walk in candlelight procession to Springfield Town Hall. There, clergy from the various synagogues and churches will express their hopes for the idea of harmony between all peoples that is the legacy of King. All are invited to join in support to help further this American ideal.

For more information, call the Rev. Anthony Nardo at (973) 376-3044.

Debbie Zsiga, the leader of the hour-long workshop, has taught French at elementary and middle school levels and presently teaches at Milburn High School.

Registration is required, as spaces are limited. Call the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at (973) 376-4930.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Tomorrow
• The first meeting of the year for the Senior Citizens Club of Mountainside will be at noon at the Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane. A representative from PSE&G will be the guest speaker.

Sunday
• Visitors to the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can tour Iceland's picturesque farms, nesting seabird colonies, waterfalls and glacial topography at 2 p.m. Donations are appreciated.

• Patrons of Trailside Nature & Science Center can learn about the winter sky at 3:30 p.m. Each family will get a winter sky map to take home. This program is for children ages 6 and up. The cost is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. This program also will be Jan. 21.

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Tuesday
• The regular meeting of the Mountainside Borough Council will be at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.
• The Springfield Historical Society will host its next regular meeting at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be author Michael Yessenko of Union Township who will discuss his latest book about George Washington. The free event will be at the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. For more information call (973) 376-3348.

Upcoming events
Jan. 20
• Parents of college-bound students can go to the Springfield Free Public Library for a free workshop

itled, "How to get Thousands of Dollars more for your Child's College Education." The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information and reservations, call (800) 949-6250.

Jan. 23
• Patrons of the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can learn the significance of Y2K according to different cultures and calendars. The program begins at 2 p.m. and is for children ages 6 and up. The cost is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. This program also will be held Jan. 31.

• Visitors to the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can join naturalist Holly Hoffman at 2 p.m. on a hunt for animal tracks, dining areas and homes. There is no cost, but donations are appreciated.

• At 3:30 p.m., children ages 4 to 6 can learn stories about characters in the sky at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road. The cost is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens.

Jan. 24
• The Board of Trustees for the Mountainside Public Library will meet in the library's Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 27
• Michael J. Levine and Gary A. Prince Jr. will speak at an estate and retirement planning luncheon at the noon meeting of the Springfield Hadassah at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Jan. 28
• Members of the Mountainside Senior Citizens Club will sponsor a guest visit from Recreation Director Sue Winans at noon at Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, who will tell the group about the most recent Recreation Department activities available in the borough.

Jan. 30
• St. James the Apostle School, 41 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will host a Knowledge Fair and Open House from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (973) 376-5194 or visit the website at www.springfield-nj.com.

Springfield YMCA will sponsor Kid Safe Karate Program

The Springfield YMCA is offering the Kid Safe Karate Program at the YMCA, located at the Chisholm Community Center beginning Jan. 28.

Kid Safe is designed to enhance self-esteem, self-discipline and safety awareness. An experienced black-belt

instructor teaches students to focus on self-defense, rather than aggression. Registration will be Jan. 21 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Springfield YMCA at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave. Classes will run afterschool on Fridays for 10 weeks. There is a \$5

registration fee and \$5 per class fee per person. Children must be members of the YMCA; a youth membership fee is \$30 per year.

For more information call Steve Korba at the YMCA, (973) 467-0838 or Brian Gourley, Kid Safe director, at (973) 284-5650.

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Guess their ages



Springfield's Walton School kindergarten students, from left, Peter Yablorsky, Casey Sheehy and Daniel Dean and Principal Rosemarie Kroscho display a bulletin board that tells how old every student will be in the year 2000.

PAL hosts dance for middle school students

On Friday, the Mountainside Police Activities League hosted a Millennium Dance. The dance, held at Deerfield School, was attended by seventh- and eighth-grade students from Deerfield School in Mountainside and the Columbia School in Berkeley Heights.

The purpose of the event, according to Sgt. Scot Worswick, president of the PAL, was to foster relationships between the two student bodies.

"These kids will be classmates at Governor Livingston High School in a year or two. We feel it is important for them to know each other before then."

More than 200 students danced, played basketball and enjoyed each other's company. Door prizes were given out, including a Digital Audio Stereo System, which was won by Berkeley Heights resident David Mann. Among the volunteer chaperones were a half-dozen Mountainside police officers, both in uniform and plain clothes.

The next PAL event is a town Roller-Skate Night, scheduled for Jan. 23 at Florham Park Roller Rink. This event, underwritten by corporate sponsorship, is free to all Mountainside residents.

For more information on this event, or for any information about the Mountainside PAL, call (908) 232-1596, ext. 531.

Township Board of Ed focuses on budget

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

A topic that bridges the centuries — money — was the focus at the Springfield Board of Education's first meeting of the new century Monday.

Three budgets were presented. Charles Serson, principal of Jonathan Dayton High School, opened the evening with the school's proposed budget for the 2000-01 school year.

"Our overall budget is put together very well," Serson told the board. "It's a quality budget for the quality product we'll put together for the 2000-01 school year."

The most marked increases are those for computers, foreign language, industrial arts, math, music, social studies and career education.

The proposed budget of \$12,815 for computers marks a 33-percent jump from the \$9,616 for 1999-2000. "The reason for the increase is the number of supplies we'll have to have on hand to take care of the new computers and technology that's being placed in the classrooms," Serson said.

Foreign language, which is taking a 59-percent leap, is not, according to Serson, the result of the new textbooks currently being used, but for supplemental materials, "as well as things like the National Foreign Language Competition that some of our students have participated in," along with an increase in the number of students. The proposed budget for foreign language is \$5,389.

In the area of industrial arts, the proposed figure of \$14,670 indicates a 64-percent rise. "We've been relying on surplus supplies from regionalization," according to Serson.

A 68-percent increase in math is the result of a larger number of students enrolling in classes at a higher level, with a 21-percent rise in music the result of the need for "basic supplies" for the greater number of students participating.

In social studies, an increase from \$6,828 to \$8,417 is required for additional supplies, which Serson identified, in part, as periodicals such as Newsweek. "We also have more students who are taking Advanced Placement honors courses."

"If a student is in an honors class, we have to be able to look ahead to see where that student will go," Serson added, describing the foresight necessary in purchasing textbooks.

Five areas of the school's budget identified decreases. The proposed budget for physical education was shown as down 4 percent, educational media/instructional supplies down 21 percent, health-student support decreased 17 percent, the television studio dropped 24 percent and guidance-student support declined 17 percent.

"We're not reducing," Serson said, pointing out that areas such as guidance are benefiting from previous year's expenditures, with other areas such as educational media still functioning on "a one-time increase done last year."

The grand total of Serson's proposed budget, including administrative and athletic costs, is \$729,061, a 1-percent increase over the previous year.

Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman presented the budgets for Curriculum-Staff Development and Technology. Increases included those for textbooks: math for Dayton, grade four math, Spanish level 1B for the Florence M. Gaudineer School, Family Consumer Science for Dayton and health for Gaudineer.

Salaries for summer work for the writing and rewriting of curricula for communication arts, social studies, math and science were factored in, along with the hefty expense of a Middle States evaluation for Dayton, which would provide the school with its accreditation for the next 10 years.

The majority of the workshop/conferences budget — about \$33,000 out of \$56,745 — would go toward Middle States. Serson provided the board with a detailed description of the Middle States evaluation late last year.

The final tally in the area of technology came to \$434,824, as opposed to last year's total of \$354,683. Six budget items, which had previously been budgeted in pairs, under three different totals, are now handled as six individual items, each with their own figure.

The differences between administrative software and instructional software, for example, are now budgeted separately, to isolate the areas of expense for items used for actual instruction from those used for the purposes of maintaining records.

Leslie Vaccarino, acting supervisor

for Special Services, closed out the presentations with the proposed budget of the Department of Special Services.

The major jump, from \$695,957 to \$864,779, concerns the tuition for out-of-district student placements. "We had two children moving in from other districts who were in costly programs," Vaccarino said, adding that there are children from both private and public placements coming into the district.

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland reminded board members and those in attendance that the calendar for the 2000-01 school year should be settled by the board's next meeting, Jan. 24, or its first meeting in February.

Another item slated for the Jan. 24 meeting, described by board President Richard Falkin as "a major focus of the meeting" is the introduction to the public of the consultant hired to help find a replacement for the outgoing Friedland. The consultant was selected by the district. Friedland announced his retirement last month. He has worked in Springfield for 14 years.

Fire Department seeks additional funds

By Pamela Isaacson
Managing Editor

Members of Mountainside's Borough Council will vote at their regular meeting Tuesday on whether or not to transfer an additional \$10,000 to the Volunteer Fire Department.

"According to Police Chief and Interim Borough Administrator James Debbie, the fire chief had anticipated exceeding the budget because of maintenance fees.

"How can they go over with expenditures if they follow our procedures," asked Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigliani, adding that before the department spends Borough money, they need approval.

"This is not the first year, not the second year, not the third year," the mayor added. Council liaison Werner Shon said he would discuss the matter with the fire chief.

A discussion ensued at Tuesday's agenda-setting work session concerning revisions and additions to the Land Use Ordinance. Borough Attorney John Post raised concerns about a clause mandating that gutters would not face a neighbor's property.

Councilman Keith Turner led a colorful discussion regarding the colors of signs installed by borough businesses. "We have a new board," he said, referring to the joint Planning Board. "Do we want to give them some guidelines as to the colors of certain things that Mountainside would or would not like to see?"

While Post said it is legal for Mountainside to set these guidelines, council members debated the wording of this

clause and if they should provide a range of acceptable colors or if the color would need approval before a sign is implemented.

Council members agreed that businesses would be able to change the lettering on a sign without applying to the Planning Board, but the color would require a vote.

Council members were addressed by a representative of Mericom/Ricochet, who said his company wants to mount units that would provide wireless Internet access to borough residents. He said there would be six units per square mile, totaling about 24 in the borough.

The administrative fee for these units is \$800 that Mericom/Ricochet would pay in a lump sum. The borough would agree to a 10-year contract with three, five-year renewals. Six free subscriptions would be provided.

Wireless unlimited access would cost \$29.95 per month for each resident.

Members of the Borough Council told the representative to find out if the company was willing to pay the borough more in administrative costs.

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EDITORIALS

A role model

On Monday, we celebrate the life of a great leader. Martin Luther King Jr. was not only a crusader for civil rights, but a leader of people.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was not even recognized by some states until recently. In 1983, President Reagan signed legislation to make it a national holiday. Yet it was only a few years earlier that several workers in Seattle shipyards were fired after distributing material to support the holiday.

Each year, we believe society has made progress toward equality, tolerance and race relations. King preached equal rights, tolerance and living in harmony among all races, religions and groups.

And just when we think we may have turned the corner, we hear another story about bigotry, racism or inequality. A black man tied to the back of a pickup and dragged to his death by a group of white men. That seems like an incident we might read about in history books dating to the Civil War era, not in a 1998 newspaper. Is this progress?

And there's more. A man beaten and tied to a fence left to die like an animal simply because he was gay; the State Police admitting to racial profiling last year; the recent bigoted rantings spewed by a moronic, overpaid baseball player.

This is in an era in which diversity is such a popular buzzword. People want to celebrate "diversity." Schools look to embrace "diversity." Employers seek "diverse" employees. While our nation has long been called a melting pot of cultures and people, we also have a long history of bigotry and intolerance.

People should not be forced to embrace other cultures. It is enlightening when one explores the way different ethnicities or religions work. It would be encouraging if everyone learned a little more about one another. Realistically, however, most people would not get off the couch to do that. The least we could do is remember to respect one another.

Just as we teach our children the golden rule — "Do unto others as you'd have them do unto you" — we as adults must lead by that example. It may seem too simple, but many times it appears adults forget to do that. And it is our children who see that and learn by our examples.

In a speech given more than 30 years ago, King's words ring true today just as they had then. "Men, for years now, have been talking about war and peace. But now, no longer can they just talk about it. It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in this world; it's nonviolence or nonexistence."

Share the game plan

When football players are in a huddle, they realize the importance of communicating each play with one another. They realize the need to work as a cohesive group to win the game. To have the goal is not enough; to take steps to achieve that victory advances the team.

During the annual reorganization meeting of the Springfield Township Committee, newly appointed Mayor Clara Harelik outlined several short- and long-term goals for the township. Several include establishing a new Public Works facility, increasing programming at the Chisholm Community Center, modernizing the municipal pool, making aesthetic changes to the community and enticing new businesses to open their doors in the township.

These are important goals that would increase property values and make Springfield a more desirable community that would attract young families and retain taxpayers.

What Harelik did not present that evening was an action plan to achieve any of these objectives. "I believe in the power of a well-informed citizenry and in the importance of communication at every level," she said. It is refreshing to hear this statement, although these words are often forgotten when decisions are made quickly and without consulting residents.

This communication is crucial to the success of the township. Harelik and members of the Township Committee may have action plans in mind. These must be shared with the public. Residents, as well, must hold their public officials accountable and demand to know, step by step, how these goals will be achieved. Establishing a game plan and communicating it to concerned residents is the only way for the township to carry out a victory.

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—Peter S. Prichard
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SKYING FOR THE ROCK
— Sara Steinman, an eighth-grader at Gaudinier School in Springfield, prepares to pull down a rebound against teachers Michael Maglieri and Susan Satter during a recently faculty-student basketball game.

Day-Off Days would make winter go faster

Now that Christmas and New Year's are in the past, we can all take five.

Actually, two. January and February.

As I enter my 38th year, I've yet to figure out what to really do with these months. Maybe, if I were a skier or basketball fan, I wouldn't mind them quite so much. But since I'm neither, and since my birthday is in August, there isn't very much to look forward to.

What I did in the past, and what I'm doing yet again, is looking toward Feb. 21 — Presidents' Day. Except for the aforementioned birthday, it's my favorite day of the year.

It's not a headache holiday like Thanksgiving or Christmas. There's no rush and squish about it. It's a non-obligation, non-guilt, no expense day-off. You can't beat it with a stick.

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Retailers try to make a holiday of it, but if you're resistant to those ads in which Washington and Lincoln wink at you, beckoning you to salt forth and buy a TV, then there's no problem there either.

I don't want anyone out there to think, even for a second, that I'm making light of the life and achievements of either president. But the hard truth is, there's about as much Washington and Lincoln in Presidents' Day as there is Christ in Christmas these days.

Presidents' Day takes care of February, but what about January? January's even drearier because it's longer. There's Super Bowl Sunday late in the month, but that's unofficial, although fun. For those of us not Calvinistic enough to resist the game day parties, Super Sunday can prove to be a rollicking good time.

Officially or unofficially, Americans value days off more than their cars. Even antagonists of the sport will admit that days like Super Sunday generate a free-spiritedness that at least feels like a day off. Whether you're participating or avoiding, the big game day has that formless shape we Americans instantly recognize as a holiday of some sort.

Days like Presidents' Day are remembrances, certainly, often marked by appropriate ceremonies. But it's a plain fact that such holidays, and silly days like Super Bowl Sun-

day, have evolved — or devolved, if you prefer — into what I call Day-Off Days.

Psychologically, I think Day-Off Days, especially in January and February, are vital. No American citizen who works can be blamed for scanning the calendar during the dark months, looking for openings. We'll have precious little daylight in the coming weeks; leaving our offices at five o'clock, we'll be seeing a lot of blue-black in the sky.

So it's helpful to pick a Day-Off Day or two from the calendar and lean on those. If you can't wait for Presidents' Day, make two holidays out of one and celebrate the births of the first and 16th presidents on their actual birthdays. Come to think of it, I think Elvis has a birthday this month too. Take the day. Rent "Clambake" and shoot the works.

Residents should help borough be 'perfect'

Editor's note: This following is Mayor Robert Vigilanti's State of the Borough address given at the Jan. 4 Borough Council reorganization meeting.

Contrary to the constant dissatisfaction of a few residents of our community, which many of you have seen constantly on our TV-35 and have commented to me, Mountainside is in excellent condition.

We are not perfect, but compared to the rest of the county and most of the state, Mountainside is definitely above average. In fact, I will go so far as to say that Mountainside is one of the better communities in New Jersey.

We are entering this new era having completed restorations and improvements to many borough facilities.

You have seen the restoration of our downtown. You have seen the improvements to the Route 22/New Providence Road intersection, the modernization and expansion of the Rescue Squad building, and the new Police Headquarters and our Community Room. Criticism of this room is totally off-base.

This room is being used up to 25 to 30 times per month. Many times, as often as three times per day. In fact, we cannot use it this evening for the reception that will follow this meeting since another group reserved the room some time ago. Our pool also received a new face-lift and modernization.

You have witnessed the growth of our community with the new Sony Theater, Brighton Gardens and the new storage facilities; plus a new office building on Route 22. These new additions are not only a new source of revenue but, to date, have proved to be good commercial neighbors.

The installation of the cellular towers at Borough Hall has not only pro-

From The Mayor's Desk

By Robert Vigilanti

vided our police, fire and Rescue Squad with excellent antennas but is now a major source of revenue for our community. The annual rental fees will soon reach \$100,000 per year with no installation or maintenance cost to the borough.

Our new contract with Comcast will result in our own full-time TV Channel 35 and not only provided the borough with monies to improve our audio here in his room but also gave us a new Internet service for our school and library.

Once and for all, let me again repeat to the critics that our 15-year franchise agreement is not exclusive and that this administration will discuss with any new provider a similar agreement if and when the opportunity arises.

At present, you are seeing the completion of the commuter parking facility across the highway. Ninety-five percent of the cost was funded by the NJDOT. This will not only provide us with 40-plus permit commuter spaces, but also will increase the parking for library patrons and it will be available to the library evenings and on weekends. The library also benefits from the new driveway and the new repaving of its lot.

Moving the commuter parking to this location will open the parking lot at Borough Hall for users of the Community Room and also provide more

parking for court day. It will provide residents with a free parking space for a day when they wish to use the bus stop out front.

We are presently working on additional renovations and improvements to the library and, as you can also see, major renovation to our Fire Department building both inside and out.

As I said last year, "None of us, including Mountainside, can survive on past accomplishments." We must move forward and "keep up with the times."

Council has discussed and will shortly be receiving a report from Dr. Mike Disko, our borough engineer, regarding a five- to 10-year maintenance/improvement program covering our roads, storm sewers and sanitary sewers. In the past six years, Dr. Disko has been a driving force in obtaining grants for our community. To date he has received very close to \$1 million in grants for various agencies.

This program, upon completion, will cost between \$5 million and \$10 million and will improve, enlarge and, in some areas, add to our present systems. The work will be continuous for the next half of a decade or longer. It will enhance our entire community and be of benefit to all residents.

This will continue your governing body's commitment to keep your property values as high as possible. We always have and always will keep a watchful eye on the expenditure of our tax dollars. Our lowest effective tax rate in all of Union County attests to this commitment.

Both our Rescue Squad and fire company need additional volunteers. In order to encourage residents to join either of these fine organizations, the council has increased the clothing allowance for members of the fire

company and also now pays for the volunteers attending training drills. Council has financially assisted the Rescue Squad to pay its members a per-call stipend.

Besides the financial rewards, both of these fine organizations offer comradeship, education in their areas of expertise and a sense of pride in serving one's community.

To the may sayers, as long as this is a democracy, you will always have the right to express your views. I, for one, am starting to get a little tired of such negativism and, through conversations, letters and discussions, I have had with others and also from those who have spoken at our meeting, they all appear to be tired of it.

May I suggest that by the coming of a new era that you try to channel your remarks to more positive and truthful recommendations to the governing body so that we all may move our community forward.

To those residents, who never attend a meeting, who write letters to the editors, may I again invite you to attend. Some of your concerns are not only valid but your direct input and dialogue could be beneficial to all concerned.

It's our community. It's our tax dollars. Together we can make a positive difference. Yelling that the sky is falling serves no one's interest.

Thus I urge we start this new era on a positive note and that we — mayor, council, staff and residents — work together not only to continue to improve our community but to some day be able to say, "Mountainside is perfect!"

Thank you, I wish you and your family a healthy new year.

A Republican, Robert Vigilanti is Mayor of Mountainside.

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Jonathan Dayton High names honors students

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Grade 10
 Bethel Aizenberg, Gracemarie Allano, Lauren Belliveau, Pamela Bookbinder, Nicole Burke, Lindsey Butler, Chahrah Clarke, Chaz Freundlich, Jessica Gabn, Alexander K. Garm, Jessica Goldblat, Gary Goldman, Evangelina Guila, Marsha Handler, Hani Heiba, Scott Hollander, Michelle Kraemer, Yvonne Lai, Jennifer Lewis, Jonathan Lewis, Melissa Loschiavo, Juliet Marx, Wojciech Mysliwicz, Miri Rosen, Kevin Schulman, Monica Schwartz, Ziad Shehady, Laurie Sherman, Kaushik Sorkari, Rena Steinbach, Ryan A. Stromeyer, Megan Anne Tavis, Kimberly

Terhune, Colby A. Tiss, Pamela Traum, Alphonsa Vedakthalakel, Jared Weisman and Maria Zolotarsky.

Grade 11
 Michelle Barone, Victoria Bingle, Lawrence Blusztajn, Jennifer Cheung, Vincent Chin, Gregory Deangelis, Lisa Denicolo, Jamie Fallon, Lillian Fasman, Alexis Ferrin, Jennifer Fiorelli, Christina Florio, Chad Freundlich, Evgenya Fuks, Andrew Harris, Russell Haywood, Mitchell Hollander, Alycia Johnson, Barry Kessler, Rena Kleyman, Victoria Kozlenko, Alex Kramers, Michael Lyubavin, Rachel Mandel, Cristobal Melendez, Felix Mil, Dara Mirjahangiry, Ilissa Nico, Olga Pismennaya, Michael Puorro, Dana Rutkowski, Peter Shepherel, Mark Trautenberg and Jonathan Zipkin.

Grade 12
 Keith Allen, Karen Bibbo, Jonah Block, Viktoriya Bronshyeyn, Michelle Ciardella, Jared Cohen, Alan Cohn, Courtney Congilano, Nathan Denner, Tiffany Dom, Gina Ferguson, Ryan Freundlich, Rebecca Friedman, Dina Gordon, Deborah Harris, Jessica Hartmann, Michael Henrichs, Brian Hollander, Justin Katz, Daniel Kazemi, Michael Kessel, Michelle Khordos, Jessica Lau, Charles Licata, James C. Lin, Steven Liu, Lukasz Maciak, Ester Malach, Lisa Marx, Aaron Minkov, Rachel Nehmer, Lisa Neville, Daniel Osei, Lauren Palais, Jason Paz, Kimberly Pecara, Suzanne Preibracha, Rami Rami, Karyn Schachman, Marci Schultz, Stephanie Shack, Kellum B. Smith, Margarita Soto, Jaime Stankus, Rachel Tiss, Todd Walters, Mickey Weatherston, Brian Wedemeyer, Jason Weiss and Brian Young.

We're asking

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Steve St. Clair: "The Internet. But some news papers too."
 David Patti: "The Internet and TV. On the Internet, you end up getting newspapers anyway."
 Mathew Buntin: "TV or Internet."
 Alex Rivera: "The TV and the Internet."

Community members invited to Deerfield's pancake breakfast

On Feb. 5 the Mountainside Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor its annual Community Pancake Breakfast in the Deerfield School cafeteria.

From 8:30 to 11 a.m., breakfast lovers can take a break from the winter doldrums and join family, friends and neighbors for this old-fashioned community event. The snow date will be Feb. 26.

The menu options include: Adult portion — four pancakes, two sausages, fruit and beverage for \$5. Smaller portion — two pancakes, one sausage, fruit and beverage for \$3.50, and the Bagel Breakfast — bagel, fruit and beverage for \$2.50.

Mountainside's community groups such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will play a big part in helping to make this breakfast the huge success it has become each year. Local businesses also have helped with donations of food and prizes.

Deerfield's pancake breakfast

Ticket purchase forms are available at Deerfield School, the Mountainside Free Public Library and Borough Hall. The deadline for ticket requests is Jan. 31.

For more information call Teri Schmedel at (908) 301-0147.

Our policy on letters and columns

The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity also is open to all officials and employees of the borough and township and the County of Union. The Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

Hadassah sponsors planning luncheon

Michael J. Levine and Gary A. Prince Jr. will speak at an estate and retirement planning luncheon at the Jan. 27 meeting of the Springfield Hadassah at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, at noon.

Levine, vice president and estate planner for Solomon Smith Barney, Flatbush Park, will speak on what he refers to as one of his major concerns — the preservation of his clients' wealth and capital. Levine also will focus on, among other financial topics, estate, retirement planning issues and 401(k) rollover options, according to Eleanor D. Kuperstein, program vice president.

Prince's partner with The Manzell Law Firm, Short Hills, will discuss estate and trust planning and administration and related legal and probate issues, Kuperstein said.

All members of the public are invited to attend.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Charles Nadel

Dr. Charles Nadel, 93, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Summit, an orthopedist for more than 50 years, died Jan. 3 at home.

Born in Carteret, Dr. Nadel lived in Irvington and Summit before moving to Scotch Plains six months ago. He had been the orthopedic department head and president of the medical and dental staffs at the Jackson General Hospital. Dr. Nadel also had been the medical director of the Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center of Newark, West Essex and Belleville.

Dr. Nadel was the medical director of the United Cerebral Palsy League of Pennsylvania. He also was an orthopedic consultant and had been the interim medical director at the Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside. He served on the board of trustees of the Children's Specialized Hospital and the Cheshire Home in Florham Park. Dr. Nadel also had been president of the medical staff of the Hospital Center at Orange.

He introduced surgery and the use of the Harrington Brace Technique throughout New Jersey to treat scoliosis. Dr. Nadel was instrumental in having a law passed mandating early scoliosis screening in New Jersey schools.

A 1928 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Nadel received a medical degree in 1932 from the Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

He was a member of the New Jersey Rose Society and the Irvington Historical Society and past president of the Irvington Chamber of Commerce and vice president of the United Appeal and Red Cross. He served in the Army from 1942 through 1946.

Surviving are a daughter Nancy Greenberg; a son, Dr. William R. Nadel; a sister, Hannah Lasner, and four grandchildren.

Helen Stavenick

Helen Stavenick, 74, of Mountainside died Jan. 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Stavenick lived in North Arlington and Maplewood before moving to Mountainside in 1977. She also maintained a home in St. Thomas, Virgin Island, from 1986 through 1998.

Mrs. Stavenick was a steel purchasing agent for many years with Republic Metal Products, Springfield, before retiring. Previously, she had owned Alumico, Kenilworth, and created the heli-ar process for anodizing aluminum.

Surviving are her husband, Leo V.; two daughters, Carol Thruet and Marilyn Maroney; a son, Harry Maroney; five grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Celeste Lessing

Celeste Lessing, 86, of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Summit, died Jan. 1 in the Monroe Medical Center, Ocala.

Born in Providence, R.I., Mrs. Lessing lived in Summit and Quakerstown Pa., before moving to Ocala in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Celeste Gavin; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Annie Howard

Annie Howard, 75, of Summit died Jan. 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Chester, S.C., Mrs. Howard lived in Summit for 65 years. She was a surgical packer for CR Bard in Murray Hill for 25 years until retiring. Mrs. Howard was a member of the Coun of Calnehe's, Rose of Sharon Chapter of Newark, the Women's Guild of the Fountain Baptist Church and the Senior Citizens, both of Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Williams; a son, Tommy Coleman

three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Filomena Garciano

Filomena Garciano, 69, of Springfield died Jan. 2 at home.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Garciano lived in South Amboy before moving to Springfield five years ago.

Surviving are a son, Gary; two brothers, Carmine and Anthony; two sisters, Connie Zuzio and Marcella Giastino, and two grandchildren.

Lenore W. Cohen

Lenore W. Cohen, 71, of Springfield, a speech pathologist, died Jan. 6 at home.

Born in Irvington, Mrs. Cohen lived in Philadelphia, Pa. and Verona before moving to Springfield two years ago. She was a speech pathologist, consultant and instructor for various institutions, hospitals, nursing homes, colleges and schools in New Jersey and New York.

Mrs. Cohen evaluated and treated swallowing disorders and other speech disorders for acute care and nursing home patients. From 1991 through 1996, she worked for the East Orange General Hospital, East Orange, diagnosing and treating infants and outpatients, including children at the Children's Center, with speech and language problems.

From 1990 through 1991, Mrs. Cohen worked for the Passaic Valley Hospital as an evaluator and therapy provider for inpatients and outpatients. From 1980 through 1991, she worked at the Mental Health Clinic in Passaic with at-risk preschool children.

In 1982, she established a practice providing speech and language services for handicapped children and adults with communications prob-

lems. From 1976 through 1982, Mrs. Cohen was director of the Speech and Language Clinic for Iona College and worked as a speech instructor for the college. She co-authored the proposal to the New York State Board of Special Education to request permission to grant students a certification for being a teacher in speech and hearing handicapped. Mrs. Cohen wrote the curriculum for the certification program.

Mrs. Cohen received a bachelor of arts degree in English and history from Upsala College. In 1960, she received a master's degree in speech pathology from Seton Hall University. She completed the course work for the Ph.D. program at the City University of New York graduate center. Mrs. Cohen held a New Jersey Certification as a speech/language pathologist, a New Jersey state Board of Education Certification for Grades Seven to 12 in English and history and for grades kindergarten through 12 in speech correction.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; four daughters, Amy, Deborah, Ellen and Nancy, and four grandchildren.

Cole Brundage

Cole Brundage, 74, of Summit died Jan. 6 at home.

Born in New York City, Mr. Brundage lived in Summit for 35 years. He was a certified public accountant in New York and was a vice president and treasurer with D.F. King & Co. Inc., New York City, for 10 years and retired in 1990.

Earlier, Mr. Brundage had worked at Syska & Hennessy Inc., New York City, for eight years as financial vice president and secretary in charge of directing all financial accounting and tax activities.

Prior to that, Mr. Brundage had been treasurer and manager of financial planning and control for C-E Lummas, Bloomfield, for seven years. He also had worked for Arthur Anderson & Co., New York City, for 15 years, where he started in the audit division and became a manager with responsibility for major client audits. Mr. Brundage also directed the administrative services department of the Sao Paulo, Brazil office.

He served in the Army as a sergeant in the 200th Infantry during World War II and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Mr. Brundage graduated from Williams College, Williamstown,

Mass., where he received a degree in economics in 1949. He also received a master's degree in accounting from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School.

Mr. Brundage was a member of the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. He served as president of the Baltusrol Senior. Mr. Brundage also was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Surviving are his wife, Marian; a daughter, Helen Brundage Carlton; two sons, Cole E. and Craig; a sister, Helen Crowell, and three grandchildren.

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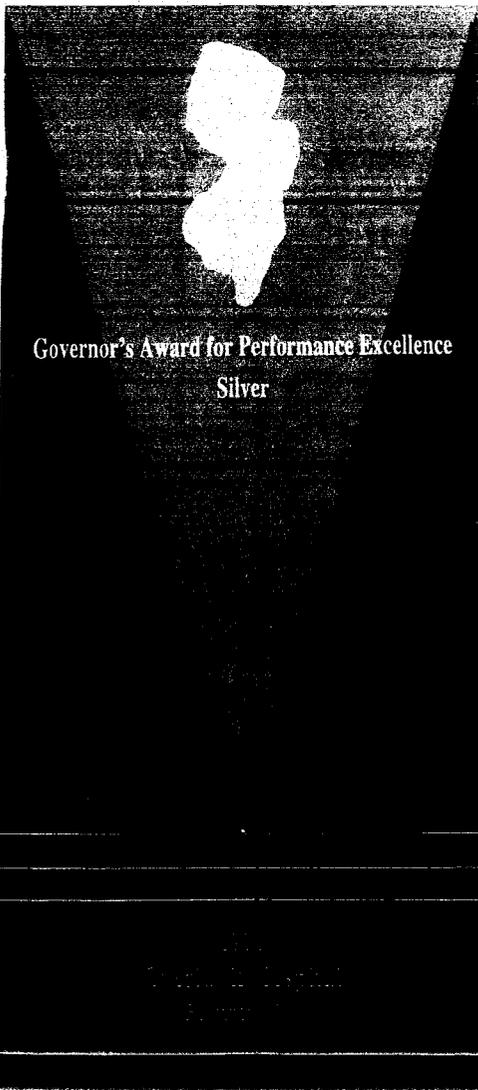
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King day honored in township ceremony

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The swearing in of new officers and the proclamation for the civil rights leader both came, ironically, with the shadow of Springfield Police Capt. Vernon Pedersen's pending lawsuit against the township hanging over the courtroom. Commitment Hirschfeld and Sy Mullman, along with Township Attorney Bruce Bergen, all of whom were present for the meeting, were named as defendants in Pedersen's suit.

Former committeewoman Judith Blitzer, Police Chief William Chisholm and Mark S. Ruderman, the township's labor attorney, also were named.

Goldstein, elected along with Harlick to the committee in the 1998 general election, was not involved in the decision to fire Pedersen in July 1998. After the newly sworn officers and their families left the courtroom, Goldstein addressed the subject.

"I didn't know whether to laugh or cry," Goldstein said of hearing of the suit. "A certain officer is suing this town. I don't see any merit in it, but personally and professionally I'm outraged by it. This man has brought pain to this town. I won't give one inch on this case. I'll fight this to the bitter, bitter end."

The suit maintained, "The Plaintiff Vernon Pedersen was further terminated by the said defendants because

he did not practice the Jewish religion but was rather a practicing Christian. The Plaintiff's race was the determining or motivating factor behind his termination and his termination violated his right to freedom of religion as set forth by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution."

The suit also claimed a "bias of conspiracy," meaning that Pedersen's firing resulted in such distress as to effect his sexual relations with his wife.

Fire extinguished without time to burn the donuts

A customer at Springfield's Dunkin' Donuts alerted the department to a fire at the establishment Saturday.

Originally reported that an outlet, firefighters discovered that an outlet, supplying a toaster unit, had burned. The fire had been extinguished by an employee prior to the department's arrival.

Firefighters checked for a possible extension with a thermal imaging camera; no extension of the fire was found. The outlets were removed from the wall, and the breaker shut off.

Fire Chief William Gas notified the health inspector of a discharge of dry powder. The inspector directed the establishment as to the proper cleaning of the powder. Repairs to the outlets also were suggested.

One call for an activated alarm was handled.

One Springfield resident was killed and one severely injured when they were struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Mountain and Remer avenues at 5:48 p.m. Friday.

FIRE BLOTTER

Three other medical service calls were answered that day.

- Two motor vehicle accidents; one report of smoke in the area of Troy Drive, one medical service call and one police assist on Kipling Avenue were all handled by the department Jan. 6.

The department also remained on stand-by for the Union Fire Department on a request from Union County Mutual Aid.

- One medical service call was answered Jan. 5.

- A report of sparking wires at a Commerce Street business, an activated alarm at Jonathan Dayton High School and a report of a burning odor at an Ashwood Road residence were the business of the day Jan. 4.

- A new, unoccupied house was the scene of a blaze requiring the services of a number of fire companies through

Mutual Aid Jan. 3. During that fire, another Mutual Aid engine responded to a Cottage Lane residence on a report of a smoke odor.

One activated alarm, one medical service call, one motor vehicle acci-

dent and a police assist at Walton School also were answered that day.

- The department handled all its business out-of-town Jan. 2. On requests from Mutual Aid, the department assisted Summit and Union.

Mountainside library sponsors storytime

The Mountainside Public Library will be presenting storytime programs during January and February for children ranging in ages from 2 through 5 years old.

Storytime Theater will be held for kindergarteners on Tuesday afternoons, Jan. 25 through Feb. 15, beginning at 2 p.m. The program incorporates storytelling, acting, singing and dancing, and is approximately 45 minutes in length.

Preschool Storytime is scheduled for 3- and 4-year-olds on Thursday afternoons, Jan. 27 through Feb. 24, beginning at 2 p.m. The preschool program includes stories and simple crafts, and is approximately 30 minutes in length.

Toddler Time will be held on Friday mornings, Jan. 28 through Feb. 25, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Stories and nursery rhymes are shared with 2 year olds for approximately 30 minutes. Registration is required for all programs. Visit the library or call (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

Camera aids department during fire emergency

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determine hot spots that might have potentially resulted in the fire reaching the second floor. "We had two camera there — ours and Union's," he said. "Without them, I'm fairly sure the fire would have been up to the second floor in two different locations. The cameras helped us locate the hot spots. We opened up the walls in those areas and were able to cut the fire off."

The house, which Tamburro said began as a ranch, occupies 4,500

square feet on the first floor, with 1,500 on the second, plus a "full basement." Tamburro said he plans to "take it down to the foundation and rebuild it up again."

The structure consists of solid concrete walls with reinforcing rods in the basement walls and foundation. Damage to the first floor has caused it to sink by about two feet, by Tamburro's estimation. A main steel beam supporting the second floor has helped that floor stay intact.

"I boarded it up right away," Tamburro said.

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Grade Seven

High Honor Roll
Britany Benio, Allison Gonia.

Christine McCurdy, Stacey O'Sullivan, Morgan Starkey and Vera Souvorov.

Honor Roll

Gabrielle Apigo, Julia Arpino, Phoinisia Borgellino, Jillian Botita, Katie Cheeklin, Michelle Corra, Anthony DeRose, Ashley Force, Louise Friskeny, Nicole Galaluzzi, Jessica Gelsino, James Hughes, Evan Kaplan, Zachary Januk, Jessica Landis, Robert Mack, Nicholas Margello, Matthew Miller, Joseph Pjanowski, Samanna Pinger, Molly Schmidt, Matthew Tieschner and Lyndsey Thomas.

Grade Eight

High Honor Roll
Michael Amalfie, Marissa DeAnno and Jennifer Hauser.

Honor Roll

David Apigo, Marissa Basile, Michael Biel, Elizabeth Billy, Jenna Blasi, Jean Brodian, Alex Caffrey, Anthony DeAngelis, Neha Desai, Christopher DiVio, Eric Feller, Jessica Garry, Chase Golomb, Brittany Hamill, Arda Hotz, Sarah Hu, Irene Lennis, Justin Polce, Cecilia Watson, Knisen Wedge, Kevin Wyvrat and Jamie Zawistak.

Outstanding volunteer



Springfield resident Philip Hunrath presents the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association's 1999 Circle of Honor Outstanding Volunteer Award to Fran Stavola-Daly. She is an assistant professor of Physical Education, Recreation and Health at Kean University, Union. Hunrath is the chapter board treasurer.

Pole hit as driver flees

POLICE TROTTER

A Meisel Avenue utility pole felt the impact of a vehicle traveling south Sunday. According to reports compiled by the Springfield Police Department, the vehicle fled the scene.

According to police, the pole was impacted about 20 feet off the ground and split in half. Due to the amount of damage to the pole, split marks and the impact point, police felt the vehicle was a truck.

Officials at First Union Bank on Morris Avenue reported a shattered glass door on the east side of the building Jan. 5. The police have no suspects.

A North Plainfield resident reported the theft of a cellular phone and a black leather jacket, valued at \$450, from a vehicle parked in the Guitar Center lot on Route 22 Jan. 4.

Employees from Industrial, Commercial & Electric of Worcester,

Mass. reported the theft Jan. 4 of at least 50 pieces of tools including hammers, drills, saws, screw drivers, ratchet set and tape measure.

A Morrisown resident reported his wallet stolen from his Morris Avenue office Jan. 4. Contents included a check for \$11,070, a pilot's license, two credit cards and a driver's license.

A Springfield resident reported her four-door green Honda Accord stolen from a parking space in front of her Stone Hill Road apartment sometime between 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 3 and 7:20 a.m. on Jan. 4.

Officials from J. O'Brien Co. Inc. on Commerce Street reported a 20-by-4-foot aluminum awning stolen on Jan. 3. The value is estimated at \$1,500.

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Township Committee members address lawsuit

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"This man has brought pain to this town," Goldstein said. "I won't give one inch on this case. I'll fight this to the bitter, bitter end."

Pedersen himself would not comment on the suit, referring all inquiries to his lawyer, Passaic-based Anthony Fusco Jr. Calls to Fusco's office went unanswered. Chisholm was out of his office until Friday, and not available for comment at press time.

According to former committee member William Ruocco, the Township

Committee did not act quickly enough on the Pedersen case. Ruocco was on a trip to Italy at the time Pedersen was discharged, and did not register a vote on the matter.

"When it came up the second time, in the incident with Lt. Shapiro," Ruocco recalled. "The reason he got away with it the first time, in 1993, was that the committee didn't do anything about it — not even a reprimand. Everyone said, 'Let's wait for the hearing.'"

Pedersen received an independent disciplinary hearing before hearing officer Robert Czech who recommended a 90-day suspension.

"He should have been suspended for the second incident, before he had the hearing," said Ruocco.

Ruocco voiced his opinion on the issue in closed sessions with the committee. "As a minority member, my voice went down the drain," said Ruocco, who along with Blitzer were the lone Republicans on the five-member committee at the time.

Ruocco believes an independent evaluation of the police department might be a good idea. "There was an opportunity — this happened at a time when I wasn't on the committee — to get a free evaluation from the state," he said. "I don't know if the committee turned it down, or whether it was even applied for."

"Nothing's been chosen yet, but we're looking at getting a special investigation going — a study of the Police Department to see where the problems lie," Hirschfeld said.

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GL began week with 3-game win streak Dayton sought Brearley victory

The Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball team, sparked by the play of Jen Calabrese and Maya Monroe, began the week with a 6-1 record and 5-0 mark in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference.

The Highlanders sought to remain undefeated in the Mountain Division on Tuesday night's game at Immaculata.

Girls' Basketball

Calabrese and Monroe each scored 37 points in three Mountain Division victories last week. GL topped Rahway 41-38 at home, defeated Johnson 39-24 on the road and then routed Roselle 44-16 at home.

Lindsay Sheppard scored nine points in the win against Johnson. Monroe had 21 against Rahway and Calabrese 16 against Johnson and 17 against Roselle.

Dayton began the week with a 3-4 overall record and 2-3 mark in the Valley Division.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to host Brearley Tuesday and today are scheduled to host Roselle Park at 7 p.m.

Dayton has a road game scheduled at Linda Agostini tomorrow night at 7.

Linda Agostini scored 19 points, Esther Aizenberg had 12, Dana Rukowski eight and Tara Lisowski five in a 45-27 Valley Division victory over host Bound Brook Jan. 4.



The Dayton High School girls' basketball team, shown here in a win over Roselle in the Panther Pride Tournament, took a 3-4 record into Tuesday's home game against Brearley. Today the Bulldogs are scheduled to host Roselle Park at 7 p.m. and then tomorrow night Dayton is scheduled to play at North Plainfield at 7.

Photo by Jeff Grant

Local baseball legends to be on hand at Hot Stove

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

Heroes of the present and past will be honored Wednesday for their achievements on the diamond during the 64th annual Union County Baseball Association's Hot Stove Dinner. The banquet, which will include the induction of six new members to the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame, will be at L'Affaire Restaurant, Route 22 East, Mountainside at 6:30 p.m.

Joining the honorees will be New York Mets starting pitcher Al Leiter, who will serve as the guest speaker. Among the honorees will be former Union High School quarterback and pitcher Ed Collins, who will receive the Chris Zusi Memorial Award as the county's outstanding male athlete.

A 1994 UHS graduate who was drafted his senior year by the Milwaukee Brewers, Collins was an All-County quarterback and All-State pitcher for the Farmers.

He guided Union to its last two sectional championships on the gridiron leading the Farmers to an 11-0 record in 1992 and a 10-1 mark in 1993. Collins was also an outstanding pitcher for the Farmers and a member of the varsity team for three seasons.

This past season Collins came back from a motorcycle accident and had an outstanding season on the gridiron of the Montclair State University football team. His play behind center guided the Red Hawks to their first New Jersey Athletic Conference title and first Division 3 playoff berth since 1989.

Bill Henry, Daniel F. O'Brien, John Piccirillo, Jim Powers, Frank Shupper and Willie Wilson will join the county Hall of Fame roster as new members. Previous inductees include Hillside's Phil Rizzuto, Jake Wood of Elizabeth, Al Santorini of Union and Mountainside's Jeff Torborg.

Bill Henry traveled far to make his mark in baseball. Born in Long Beach, Calif., he graduated from St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth and Seton Hall University. Henry helped his Kenilworth Babe Ruth team to the 1955 county championship and later earned all-county honors as a pitcher at St. Mary's. He was a member of Buzzy Fox's Bayview American Legion squad which won county and state Legion titles.

While at Seton Hall, Henry tossed a no-hitter against Princeton in 1962 and had a one-hitter against a 1963 Rutgers squad which included Torborg. He was named to the all-NCAA East team after the 1963 season.

Henry's collegiate performance gained him his first professional contract in 1964, with the New York Yankees, and he was assigned to the rookie squad in Shelby, N.C. He pitched his first no-hitter as a pro with the Yankees' Single-A affiliate in Greensboro, N.C. Henry later was named to league, all-star teams at Double-A Columbus, Ga., and Triple-A Syracuse, N.Y.

Even though it was for a short period, Henry reached what many minor leaguers never attain: the major leagues. He was called to the Yankees and pitched two games in relief during the 1966 season.

Daniel F. O'Brien was born and raised in Elizabeth, attending Marjag Grammar School and Thomas Jefferson High School. He later graduated from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Fla., and pitched in Fort Benning, Ga., during his service in the Army. O'Brien has coached Little League baseball and conducted numerous baseball clinics.

O'Brien made his fame in baseball operations. He was hired as the general manager's position in Burlington, N.C., by Brooklyn Dodger owner Branch Rickey in 1955. He later served as general manager in Boise, Idaho; Jacksonville, Fla.; Louisville, Ky.; and Greenville, S.C. Between 1964 and 1972 O'Brien was assistant to the president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, which serves as the governing body for minor-league baseball.

O'Brien moved to the major leagues in 1973 when he was named vice president and general manager of the Texas Rangers, who had just moved from Washington, D.C. He remained with the Rangers until 1978, when he was named president and chief executive officer of the fledgling Seattle Mariners, who began play in 1977. From the Northwest O'Brien moved in 1984 to the Cleveland Indians, for whom he served as vice president of baseball operations and player relations. He was named the California Angels' senior vice president of baseball operations in 1989 and became director of baseball operations for the Arizona Fall League in 1994.

O'Brien returned east in 1997 to begin work as executive director and chief executive officer of USA Baseball in Hamilton Township, Mercer County. He guided the organization in its relocation to Tucson, Ariz., where he established its headquarters at Hi Corbett Field. He remained with USA Baseball until October 1999.

Newark-born John Piccirillo's early career came in Essex County, where he excelled as a pitcher and hitter at Essex Orange High School. He later played four seasons with East Orange and West Orange in the Essex County League and five seasons with Madison in the Lackawanna League. Piccirillo played one season with the semi-professional Bushwicks and tossed a no-hitter for Glen Rock in the Bergen County League.

Career advancement began in 1935 when Piccirillo started to work at the Schweizer Paper Company and play for its baseball team in the Union County Industrial League. His 8-0 record and league-leading 422 batting average that season earned him the league's Most Valuable Player award as the Papermakers won the league title.

One season later, Schweizer won its second league crown and the American Baseball Congress' Mid-Atlantic district championship, which earned the Papermakers an appearance at the national ABC tournament in Louisville, Ky. Piccirillo finished with a 65-9 record at Schweizer.

Piccirillo turned professional in 1938 while playing in the Cape Colony League in Nova Scotia, where he recorded a 9-3 record and hit .366. He later played at Federalburg of the Eastern Shore League with teammates Elmer Vale, Ron Norberry and Joe Rullo. Piccirillo also pitched for the Jersey City Giants of the International League and threw in exhibition games against the parent club in New York, facing lineups which included player-manager Mel Ott, Ernie Lombardi, Joe Medwick and Buddy Kerr.

Piccirillo joined manager Rabbit Jackson of Elizabeth during a 1946 barnstorming tour with the International All-Stars before ending his career in 1950. He managed and coached several American Legion teams after his

retirement. Jim Powers also was born and raised in Elizabeth. He attended St. Mary's Grammar and High School, where he played second baseball during an undefeated county parochial championship. He played four seasons in the Union County Youth Baseball League with the Elizabeth Elks and Moore Chevrolet teams.

Powers has been involved with children throughout much of his adult life. After graduating from Seton Hall University and serving as a military policeman in the Army for two years, he began teaching at St. James School in Newark. Powers accepted a position as health and physical education teacher at Charles H. Brewer Middle School in Clark two years later. Between 1957 and 1967 Powers coached the Brewer program to three undefeated seasons and a 94-13 overall record.

Powers moved from the dugout back to the diamond when he became an umpire in 1968. During the past 32 seasons Powers has called the plays in more than 1,600 games, including 19 championship, three state championship and many all-star games.

He also served as the NJSLA's umpire-in-chief for more than 15 years and still officiates soccer and softball games.

Powers also served his community as recreation director for 17 years in Clark, where he organized a summer playground program. He retired from teaching after 43 years in 1998.

Rahway-born Frank Shupper gained all-state recognition in football, basketball and baseball after graduating from Rahway High School in 1942. He was a captain of the baseball and basketball teams and quarterbacked the football squad.

Shupper continued to play all three sports while attending Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania on a full athletic scholarship. After graduating in 1946, he returned to Rahway and accepted a teaching position at Franklin Elementary School.

Shupper also assisted the legendary Earl Hoagland between 1946 and 1948 and played baseball for Merck in the Union County Industrial League as well as for the Rahway Athletic Association, Westfield and Somerville in the Union County League.

After two years in the Rahway school system, Shupper moved to Palmyra, Pa., to begin a teaching and coaching position. While at Palmyra he won six football championships, five Lebanon County titles and a PIAA district basketball championship.

Shupper returned to New Jersey and was appointed head football coach and assistant baseball coach at Orange High School, where he was named an All-Star Coach of the Year by the *New York Times*. He moved to West Orange High School and became its head football coach in 1964. Shupper retired from teaching in 1995 and resides in Toms River.

Joining Collins as scholastic honorees will be Marissa DeFrees of Rahway, the Joseph R. Lombardi Award as the county's outstanding female athlete; Tim Meyer of Cranford, the Edward R. Cooper Award as most valuable scholastic baseball player; Gina Turruello of Berkeley Heights, the Byzant Brothers Award for most valuable scholastic softball player; Graig Badger of Union Post 23, the Union County American Legion Senior League's batting champion and Chris Vitullo of Roselle Post 229, the Legion league's outstanding pitcher.

Tickets for the dinner are \$30 and benefit the Union County Youth Baseball League for children ages 8-15. Organized with eight teams in 1945, the league now has 16 teams in three divisions. Tickets may be obtained by calling 908-527-4910.

Mountainside Gymnasts excel

The Sunburst Gymnastics Team from Union captured first-place team awards in levels 6, 8 and 9 competition at the Sunburst Holiday Invitational held last month at Sunburst Gymnastics.

In level 6, age 11 competition, Amy DeGaetano of Mountainside, 10, a 5th grader student at Deerfield School, was first on the uneven bars with a score of 9.45. She also finished first on the balance beam with a score of 9.0. DeGaetano was second on the vault at 9.3 and fifth on the floor exercise. She was first in the all-around competition with a score of 36.65.

In the level 9, junior A competition, Morgan Liss of Mountainside was first on the vault with a score of 8.7 and second on the floor exercise with a score of 9.075. She was also fourth and fifth on the uneven bars and balance beam. Liss was third in the all-around competition with a score of 34.075.

Dayton, GL track athletes turn in winning performances

Oiga Oksov of Dayton won the girls' Mountain Valley Conference track and field high jump event with a mark of 5-0 last Saturday in competition that took place at Drew University in Madison.

Dana McCurdy of Governor Livingston was a double-winner as she captured the 400-meter run in 2:33.54 and the 55-meter hurdles in 2:24.

GL's 700-meter relay team was first in 4:27.25 behind the efforts of Emille Perre, Shahi Chaffari, Christine Murphy and Dana McCurdy.

Marc Felezola of GL captured the boys' shot put throw with a toss of 46-2.5.

Mountainside Youth Baseball registration continues Saturday

Mountainside Youth Baseball registration will continue Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Deerfield School. Children who register after Saturday will be placed on a team if space is available.

Children from the ages of 6-14 as of Aug. 1, 2000 are eligible to sign up. If registering for the first time, a copy of the child's birth certificate is required.

Registration fees are as follows: \$85 first child; \$65 each additional child in a family; \$35 T-Ball; \$25 introduction to baseball.

All parents of children who participate are required to volunteer four hours of time during the season.

Dayton boys' basketball dominant against Oratory Much tougher games are on horizon

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — The boys' basketball team at Dayton High School showed fans Friday why the Bulldogs have opened the season undefeated by dropping Oratory Prep 66-33 in a Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division contest.

Ryan Frensdahl led four Dayton players in double figures with 17 points on 8-13 shooting from the floor. The senior center added eight rebounds.

Both teams showed they're not afraid to put up the long-range jumper. The squads combined for 12-of-35 shooting from behind the 3-point arc, with senior guard Dennis Kelleher sinking six 3-pointers in a 22-point evening for Oratory.

Dayton gained its sixth victory against no defeats by using its advantages in height and speed. The Bulldogs clearly controlled the defensive boards and played the transition game well to gain fast-break opportunities.

The Bulldogs made their statement in the second quarter. Dayton players combined for seven steals and hit 10 of 17 shots from the floor. When Danilo Ruggiero nailed a 3-point try at the buzzer, the Bulldogs completed a 12-point run and had a 36-14 halftime lead.

"We tried to go up-tempo and tried to go outside-inside with Frensdahl," Dayton head coach Bill Berger said. "These kids, they can hit the shot."

Dayton received 13 points and nine rebounds from sophomore forward Matt Paz, 11 points from David Woodruff and 10 from Ruggiero, who sank three 3-pointers.

The Bulldogs may have an advantage over most teams in the Valley Division: a deep bench. All 12 players on the varsity roster played and eight scored.

"We was eight or nine guys and I think it will benefit us," Berger said. "We're one of the few teams in the conference who can go that deep with quality players."

Berger looked ahead at the upcoming week, which includes games at Roselle Park tonight and at home against North Plainfield tomorrow night.

"We have Brearley, Roselle Park and North Plainfield," Berger said. "This will tell us if we will have a special year."

The Bulldogs' coach noted the pending return of one of his players, Jeff Stapher, who was injured during the Rahway Holiday Tournament, is scheduled to return within the week.

"Jeff's injury has given other guys a chance," Berger continued. "Guys like Matt Paz, who's just a sophomore, have stepped in and filled the void."

Dayton put its 6-0 mark on the line Tuesday at Brearley. The Bears entered the game with a 3-5 record after having fallen to non-conference foe Delaware Valley 62-61 in Kenilworth Monday.

Although Dayton finished 14-10 last year and had a final record of 8-7 in the Valley Division, Brearley was able to sweep the Bulldogs in conference play.

Brearley won 41-33 in Springfield and then 51-44 in Kenilworth. Dayton point guard Carmine Santarella scored seven points in the home setback, a game Dayton led by a low score of 10-8 at the half. Santarella paced Dayton again in the road loss, netting 15 points. Stapher had six.

Roselle Park entered the week with a 5-3 record and was scheduled to host Oratory Tuesday.

North Plainfield defeated Roselle Park 73-31 in North Plainfield last Friday. The Canucks were scheduled to play at St. Mary's of Elizabeth Tuesday. St. Mary's entered the contest with a 1-1 record and a 4-0 Valley mark.

Dayton entered Tuesday's game at Brearley with a 4-0 Valley Division record.

The Bulldogs will face St. Mary's for the first time Tuesday night in Elizabeth at 7.

Upcoming: Jan. 13 at Roselle Park, 7:00; Jan. 14 North Plainfield, 7:00; Jan. 18 at St. Mary's, 7:00; Jan. 20 Manville, 7:00; Jan. 21 at New Providence, 7:00; Jan. 25 at Bound Brook, 7:00; Feb. 1 at Oratory, 7:00; Feb. 4 Brearley, 7:00; Feb. 8 Roselle Park, 7:00; Feb. 11 at North Plainfield, 7:00; Feb. 15 St. Mary's, 7:00; Feb. 18 at Johnson, 7:00.

Minutemen hoop team triumphs

The Springfield Minutemen 8th grade basketball team split home games against New Providence and Linden, topping New Providence 54-38 Jan. 5 and falling to Linden 55-48 last Saturday.

In the win against New Providence, Leo Ferris scored 15 points, Frankie Micali and Mike Luciano had 11 and Jordan Geber 10.

Holmi Abdelaziz scored 15 points and Ferris had 14 points and seven rebounds against Linden.

Micali had nine points and Dan Sout came off the bench to contribute five.

The 7th grade team played hard against New Providence as Kevin Johnson had an outstanding game, scoring 17 points and grabbing eight

rebounds. Jesse Weatherston scored nine points, including a three-pointer.

Kenneth Suarez helped the team with nine points and Jesse Galinkin had one point.

Mike Tiss contributed two assists and his strong defensive play caused five turnovers.

Robbie Shabat, Matt Farley, Stephen Suarez and Kevin Klyman also played well for the Minutemen.

Springfield fell short by a 75-46 score to Linden, despite an 18-point, 12-rebound performance from Johnson.

Suarez scored nine points, one of his shots falling for a three-pointer, and grabbed four rebounds.

Tiss played well defensively and

scored five points, including one three-point shot.

Galinkin had four points and a host of players contributed two points, those being Weatherston, Shabat, Stephen Suarez, Jake Floyd and Klyman.

Alan Steinberg, Adam Hirst, Gregg Stefanelli and Kyle Seely also played well for the Minutemen.

Minutemen squads were scheduled to play at Roselle Monday night and will face Cranford Saturday night at Gaudineer School.

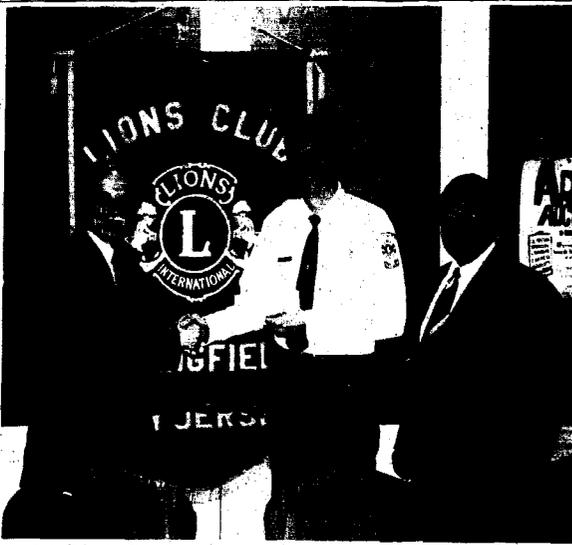
Upcoming: Jan. 15 Cranford, 7th grade 6 p.m., 8th grade 7:30; Jan. 22 at Union; 7th grade 2:30, 8th grade 4:00; Jan. 26 Millburn; 7th grade 6:30, 8th grade 8:00; Jan. 27 at Chatham; 7th 6:30, 8th 8:00.

Firefighters' sight aided by Lions

Following a demonstration of new life-saving technology now available to rescue fire victims, the Lions Club of Springfield presented Fire Chief William Gras with a check for \$1,000 toward the purchase of the Springfield Fire Department's second Argus Thermal Imaging Camera.

The lightweight camera unit can accompany firefighters into buildings, allowing them to find and rescue people even when smoke and darkness reduce normal visibility to zero. Already making full use of one unit, additional personnel hope to add a second thermal imaging camera to their fire-fighting arsenal as soon as the funds can be retained.

Deputy Chief Don Schweddi demonstrated the department's camera for the Springfield Lions at one of their fall meetings, at which time he explained that the unit also could be used to detect fires developing behind walls before they become major blazes. He also demonstrated how easy it was to find a person in a completely dark room, thus impressing a firefighter's ability to see someone when every second is crucial.



Springfield Lion President Richard Magee, left, presents a \$1,000 check to Springfield Fire Chief William Gras at a recent Lions Club meeting with volunteer firefighter and Lion Wally Peterson. The donation is intended to help purchase a second thermal imaging camera for the department.

Pasterczyk represents area for Junior Miss

Governor Livingston High School senior Veronica L. Pasterczyk will represent West Union County at the 42nd annual New Jersey Junior Miss Finals on Saturday at Cherry Hill High School East.

She will be among 21 high school senior young women who will vie for cash and college scholarship awards and the title of New Jersey's Junior Miss 2000. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and tickets will be available at the door.

Pasterczyk, the daughter of Debra and Edward Pasterczyk of Mountaineer was selected as West Union County's Junior Miss last November at a screening program sponsored by the State Junior Miss Committee.

Pasterczyk is treasurer of the Italian Club and a member of the American Sign Language Club, Drama Club, Art Club, Student Outreach and chorus. She also performs in schools plays.

Her honors and awards include honor roll, outstanding achievement in Italian, and vocal competition and dance awards. In addition, Pasterczyk has been an International Dinner soloist and New Jersey State Opera Guild soloist.

Outside of school, Pasterczyk is a member of the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, for which she was

a vocal soloist at the United Nations. She also was a lead vocalist for the theater production, "Disney." She has been involved in benefit for research into various diseases and has volunteered as a visitor to nursing homes. She sings, dances, acts, writes poetry and draws.

Pasterczyk hopes to attend either New York University or the University of Indiana, majoring in theater/classical music in preparation for a career in the performing arts.

The 21 contestants will arrive in Camden County on Saturday to prepare for the state finals the following Saturday. During their week-long stay, they will be housed with host families, two contestants to a family.

In addition to participating in daily rehearsals, the contestants will join a bowl-a-thon and tour the federal courthouse in Camden, where they will meet with a federal judge and court-related personnel.

Carol Crispin of Elmer will serve as mistress of ceremonies of the evening's program, which will consist of an opening number plus a fitness routine and a presence-compouse routine, both of which will be judged onstage. Each contestant will perform a talent.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE BOROUGH OF HEALTH

2000 MEETING DATES
In accordance with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT of the State of New Jersey, the Board of Health of the Borough of Mountain Side, New Jersey, hereby gives notice that the meeting dates for 2000 are as follows:
Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted.
January 10, 2000
February 14, 2000
March 13, 2000
April 10, 2000
May 8, 2000
June 5, 2000
July 3, 2000
August 7, 2000
September 11, 2000
October 9, 2000
November 13, 2000
December 11, 2000
*Meeting held on alternate Monday due to holiday.
Judith E. Osty, Borough Clerk
L7102 ECL Jan. 13, 2000 (\$10.25)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE RESOLUTION 15-2000

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer is required to perform services for the Borough beyond the scope of the services upon which the Borough Engineer's salary is based, and

WHEREAS, such services constitute professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the nature of such legal services will not reasonably permit the drawing of specifications or the receipt of competitive bids,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountain Side, New Jersey, that the Borough Engineer be and he hereby is appointed to perform such services for the Borough beyond the scope of the services upon which the Borough Engineer's salary is based.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in an appropriate newspaper within ten days hereof.
JUDITH E. OSTY, BOROUGH CLERK
L7102 ECL Jan. 13, 2000 (\$10.25)

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Food town
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Speedy Mart
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Dave's Sweet Shop
230 Mountain Ave.

Mountain Variety
717 Mountain Ave.

Cage Farms
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Work Session Regular Meeting

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May	8	12
June	11	15
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Re-organizing Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2001

July 6, City Clerk (\$19.50)