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THIS WEEK

NEWS

Crime is down

The State Police have released their Uniform Crime Report figures, and it indicates that the county has seen a mild decrease in crime since last year. While crime in Union County was down 2 percent overall, there were five areas in which it had increased.

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Reorganized

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders reorganized Sunday and during the meeting three freeholders and the county sheriff were sworn in to new terms. A new chairman also was elected. The freeholders want to focus on three core areas: economic development, education and health.

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THE ARTS

On view

Winter scenes are on view at the Drake House Museum in Plainfield.

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Up, up and away

The songs of composer William Jimmy Webb can be heard in "Up, Up and Away," a musical review playing through Feb. 7 in the Paper Mill Playhouse.

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WEATHER

Friday: Rain



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Saturday: Mostly



cloudy and

mild 49

Sunday: Partly



cloudy

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Zachary Worswick, above, practices his ice skating technique at Mountainside's rink on the tennis courts next to Borough Hall. At left, his brother Billy Worswick takes a rest near the fence separating the skating rink from the remaining tennis courts.

Mountainside police awarded for outstanding performance

By Pamela Isaacson

Staff Writer

Mountainside Police Chief James DeBee noted the outstanding performance of his officers at the Jan. 4, 1998, award ceremony. "Not often do you guys pull a crowd like this," DeBee joked to Borough Council members as he began the annual awards presentation for the Police Department.

Nine officers were recognized for their outstanding work on the force throughout 1998.

Cpl. Thomas Murphy and Officer Richard Huber were awarded the Departmental Commendation for an April 4 incident that began when Murphy conducted a motor vehicle stop along Route 22 West. Huber arrived for backup

when the operator of the vehicle was unable to produce valid credentials and appeared nervous.

"In plain view of the passenger floor was prescription 'bullet,' DeBee described. "As the prescription bottle was retrieved, a plastic semi-automatic handgun was located on the passenger floor."

The subjects were arrested on outstanding warrants and transported to police headquarters where the Detective Bureau determined that property found in the suspect vehicle were proceeds from several armed robberies in Essex County.

"As a result of their diligence, Corporal Murphy and Officer Huber have removed two violent criminals from

Borough to construct commuter parking lot

By Pamela Isaacson

Staff Writer

In an effort to alleviate a Borough Hall parking crunch, Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti announced the construction of a commuter lot across from the municipal building.

"This will allow people paying taxes, attending court or using the community room at Borough Hall ample access for parking," Vigilanti said. "I will no longer allow long-term parking at Borough Hall."

Mountainside has been granted \$182,000 from the Union County Department of Transportation for the \$180,000 project. The remaining \$2,000 will be paid by the borough.

"Permit fees will help recoup and go toward maintenance fees such as lighting and plowing," Vigilanti said.

The lot will reside in the vacant, wooded area between the borough's historic Hillfield House and the public library near the intersection of Route 22 and New Providence Road. Vigilanti said the borough had purchased the property several years ago.

Contractors who currently utilize permits to park in the Borough Hall

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Robert Vigilanti
Mayor, Mountainside

lot will shift to the new area where they can then use the footbridge to cross Route 22 to reach their bus stop. For their return trip at night, commuters will be dropped off directly at the new lot.

A design by Borough engineer Mike Disko allocates 40 spaces for commuters who purchase permits to use the lot. The project is going out to bid in order to quickly begin construction. Vigilanti hopes to see the project's completion in early spring.

Former township mayor and veteran dies at 82

By Walter Elliott

Staff Writer

Public officials, World War II veterans and private individuals paid their respects to Robert Wendelen Marshall, 82, on Monday.

Marshall, who was mayor for five of his 40 years on Springfield's Township Committee, died at Overlook Hospital Jan. 7.

"I was a Township Committeeman for three years with Bob and I later became his campaign manager," Charles Remlinger said. "Back in the 1950s, if the committee thought the mayor was doing a good job, they kept him there."

Marshall was elected as committeeman in 1948 and became chairman the next year. The Marshall-presided committee made downtown sidewalks more accessible, sign and signal improvements. Marshall retired as his plumbing business on Jan. 1, 1952.

The Municipal Building ran a memorial announcement on its front lawn sign and joined the Board of Education by joining in lowering their flags to half-staff. The 70 mourners, who bid Marshall goodbye at the First Presbyterian Church, recalled his military service.

"I seemed like yesterday when I was looking through my uncle's attic

came upon his uniforms and asked my aunt and parents what he did in the war," nephew Peter D'Andrea said. "They said he would not talk about it with them."

Robert lived in Springfield and I was living in Union when we met," said Marshall's wife, Evelyn. "We wanted to get married on his parent's 25th wedding anniversary but he decided to take a year's Army conscription in 1941. He was in six months when Pearl Harbor was struck."

They married on June 27, 1942, during Robert's military leave, but the Army sent him to the European Theater to replace an officer killed during the Normandy invasion. Marshall's main job was to search for building booty using an advance of his company. He took part in the liberation of Paris and the Battle of the Bulge.

"I thought heroes had to be rough, tough types while Uncle Robert was a quiet, helpful person," D'Andrea said. "He was here enough for Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The President awarded him a Bronze Star."

An infantry captain, Marshall returned home to start a family and resume work in his father's plumbing supply and contracting business. The Republican Committee asked him to run for office in 1948, starting his six-year political life. Marshall's Plumbers was a fixture on Washington Avenue until 1960.

"One of my uncles, dad and I are owners," Arthur J. Marshall said. "Dad was very involved in work or something in the community, he was gradually turning the company over to us when he saw a Board of Education ad for a bus driver."

Marshall rose from school bus driver to transportation supervisor within the next 20 years, holding down messenger and bus side jobs along the way.

"In my 12 years as school superintendent, I found Bob Marshall to be an outstanding person who never talked much about himself," Gary Pfendler said. "I considered him a friend of the school district and a personal friend. His son is a deputy jail."

Marshall was on the job when he collapsed last May 5. A 100-lb heart attack followed two days later.

Even in his final hours, he was thinking of others," D'Andrea said. "While in his hospital bed, he was instructing nurses and doctors to write college recommendations for students he knew."

Before entering Marshall's body to Hollywood Memorial Cemetery, members of the Springfield Veterans Alliance led by John Marshall, Jr., held a memorial service for the man who was a member of the 101st Airborne Division, the 82nd Airborne Division, the 101st Airborne Division, and the 82nd Airborne Division.

Teacher brings rainforest experience to classroom

By Pamela Isaacson

Staff Writer

Jonathan Dayton High School biology teacher Tom Gula has first hand experience to share with his students in Springfield this year. Gula, who has taught in the township since 1985, spent two weeks of his summer vacation as a volunteer researcher in the Brazilian rainforest.

"Any experience that gets you out of the classroom and makes you more confident in what you're teaching is a good one," he said.

Gula joined four other New Jersey teachers and two high school students in a grant program from the Earthwatch Project Foundation which sponsors a "New Jersey Teachers in the Rainforest" project every year.

"I got to see firsthand the woods that have been cut and the animals that are affected by this," Gula said.

The group assisted a husband-and-wife team of researchers conducting a study on two breeds of peacocks, or wild pigs, west of Sao Paulo. Gula is no stranger to Brazil, as he had spent two years serving in the country's northern area with the Peace Corps.

"The picture I had of it was driving through miles and miles of coffee fields and then you get to a little patch of woods," said Gula about his perception of southern Brazil. "That's exactly what it was."

These wooded patches, typically measuring about four miles by eight miles, serve as refuges for wild animals that are made homeless when trees are chopped down. Researchers have spent five or six years studying the wild pigs that are common in many areas of Brazil.

"She, the female researcher, is able to capture urine, take samples of their blood and attach radio signals to their collars," Gula said. "It's hard, dirty work."

He added that a highlight of his experience was actually witnessing a few of the pigs get caught in traps, tested and released. The researchers are attempting to study two breeds: the white-tipped and the collared pigs. A large portion of the study concerns how both species coexist.

Gula said he has always expressed an interest in science and animal biology and biology at Rutgers University. "The rainforest is as good a place as you'll get if you like nature," he said.

Gula urges educators of all subjects not to grade levels to apply. "They are looking for anybody who is adventurous," he said.



Tom Gula, a biology teacher at Jonathan Dayton High School, displays some of the school's many posters depicting the rainforest.

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EVENTS

Girl Scouts prepare for 'Take Back the Night'

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council is organizing a "Take Back the Night" Collective comprised of volunteers and social service agencies to stand up to violence against women and girls. According to Take Back the Night organizer and WRGSC Membership Specialist Jen Johnson, Washington Rock Girl Scout Council serves Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties, including Mountaintop and Springfield.

The group will have a planning meeting on Tuesday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the study at the Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, and invites anyone interested to attend.

The WRGSC is organizing "Take Back the Night" for adults and high school girls throughout Union County with assistance from Union County Rape Crisis Center and Kean University's Johnson Hall.

"We are planning an event on April 25 to provide female empowerment, personal safety and violence awareness programs in addition to a candle, professional, and we need volunteers and other interested agencies to help make this a tremendous success."

For more information, or to RSVP for this planning meeting, contact Jen Johnson at Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, 201 Grove, 300 Westfield, 07097 or call (908) 232-2326, ext. 222.

For more than 40 years, WRGSC has been providing programs for all girls regardless of race, ethnic background, age, national origin, socioeconomic level or disability.

Registration scheduled for Deerfield classes

Deerfield School has announced its registration for 1999-2000 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be conducted by appointment February 9 and 18. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Parents are required to call Susan Nugent to make an appointment for the screening that will be conducted by kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist. Barbara Komarok, Deerfield's guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

Parents should call Deerfield School at (908) 232-2326 to reserve a form that should be completed and returned to registration. Children being registered should be five years of age by Oct. 15 of the year. A home visit and pre-enrollment must be completed.

presented to Nugent at the time of the appointment.

Registration scheduled for kindergarten, pre-K

Registration for the 1999-2000 Pre-kindergarten Program in the Springfield Public Schools, as well as those children eligible for kindergarten in September 1999 who are not currently enrolled in the Walton School Early Childhood Center Prekindergarten Program, will be held on the following days:

- Last names beginning with A-E: Jan. 14, 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.
- Last names beginning with F-K: Jan. 15, 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.
- Last names beginning with L-Q: Jan. 19, 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.
- Last names beginning with R-Z: Jan. 20, 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

Registration will be held at Edward V. Walton School Early Childhood Center. Parents are requested to call the school at (973) 376-1304 to confirm date and time or to schedule an alternate registration location.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be a resident of Springfield and be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 1999. Children entering kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before Dec. 1, 1999. Parents are requested to bring the following materials to the registration:

- Child's birth certificate.
- Current immunization record.
- Two proofs of residency, such as a New Jersey driver's license, utility bill or lease.

Area YMCA offers yoga

The Summit YMCA, in cooperation with Studio Yoga of Madison, is offering a Yoga Teacher Training Program. The purpose of this program is to provide an in-depth education to support yoga teachers or aspiring yoga teachers in their mission to help their students build a healthy body, mind and spirit.

This year-long, 300-hour program in part consists of 12 sessions of supervised instruction once a month for four hours on a Sunday afternoon. Call (973) 275-5097.

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Sunday

The Trailside Nature and Science Center will conduct Sunday plantarium show called "Orion's Writing on the Wall" at 2 p.m. The program will explore the evening winter sky and Orion's battle with Taurus and his assistants, the dogs Auriga and Gemini. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors, and is for ages 6 and up. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

The Trailside Nature and Science Center will conduct a program called "Hole-Nesters" at 2 p.m. The program will include slides of birds and mammals who nest in trees.

Monday

The Mountaintop Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will conduct a children's storytime theater at 2 p.m. The program will last 45 minutes and will combine acting, movement and props. Registration is open to Mountaintop Library cardholders only and the program will run through Feb. 9. To sign up, visit or call the library at (908) 233-0115.

Tuesday

The Springfield Historical Society will conduct its regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House on Church Mall in Springfield. The guest speaker will be Linda Barb of the Canal Society, who will do a color slide presentation on "Towpath Canals of New Jersey." The event is free and all are invited. For more information, call (973) 376-4784.

Coming Events

Jan. 24

The Trailside Nature and Science Center will present a show called "Lunar Eclipse" at 3:30 p.m. The show will feature the music of Pink Floyd and is for ages 10 and up. The cost of admission is \$3.25 per person, \$2.75 for seniors. A Sunday Family Program called "Museum Discoveries" will also be presented at 2 p.m. The program will feature natural history displays and donations are requested.

Feb. 4

The Posthill Club of Mountaintop will have a luncheon in room featuring "Getting into Crafts" with speaker Brenda Ayer. The event will take place at B.G. Fields in Westfield and guests are welcome. Call (908) 232-3626 for reservations.

Feb. 10-March 4

The Mountaintop Public Library will conduct Toddler Time for 2-year-olds Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The program will include stories and nursery rhymes for children accompanied by a parent or caregiver. In addition, Preschool Storytime will be presented for 3 and 4-year-olds Thursdays at 2 p.m. The program will feature stories and simple crafts, and parents must remain in the library for the duration. Both programs will last about 30 minutes and are open to Mountaintop Library cardholders only. Registration is required. Visit or call the library at (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

Ongoing

The Overlook Department at Overlook Hospital has established a free cancer support group for adults living with any type of cancer. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit. The group is led by Debra Haupt-Saltzman. For more information, call 522-5352.

Girl Scouts to sponsor book fair on Jan. 30

Barnes & Noble is teaming up with the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council to help thousands of girls and adults become better readers through a book fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 30 at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council serves Union, Somerset and Middlesex counties, including Springfield and Mountaintop.

The book fair, which is free of charge and open to the public, will feature author presentations, raffles, giveaways, and other events. Twenty percent of all purchases made by people supporting WRGSC and Girl Scouting will go to the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 11 a.m. - Information tables set
- 11:30 a.m. - Dr. Yvonne Thornton, Director of the Perinatal Center at Morristown Memorial Hospital, and author of "The Ditchdigger's Daughters" - which also was a Family Channel movie - will present her inspirational story of growing up, a strong woman.
- 1:45 p.m. - "American Girl Craft & Storytime Party" for all girls featuring comics, raffles, and fun.
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. - WRGSC Intergenerational Chorus performs a

melody of songs in the cafe.

For more information, call Debra Lampert-Rudman, WRGSC fund development/public relations director at (908) 232-3236, ext. 209.

Volunteers needed for teen center

The Springfield Recreation Department will soon open its doors to the Springfield Teen Center, which will be located at the Chisholm Community Center at 100 S. Springfield Ave. The department is currently looking for adult volunteers to assist with the supervision at this center.

The starting hours will be Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. Those interested in volunteering during any period of time should call the recreation department at (973) 912-2227 or (973) 467-4608.

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Springfield Board of Ed seeks budget cuts

Book fair success



Walton School PTA president Gloria Rego enjoys the success of the school's book fair with guest Franklin the Turtle.

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Friedland noted that greater savings would be had if the board acts before June. He speculated that about 30 percent would be saved in salaries if the changes were made by March and implemented in July rather than implemented in September. Friedland said the consensus by the affected administrators was that they want to make the changes sooner rather than later.

Some of the audience members believed that answering the \$80,000 question may mean replacing current Jonathan Dayton High School Dean of Students Manuel Perena with Supervisor of Secondary Curriculum Kenneth Matfield. Most of the seven public speakers questioned such a move and supported retaining Perena. Student Chris Millman said he had circulated a petition among the stu-

dent body supporting Perena. He said he collected 150 names. The staff change deliberations stemmed from the board's approval of eliminating two of three jobs last spring. Friedland and Board President Robert Fish said they will be considering the public's comments. The board may vote on the matter by late February.

Officers recognized for achievements

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our streets and have cleared four armed robberies in nearby Essex County," Debbie said.

Officer Michael Jackson was awarded a Departmental Commendation after he ran the license plates of a motor vehicle traveling on Route 22 May 29. The check revealed the vehicle to be stolen. As neighborhood towers were notified a motor vehicle stop was initiated.

Rutherfordan adhere to the officer's demand to pull over, the suspect began to elude Jackson and eventually crashed his vehicle along Route 22 in Union Township and escaped on foot. A search of the area was successful and the suspect was taken into custody.

"An inventory of the vehicle revealed it to contain expensive electronic equipment. The Detective Bureau was able to determine that the equipment in the suspect's vehicle had been taken in two separate burglaries in nearby North Plainfield," said Debbie. "Officer Jackson's diligence led to the arrest of a burglar that had plagued Somers County prior to his arrest."

A commendation was given to Cpl. Andrew Sullivan and Officer Thomas Norton for their efforts May 26 in apprehending occupants of a vehicle originally stopped on Route 22 West for several motor vehicle violations. After obtaining written consent, the officers searched the vehicle and seized marijuana and cocaine. The Detective Bureau then searched the residence of the registered owner which resulted in an additional seizure of drugs and packaging materials.

A highly publicized account in the early morning hours of Nov. 23 led to the Valor Award for Sullivan and the Excellent Police Service Award for Sgt. Joseph Giannuzzi and Norton.

At 1:30 a.m. Sullivan encountered a vehicle wanted in connection with the shooting of two Plainfield officers car-

rier in the evening. He maintained a visual on the van until a significant police presence was designated at the intersection of Glenside Avenue and Route 22 West.

Debbie described that the suspect began to raise his hands with a firearm held in each. "Ignoring the police orders to surrender the suspect began to fire at the officers through his closed driver's side window," Debbie said.

"Corporal Sullivan returned fire along with members of the South Plains County Police and quickly neutralized the suspect. Giannuzzi and Norton arrived during the shooting and acted as backup.

The suspect in question was wanted for murder in Maryland, in addition to a bank robbery in Fanwood. Debbie said Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan described the suspect as "a hamhead waiting to happen."

For his work Dec. 6, Cpl. Richard Latarga received a Departmental Commendation. The officer was conducting a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 West when the occupants gave conflicting stories, prompting Latarga to ask for written consent to search the vehicle. He recovered a large quantity of marijuana in addition to \$3,000 in cash.

Throughout the year, Detective Lt. Richard Osieja and Detective Sgt. Todd Turner conducted investigations in three fraud cases. "Our Detective Bureau learned all that they could as it relates to fraud and even joined hands with members of the Postal Inspection Service as well as the FBI and brought each one of these cases to a successful conclusion," Debbie said.

More than \$1 million has been returned to the lending institutions that fell victim to the scam. The department also seized five automobiles and more than \$50,000 in cash that can be used by the squad. Osieja and Turner were awarded the department's Excellent Police Service Award for the successful conclusion of each case.

Twenty people came to listen to the board's deliberations about reducing its administrative staff. The board, the consulting firm NEXUS and Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland have searched for six months for a way to make an \$80,000 budget cut. NEXUS presented the board with its administration staff redistribution report in November.

Friedland presented his recommendations of the report "Doc. 21, including:

- Eliminate the supervisor of a secondary curriculum post and reassign the person to act as dean of students at the high school or middle school. This would require redefining the dean of students job description.
- Reassign the computer technology positions for more in-class technology support. This would create two full-time technology teachers.
- Create teacher supervisors in all curriculum fields.

Friedland in his Dec. 21 presentation suggested providing additional people to assist in program development and curricular support. He said there would be few significant changes in spending.

"The savings and expenditures would be a wash, pending labor contracts and seniority bumping rights," Friedland said.

"While the recommendations were met by the administrative staff, unanimously, it's understood that the chances of trials, which will be thoroughly equally, is a real possibility to be able and noted that the recommended changes are not being made in a punitive manner."

New faces grace Township Committee meeting

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The latest Springfield Township Committee meeting was a unique one, as several levels of meetings took place. One needed a check list to tick off the precedents. Committee members Chase Harelik and Steven Goldstein voted in their first regular public meeting while Township Administrator Richard Sheola attended his first. The panel makeup was all one party, Democratic, for the first time in recent years.

There were some more unusual aspects as well. First, the work session lasted about 30 minutes to the regular meeting's 16. Second, Goldstein dashed across the street for the Committee. Martin Luther King Day Observance where everyone else adjourned for home.

Whereas the United States of America state past to reflect on the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and whereas his leadership of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s ensured that all people will be treated as equal regardless of race, creed or color. Goldstein said in the resolution. Springfield hereby declares Jan. 18 as Martin Luther King Day in his honor.

The Committee unanimously passed the measure. Goldstein read the resolution before about 80 audience members at the King Day observance in the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorium immediately after the meeting.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Skating rink uses innovative thinking

An idea proposed several months ago by Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti has finally taken shape, thanks to the area's recent frigid temperatures. We encourage all residents to head to the tennis courts adjacent to Borough Hall and take advantage of Mountainside's own ice skating rink.

The low-maintenance rink aims to enhance the borough's recreation areas and take advantage of the tennis courts which remain largely unused for the duration of the winter. The Recreation Department purchased a liner for the courts, collecting water that turned to ice when the temperature dipped below freezing in recent weeks.

Judging by the number of gleeful adults and children gliding across the rink recently, this simple idea is one of the borough's best in terms of recreation. It utilizes an existing facility, imposes little cost to taxpayers and addresses an important need for more outdoor activities during a season dominated by sedentary amusements.

We hope the borough continues to look toward innovative ways to use facilities and that area residents will support the rink and the Recreation Department.



SKATING FRENZY — Carol Worswick helps daughter Katie learn to ice skate at the rink atop the tennis courts at Mountainside's Borough Hall.

Photo by Jeff Grant

Fulfilling the dream

Thirty years ago, about 1,200 workers at an auto plant in Tarrytown, N.Y. stayed home from work in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday, despite threats of disciplinary action. Sixty workers were suspended. A year later, a petition with 6 million signatures in support of a national holiday on King's birthday was submitted to Congress. It would take another 25 years for the day to be recognized as a federal holiday.

Many of us will be home from work Monday without thinking much about the bitter battle about a national holiday on his birthday. The handful of state legislators that refused to recognize the federal holiday have yielded to their constituents.

For most, Martin Luther King Day is an accepted if overlooked day on the calendar, a day off from school or work. A 10-second public service announcement between TV commercials — usually a snippet of King's famous "I have a dream" speech at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial — is about all the attention many will give to a man whose death shook the nation.

For some, it is a day of prayer and introspection, to reflect on how far this nation has come and how far it has yet to go. And a few have decided to make Martin Luther King Day an opportunity to help get us there. Many organizations, such as the King Center on Nonviolent Social Change and the Corporation for National and Community Service, have asked Americans to dedicate Monday to King's memory by participating in a "national day of service."

We urge everyone who has a day off Monday to set aside some of that time they would have spent at work to instead help fulfill King's dream of seeing an America that can live up to its own ideals.

Ordinarily, we would suggest that you consider helping at a local shelter or other program to assist seniors or the homeless, or to participate in a charitable cause at a place of worship, hospital, or school.

But every year we see that only a very few will actually get involved in even the worthiest of causes. And those who do volunteer to make our communities better are always doing more than they have time for.

King's dream was to see a nation where getting along with each other wasn't something that required an effort, but just a way of life. So we'll set aside the life-changing editorial and just ask everyone to take a moment to do a little more of what you would do anyway.

Instead of throwing out those old clothes in the attic, maybe you could donate them to a shelter. If you're picking up the trash that's blown onto your lawn, why not get some of it out of the street. Instead of only shoveling snow to the end of your property line, shove the walk of the elderly person next door.

And, if you have time for nothing else, attend one of the events that have been scheduled this weekend to remember King and his legacy.

We all owe more than a 10-second public service announcement to King's memory.

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John Seigenthaler
The Freedom Forum
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Editor's note: The following is the first part in a series of excerpts from Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti's address at the Jan. 5 Borough Council reorganization meeting.

All of us are proud of Mountainside. None of us, including Mountainside, can survive on just a simple life. We all must move forward and keep up with the times.

I therefore wish to discuss Mountainside's past, present, and most importantly, our future.

When I became mayor in 1988 there were several serious problems confronting the borough. They included disposing of our sanitary sewage, educating our high school students, and the borough's aging buildings and infrastructure.

The first major problem was the borough's status with the Rahon Valley Sewerage Authority.

In 1985, the borough's sanitary sewage flow into the Rahon Valley Sewerage Authority system under an agreement made with Cranford in 1951. In the 40 years that had passed since the borough made the agreement, we had outgrown our rights, the fees we were paying to dispose of our sewage had increased dramatically and the money we paid the authority had helped to purchase big treatment plants and facilities that we did not own.

Outgrowing our rights resulted in litigation and a moratorium which halted development for several years.

We eventually overrode the litigation. Under the settlement the moratorium was lifted, we have the flow rights we will need for the foreseeable future and Mountainside will be a member of the authority's Membership group to vote all ownership interest in authority assets and the same rights as other members if we need flow rights and they become available in the future.

Lifting the moratorium also allowed

Point Of View
By Robert Vigilanti

fully solved is a shortage of volunteers for both our Rescue Squad and our Fire Department.

I have been calling for more volunteers for several years. In 1988 the shortage became critical. A major recruitment campaign did not entirely resolve the shortage. So your governing body took other steps to assure that coverage was not interrupted for these services, especially for the Rescue Squad.

We immediately assigned two police officers who were fully trained as emergency management technicians and as a paramedic to bolster the squad's daytime response capability. We also hired a fully-trained EMT person to work at Borough Hall and further bolster the squad's daytime response capability.

In 1989 we will be providing additional financial support by increasing the amount of clothing allowance that is given to each firefighter and by assisting the squad to pay a per call stipend to their members.

But these measures alone will not be enough if we are to continue the delivery of these services through volunteers. I must emphasize that both our Rescue Squad and Fire Department need more volunteers.

I am happy to report that we have been able to find solutions to these problems and still maintain Mountainside's position as one of the most financially sound communities in Union County.

Three key factors which are a measure of a community's financial well-being tell the story.

1. We enjoy the lowest effective tax rate in all of Union County and remain the "fast seven years" (1980-1987) as published in the *Star-Leader*. Mountainside has had the third lowest increase in taxes in all of Union County.

2. We enjoy the second highest resale value for our homes.

3. A fourth problem, which we have

Point Of View
By Roy Hirschfeld

Recently both at the League of Municipalities Convention and at a forum at Kean's Gateway Institute, I had the opportunity to listen to presentations from the Governor's Commission on Property Tax Reform. This group of municipal and elected officials presented a plan of action to help reduce the burden on the local property taxpayer.

The basic findings of the commission recognized that government, like business, must control spending, become efficient and not duplicate efforts. There was also a recommendation to change the formula for school funding.

What happened to increases in pay by mere or coercive? Wage spreads and longevity were ignored by this commission. Longevity is an out-

dated system which needs to permit the random, less very costly, to local towns.

On the positive side, the one major idea which came out of the commission's report which can be developed is more shared services agreements and movement of mandated state services to be funded by the state. These include welfare care and services for state highways and state-mandated COAH programs.

Think how costly it is now for Springfield residents to meet these state requirements. Mr. Covert's "buying mandates": There should be provisions to the state to fund such required construction and to have burden's agree ments that they must fund or contribute to the additional burden on fire police and public works.

Shared services agreements can work if we take the time to plan properly. In Springfield we will be meeting with Westfield and Mountainside to evaluate if joint agreements can be forged for additional fire services. We now have a regional Board of Health

• We have maintained a very low debt ratio.

• How did we do this?

• First and foremost, we have been careful in spending your tax dollars.

• Second, we have tried to be creative in finding revenue sources other than tax dollars from our homeowners. Some of the areas where this effort has been most productive are the following:

• When funding was available from other governmental sources to get things done we have aggressively pursued it. Many of our infrastructure improvements were paid for either directly by other governmental bodies or with grants, not with your tax dollars. Most recently we obtained a grant of \$25,000 for our Board of Education to use in renovating its softball fields.

• When alternate revenue sources are available we develop them. In 1997 the state was going to build a radio transmission tower on the chapel island in the middle of Route 22 and rent the tower. It would have been a major eyesore at that location and the state would have collected the rent. We successfully resisted the state's plans. Today the tower stands behind the trees in the back of Borough Hall and the borough is collecting rent totaling about \$60,000 per year.

• Annual residential taxpayers come to Mountainside, we make sure that they pay their fair share. This is not just real estate tax dollars.

• For example, we have in place an ordinance requiring sewer hook-ups, which has recovered part of the money we need. Rahon Valley Sewerage Authority, for increasing our flow rights. We expect to recognize this money as new business revenue into town.

• Robert Vigilanti is the mayor of Mountainside.

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Maria Ravipto
"I love skiing in Upstate New York. I like coming home early from anywhere away from home."



Sabrina Ravipto
"I like coming home early from school and not having to do any work."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Year included many achievements

To The Editor:
Now that my term as mayor has come to an end, I want to take this opportunity to inform you of some major accomplishments that were achieved this past year.

First, there was no municipal tax increase in 1998 for the first time in many years. Second, our police and fire department contracts were settled with both departments taking paybacks in future salaries. The fire department's starting salary has been reduced from \$36,000 to \$26,000 and two new firemen have already been hired. The Police Department's starting salary has been reduced from \$42,000 to \$26,000 and three or four new policemen will be hired soon. The changes will save our taxpayers \$84,000 in 1999 and hundreds of thousands of dollars in the future.

Old struggle with CVS seems to be coming to a favorable end, as is the situation with Edwards Supermarkets. We promised to fight to protect our residential and business districts and we have kept our promise.

We have filed suit in Superior Court to stop a methadone clinic in Union from infringing upon the safety of our children and our residential neighborhood. The Chisholm Community Center was completed on time and under budget. A great deal of money will be returned to our treasury because we are releasing space to the Summit YMCA.

We received almost \$300,000 in grants to improve our parks, playgrounds and repair our streets.

I have started a "Let's Take Pride in Springfield" campaign. Along with the Oakbank Steakhouse and the Chamber of Commerce, we are planning a picnic for the entire town on the Fourth of July at Meadow Field. All residents are invited.

Association forming to appeal clinic's Progress Street site

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

In an effort to prohibit the relocation of the Suburban Treatment Associates methadone clinic from the Vauxhall section to 43 Progress Street Union, the Battle Hill-Milltown Neighborhood Association is forming a cause-fund to appeal the Union Zoning Board's decision. Chairman of the non-profit association, Howard Trinker, a Union resident and Springfield resident, said he anticipates 2,000 members. A letter and membership form was mailed to all residents of the Battle Hill and Milltown areas in mid-December. Fifty members were recorded as of Jan. 11.

This clinic, which serves 400-500 drug addicts per week, has a long history of creating a dangerous criminal environment at its present location in the Vauxhall Section of Union.

Trinker wrote in his letter: "As a result of the illegal but community severance of our neighbors, we have organized a Neighborhood Association for the purpose of raising funds necessary to retain competent and aggressive legal representation of our interests in an appeal of the Zoning Board's decision."

Trinker asked for a donation of \$100 per household, although lesser amounts will be accepted. The first \$10,000 raised will be used to pay legal fees for the appeal to the Zoning Board. Additional funds will be used to distribute information about the association. Any remaining funds will be returned to those who donated \$100 or more.

"The Zoning Board approved the methadone clinic last year. You can't appeal a decision that has already been made," said Trinker. "We are keen of the board's resolution in doing this."

Rather than waiting the 45 days legally allocated for a hearing, the Zoning Board took none at all, according to Attorney Brian Fahey, legal representative for the association.

The methadone clinic's new location off Progress Street is in an industrial park area with Springfield residential neighborhoods in close proximity. Trinker, a father of children ages one and three, said he is concerned because current plans for the privately owned clinic relocate it to almost 1,500 feet of a jungle gym park for toddlers.

"We are not anti-progressive. We support the methadone clinic to protect our children's safety. We believe decisions need to be made in a responsible

manner. We will go to start scholarship funds for our students at Jonathan Dayton High School.

These are just a few of the accomplishments of your governing body and we are continuing to work on others.

I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Sy Multman
Springfield

Child protection bill needs support

To The Editor:

In this new year, we are making sure our malls and shopping centers are as safe as possible for you and your children. That's why we are supporting a special child safety alert known as "Code Adam."

The Code Adam measure was named in memory of 6-year-old Adam Walsh, whose abduction from a Florida shopping mall and murder in 1981 raised the national consciousness about child abductions.

Code Adam is a special alert issued through a store's public address system when a customer reports a missing child. A brief description of the child is provided. All store exits are monitored and all employees are required to immediately stop their normal routine to look for the child. If the child is not found within 10 minutes, or if the child is seen leaving the store with someone other than a parent or guardian, store associates must notify the local police department immediately.

The procedure has already proved successful in several other states. Code Adam stopped the attempted abduction of a 3-year-old from a Wal-Mart store in Indiana in 1993. The abductor, who has a criminal history of child abduction, was arrested and later convicted.

Legislation to publicize Code Adam, A.R. 51, is currently pending before the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee. You can help encourage Code Adam's adoption statewide by writing to your local retailers. Together we can make the safe stores and shopping malls safer for all of our children. Thank you in advance for your support.

Jill M. Weingarten
Kevin O'Toole
Assemblymen, R-21

Golkin to vie for seat in 7th District election

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Only two months after the last election and days after incumbent Republican Bob Franks began his new term in Congress, another Democrat has announced his candidacy for the 7th Congressional District seat in the 2000 election.

Jeff Golkin of Warren Township, Somerset County, met with members of the media and his supporters Friday to express his disappointment in the impeachment proceedings in Washington, D.C. — the actions of

Franks in particular — and declare his Congressional run in 2000.

Franks was a proponent of impeaching President Bill Clinton 50 days before he recently said the world accepts censure as an adequate reprimand.

"I am saddened by what is taking place in our nation's Capitol and I believe it is the result of extreme and divisive partisan politics," said Golkin.

Franks' extreme partisan obsession with removal of a practicing physician also offends twice by the American people and the people of this district under a high-tech shut down of the business of the American people.

People are interested in having their representatives focus on substantive issues and their needs and concerns. We can no longer continue to re-evaluate the leadership in the House which is out of touch with and unrepresentative of the people," Golkin said.

Franks defeated Earlwood Mayor, Maryanne Connelly in November, by approximately 10 percentage point. Republican representative historically by an average of 20 points in the 7th district when the seat has been represented by a Democrat.

In 1997, Golkin was the first Democrat to win elective office in Warren Township in more than 22 years. Golkin is chairman of the Municipal Democratic Committee in the township of 12,500 residents where his party is outnumbered 68-1 by Republicans. His local term also is up in 2000 and he said he will be able to balance the needs of his local constituents with his congressional campaign.

Golkin may have some competition before he goes to the 2000 general election. Connelly has said she intends to run again which would mean the two would meet in next year's Democratic primary.

With a primary set for another 14 months, Golkin does not believe beginning his campaign season so soon will turn off voters. On the contrary, we won't turn off voters. We will use that time to introduce ourselves and Golkin and learn those constituents' needs.

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Turtles and bookworms

From left, Jessica Honer and Christina Apicella of Watton School in Springfield enjoy a tug from Frank the Turtle during the Watton PTA book fair.

Vehicle stops yield arrests in borough

Mountaintops
 • Bronx resident Allen Lopez, 48, was arrested Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. by the Pennington Police Department and found to have an active warrant for contempt of court charges in Mountaintops.
 • Equador native and current Chief of Police, Christiano Gallaraga, 31, was arrested after he was stopped on Route 22 East Jan. 6 at 9:45 a.m. after he was observed traveling 60 mph in a 45 mph zone. Further investigation

POLICE BLOTTER

revealed the driver was traveling with a suspended license.
 • Lauren Crater of Garwood, 25, was arrested Jan. 7 at 11:01 a.m. and charged with driving with a suspended Registration. She had been stopped on Route 22 East for failure to maintain the vehicle's lights.
 • Cranford's Maurizio Corica, 25, was stopped Jan. 7 at 12:40 p.m. on Route 22 East for allegedly operating his vehicle. Under further investigation Corica was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license. The Coltonville native also had a traffic warrant out of Roselle for \$131.

each other, on Morris Avenue Saturday.
 • The police car was dispatched to Springfield and Morris Avenue where a Nissan 300 and an 8000-pound Freightliner tractor trailer truck came together at about 2:50 p.m. A westbound Jaguar had a Nissan pickup truck collide with Center Street at about 3:13 p.m. Following head-on-impact, a second car. No one was injured or ticketed and damage and traffic backups were minor.
 • The sole weather-related mishap involved a Nissan Altima driving east along Milltown Road at about 1:04 p.m. Friday. The Altima pilot said he skidded into a south side home's shrubbery while approaching Smith's field road at about 1:04 p.m. While the driver was uninjured, his Nissan was totaled.

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 Whereas the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for the services of a Professional Services Contractor for the provision of professional services to the Township of Mountainide Borough with Care Station.

• Pasadeny resident Benjamin Franklin, 25, was arrested Jan. 7 at 11:48 p.m. after he was pulled over on Route 22 West for driving with a broken tail light. Franklin's license was unexpired and his driver's vehicle was suspended. A warrant for his arrest had been issued by Ocean County in the amount of \$7,727.88.
 • There were no motor vehicle accidents in Springfield Friday and Saturday — but one was attributed to the snow and rain storm. Two of those collisions happened within minutes of

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PLANNING BOARD BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINIDE PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mountainide Borough Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Jan. 14, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. regarding the proposed zoning ordinance for the Mountainide Borough. All are welcome to attend and participate.
 Rahm M. Reed, Chairman
 219-935-8200, January 14, 1999

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WHEREAS the Local Contract Law, N.J.A.C. 17:27, requires a report, recommendation and the award of the contract to the professional services committee, the Township Committee is hereby notified that the contract shall be available for review by the Township Committee on January 14, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Office, 222 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. The Township Committee is hereby notified that the contract shall be available for review by the Township Committee on January 14, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Office, 222 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. The Township Committee is hereby notified that the contract shall be available for review by the Township Committee on January 14, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Office, 222 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

Firefighters deem business fire accidental

Springfield FIRE BLOTTER

There were no injuries in a Valcor Engineering fire that required all units of the Springfield Fire Department to respond in the Lawrence Road business at 2:54 p.m. Jan. 5.
 According to Fire Chief William Graz, the fire broke out in a room housing mechanical and electrical equipment which had a layer of acoustical insulation on the walls. A workman was in the space using a torch when the wall coverings ignited.

FIRE BLOTTER

1:47 a.m. with the last nearly 12 hours later at 1:16 p.m. Gras said firefighters responded to each location with their own detecting equipment. Only one residence required the assistance of PSE&G. In each case, carbon monoxide levels were acceptable and it was recommended to home owners to purchase new detectors.
 "The old detectors are battery operated," Gras said. "They were either their purpose for a short time."
 He said it is now possible to purchase detectors that display readings at all times. Weather conditions may contribute to reading fluctuations.

residence at 4:49 p.m. A motor vehicle accident on Route 24, West required the squad's resources at 6:50 p.m. Later that evening at 11:31 p.m., the department responded to a Mountain Avenue apartment complex for an odor in the building.
 The department also responded to one medical service call on the day.
 • At 1:35 a.m. Jan. 6 the department responded to the area of Morris Avenue and Marion Avenue for a report of smoke in the vicinity. At 11:08 a.m. members found themselves at a Highlands Avenue residence for a furnace problem.
 • Jan. 7 began at 6:16 a.m. for the department when they responded in the Gaudinier School for an automotive alarm.
 The squad did not face any fires during the day, but responded to five medical service calls.

• Firefighters were awakened at 2:15 a.m. Jan. 8 when they responded to the Gaudinier School for an activated fire alarm. Another activated fire alarm brought them to a Fernhill Road residence at 12:14 p.m. At 2:05 p.m. the department members were dispatched to a Henshaw Avenue residence for a lock-out. An activated fire alarm found the squad at a Bernadette Court

• Firefighters had time to recuperate from the 19 calls they received a day earlier when the only calls Jan. 4 were two medical service calls at 2:30 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m.

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Showing school spirit



From left, Kachary Glennon, Alex Elkin and Jessie Krumholz demonstrate school spirit at Walton School in Springfield.

POLICE BLOTTER

• Police responded to a two-car accident on Morris Avenue about 300 feet east of Hillburt Avenue Thursday. An eastbound Chevy driver said he was approaching the T-Eleven in the left lane when a Honda exiting the Burger King lot collided with him at about 1:10 p.m. The impact injured the Chevy driver but he refused medical attention.
 • A Chevy Geo-driver attempted to make a left turn from Mountain Avenue onto Henshaw Avenue but struck a pedestrian and another car instead at about 7:57 a.m. Jan. 6. The driver said she did not see the 22-year-old man walking south before she turned left. She then lost control, running almost head-on into a Nissan Maxima waiting at the eastbound Henshaw light.
 Police records show no indication of whether the walker was injured, if any extent of injury. All vehicles were drivable and no summonses were issued.
 • The trail of one Route 22 West mishap led township officers to the Cranford Police jail at about 4:15 a.m. Jan. 5. They detoured a man identified as Jason Schreier, 23, of Cranford, for processing a charge of driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident.

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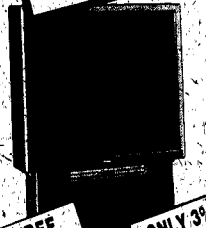


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Alberta Stamoulis, 86, of Monticello died Jan. 7 at the King James Health Care Center, Chatham...

John Peter Ukurski

John Peter Ukurski, 81, of Mountaintop died Jan. 7 at Overlook Hospital, Summit...

Irving Levine

Irving Levine, 80, of Short Hills formerly of Hillside and Springfield died Jan. 7 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston...

Leo Rivkind

Leo Rivkind, 84, of Springfield died Jan. 4 in Overlook Hospital Summit...

Born in New York City, Mr. Rivkind moved to Springfield 45 years ago. He was a chemist for Mecal Corp. in Roselle Park for 55 years and joined in 1990. Mr. Rivkind was a member of the American Concrete Institute, the American Ceramic Institute, the National Fire Prevention Association and the American Chemical Society...

Beverly Relles-Neiss

Beverly Relles-Neiss of Springfield died Dec. 31 at home. Born in Lebanon Pa., Mrs. Relles-Neiss lived in Long Branch and Irvington before moving to Springfield 20 years ago...

Lillian E. Reed

Lillian E. Reed, 82, of Springfield died Dec. 29 in Overlook Hospital Summit. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Springfield for 40 years...

Robert E. Hill

Robert E. Hill, 79, of Summit died Jan. 5 at home. Born in Wayne Pa., Mr. Hill lived in Summit most of his life. He was a special agent for 16 years with the U.S. Customs Service...

Ann Pecora

Ann Pecora, 71, of Springfield died Jan. 6 in Overlook Hospital Summit. Born in Newark, Mrs. Pecora lived in South Orange before moving to Springfield 25 years ago...

James H. Thompson

James H. Thompson, 70, of New Providence formerly of Springfield, retired New York City insurance underwriter, died Dec. 17 at home. Born in Newark, Mr. Thompson lived in Short Hills and Springfield before moving to New Providence seven years ago...

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Gaston Laronie

Gaston Laronie, 76, a lifelong resident of Summit died Jan. 6 at home. Mr. Laronie was a managing supervisor for Alcan Corp. Blount where he worked for 43 years and retired in 1987...

Clara D. Klees

Clara D. Klees, 83, of Chatham Township formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 6 in the King James Nursing Center, Chatham Township. Born in Ithaca, N.Y., Mrs. Klees lived in Summit before moving to Chatham Township two years ago...

Doris Sullivan

Doris Sullivan, 74, of Summit, a longtime volunteer for the Summit hospital and a self-taught handywoman died Jan. 7 at home. Born in Galveston, Texas, Mrs. Sullivan lived in Baltimore, Md. and Brooklyn and Queens, N.Y. before moving to Summit 43 years ago...

teer time. During her tenure at Overlook Hospital, she ran the gift shop headed the auxiliary, led the hospital foundation board and chaired fundraising activities, including a 1981 benefit dinner that included Bob Hope and Princess Grace of Monaco as guests...

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Fast start out of gate for Dayton Bulldogs impress with 3-1 start

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

Anytime a team can get off to a 3-1 start, it has to be pleased. Especially if the team is returning only one key player from a team that won a conference championship the year before.

That's where the Dayton High School boys' basketball team was at prior to Tuesday night's home game against Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division rival Brearley.

"We've got a whole different team this year, but the kids are learning and so far doing well," Dayton head coach Bill Berger said.



GRAB THAT REBOUND: Mountainside resident Lauren Kobel, No. 33, scored a career-high 23 points to go along with 12 rebounds and 11 blocked shots in leading the undefeated Governor/Livingston High School girls' basketball team to a convincing 56-25 victory over Roselle last week in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division action in Roselle. GA began the week with a perfect 6-0 record.

High School Boys' Basketball

Starting tomorrow night, the Bulldogs will get a better read on where they stand at Dayton-based Roselle Park at 7 before moving on next week to play at North Plainfield Tuesday night at 7 and then St. Mary's of Elizabeth Friday night, Jan. 22 at 7.

"We're really excited with our start," Berger said. "This team has a lot of potential and is starting to show it."

Dayton started the season with a convincing 64-42 win at home against Manville and then posted a 55-48 win over Morrisstown-Bear in its first Cranford Cougar Classic contest.

St. Mary's bested Dayton 48-38 in the Cougar Classic final before the Bulldogs rebounded to host Bound Brook 70-54 on the road Jan. 5.

Junior 6-5 center Ryan Freundlich, who scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in Dayton's season-opening win against Manville, suffered an ankle injury against Morrisstown-Bear and did not play in the St. Mary's vs. Bound Brook contest.

Berger said that Freundlich, who had 11 points in the Morrisstown-Bear victory, will return before the season comes to a conclusion.

"Some of our other kids have gotten more time as a result of the injury," Berger said.

Senior forward Garrett Wise scored 12 points in the Bound Brook victory. Leading the team scoring is senior forward Terrence Franklin, the only key impact player who returned from last year's Valley Division championship team.

Franklin had 53 points in the first four games for a 13.25 average including a season-high 18-point effort against Bound Brook.

"He's starting to step up for us," Berger said. "I think he's the most athletic player in the conference."

Sophomore point guard Carmine Santarella has also excelled thus far, scoring 11 against Manville and 13 against Bound Brook.

Junior guard David Woodruff scored nine points against St. Mary's and Bound Brook. Sophomore forward Jeffrey Stapher had 10 points against Morrisstown-Bear.

"We only traded St. Mary's by three with six minutes to go," Berger said.

"We're playing with a lot of intensity and experience will be our best teacher."

"Winning this year will be a bonus, although we would like to qualify for the state," he said.

St. Mary's began the week with a 61 record and 11 Valley mark, its only Valley loss at New Providence 51-43 in its season-opener.

Dayton began the week 2-0 in the Valley and Roselle Park 3-0, 4-2 overall. Whereas Dayton, Roselle Park, St. Mary's and Millburn batted around the ball for the Valley crop last year, this year's quartet could be Dayton, Roselle Park, St. Mary's and New Providence and then maybe add North Plainfield to the mix.

Springfield's Reheis swims to success

Multi Reheis of Springfield is making a name for himself as one of the state's top swimmers this season.

The Selton Hall Prep swimmer captured his third consecutive 200-yard individual medley title and first 100-yard backstroke crown to lead the Pirates to their second straight team title at the Essex County championships contested last Friday at Selton Hall Prep's Arthur E. Imperatore Natatorium in South Orange.

Reheis won the 200-yard IM in an impressive time of 2:40.56. He captured the 100-yard breaststroke in a nifty 1:42.27.

Reheis helped Selton Hall Prep claim 238 points as its easily outdistanced Montclair-Kimberly, second with 154.

Multi-sport athlete Mike was a stand-out swimmer for Selton Hall Prep from 1994 and then went on to compete successfully at the University of Scranton.

Both swimmers were strangers for Springfield's superior team that competes in the North Jersey Summer Swim League.

Springfield's wrestling team excels.

The Springfield Recreation Department's wrestling team did well in a match against Keightworth last Thursday.

Dan Kabanoff, Matt Loppa, Nick O'Graino, Ryan Rusakoff and Aaron Farley won matches. Loppa, Garcia, Rusakoff and Farley winning by pin.

Also wrestling well for coaches Delton Capaldo and Jordan Pintado were Shane Fenton, Tommy Clark, Stephanie Farber, Stephen Cohen, Nicholas Carilli, Michael Stein, Tylan Farley, Zachary Gozlan, Chris Kemp, Douglas Feder, Kevin O'Connor, Jesse Kabanoff, Shaun Nissen, Ryan Godfrey, Chris Alibi, Brenna Navis, Jason Capa, Alex Fish, Jim Vigilante, Allen Yahow and Ryan Weller.

Dayton skaters post their second victory Captain Cohen scores winner

The Dayton High School ice hockey team posted its first win of 1999 by coming back to post a stunning 8-8 victory over Verona last Thursday in a game played at South Mountain Arena on West Orange.

Junior captain Jared Cohen scored the fourth goal of the game with 33 seconds left to end an 8-8 tie and give Dayton its second victory of the season.

High School Ice Hockey

The Bulldogs (3-2-6) record into Monday's scheduled game against Newark Academy at South Mountain.

Dayton bailed, Verona 8-8, with two minutes remaining in the third period before the Bulldogs received goals from junior captain Gerardo Roman and freshman Bill Chambers to tie the score.

Junior Todd Walters scored twice for Dayton.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to play Newark East Side yesterday and Saturday night at 8:15 are scheduled to skate against Millis at their home rink, Chimney Rock in Bridgewater.

Dayton was defeated by Newark Academy 6-5 Monday despite receiving an outstanding game from Roman, who scored one goal and assisted on three others.

Dayton's record as of Tuesday stood at 2-7-1, with one goal won over Hackensack (4-3) and Verona (9-8) and a tie against Newark East Side (6-6).

Summit hockey team does well vs. Bayonne

By Andrew McGann
 Assistant Sports Editor

Riding the momentum it gained by winning the Croft Tournament (for the first time ever), the Summit High School ice hockey team has since gone 2-1-1, a string that included a 4-4 tie against ninth-ranked Bayonne on Jan. 5.

Senior center Andrew Natan scored two goals against Bayonne, including one that snapped a 3-3 tie in the second period, and teammates Mike Nelson and Kevin Schroeder added one goal apiece as Summit eked out its first tie of the season to run its record to 7-2-1.

The inspired performance by Summit, which is currently ranked 14th in New Jersey, came one game following the Hilltoppers' most disappointing defeat of the season suffered against high-powered and undefeated Hudson Catholic on 8-1 loss on Dec. 22.

Four days after Summit won its seventh consecutive game by defeating Don Bosco Prep 5-2 to avenge an early season setback, Freshman left wing Matt Statler erupted for a hat trick, three goals in the game with Schroeder and Natan netting one goal apiece.

Summit improved to 8-2-1 with a 3-2 win over Bayonne Monday at the Bayonne rink. Star center scored the game-winner with just 21 seconds remaining in 31 Squid Creek. While the Summit High School varsity ice hockey team continues to climb in the state rankings, the junior varsity squad has also made a name for itself by beginning the season with six straight wins.

The Hilltoppers ran their mark to 6-0 by defeating Hudson Catholic 4-3 on Dec. 29, marking their first-ever victory over the Hawks. Craig Driver, Jon McLean and Matt Hatfield also tallied goals in the victory which was highlighted by strong play from sophomore goalie Richard James.

Springfield Minutemen teams sweep to basketball victories

8th graders start week 7-2, 7th graders 4-2

It was a sweep for Springfield Minutemen basketball teams as the 8th graders and 7th graders downed Berkeley Heights and Madison.

The Springfield Minutemen 8th grade basketball team improved to 7-2 with victories last week over Berkeley Heights 70-51 and Madison 51-23.

Andre Callender scored 34 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and hit eight steals against Berkeley Heights. Mike Nuccio scored nine points, had six rebounds, four assists and six steals. Tony Portegia and Don Yolkert scored eight and six points respectively while Kevin Dean also played well.

Callender scored 14, grabbed eight rebounds and had four assists and four steals in the win against Madison. Nuccio scored eight points, Mike Bennett scored six points and grabbed six rebounds. Portugal had six points and four steals. Brian Chaschank had four points and four steals and David Levine had four points and three steals.

In their first league game at Berkeley Heights, the 7th graders, 4-2 at the start of the week, posted a 42-31 triumph.

Julian Gerber paced the team with an 18-point performance and also grabbed six rebounds.

Frankie Mucci made his presence felt by scoring 13 points, one of his baskets from three-point range. Leo Ferrero had four points, two assists, two steals and

two rebounds and Dan Scott had four points and six rebounds.

Mike Luciano had two points and three rebounds and Helmi Abdelaziz had one point, three rebounds and a steal.

Returning home to play Madison in Gaudinco on Saturday, all 15 players on the roster saw playing time as Springfield downed Madison 51-42.

Gerber scored 12 points, grabbed three rebounds and had one assist and one steal.

Mucci had 10 points, including two three-point baskets, and Scott scored eight points and grabbed five rebounds. Harris Tuchman, rebounding from a bout with the flu, scored five points, including a three-pointer. Ferrero had four points, six assists and two steals and Luciano had four points.

Mike Tar scored one basket as did Jesse Weisberg, those players doing a good job off the bench.

Kristen Suarez and Stephen King each contributed 10 points from the free-throw line.

Both teams were scheduled to host Warren yesterday. Opening Jan. 16 at Wayne, Jan. 19 at Long Hill, Jan. 20 Millersburg, Jan. 23 Summit.

Home games at Gaudinco begin at 6:30 p.m. with the 8th grade game first, followed by the 7th grade game at 8

Oak Knoll bounces back with 2 wins

By Andrew McGann
 Assistant Sports Editor

While Oak Knoll High School girls' basketball head coach Tom Elliott stated before this season that he thought the Royals were headed for a "rebuilding campaign," the term applies quite differently to his team than it does to most others.

Most often, a rebuilding season consists of a young and inexperienced group of players whose squad finishes the season with a record far below .500.

Rebuilding, though, as it applies to Oak Knoll, could refer to a season in which the Royals finish with a winning percentage somewhere in the area of .500 and not the table in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference, as they have done for three consecutive seasons.

High School Girls' Basketball

While the Royals ran their record to 4-2 with a 47-23 victory over visiting St. Mary's of Elizabeth last Thursday in a game that saw junior forward Katie Johnson score for a team-high nine points, their unblemished conference mark was indeed tested two days earlier by a host North Plainfield team that snatched both first Mountain Division to the Valley this season.

The Royals may have received their toughest challenge yet from a Valley opponent against North Plainfield, but senior shooting guard Lisa King might see her team come out on top by exploding for a career-high 20 points in the victory.

Senior point guard Meghan Brodbeck, the only returning starter from last season's squad that reached the Union County Tournament final, Jopseph-and senior forward Melissa Piertini, contributed six points apiece in the 40-36 triumph.

The game was tied at 36-36 with 2:15 remaining before King followed a layup by Ann Hubert, her only two points of the game, with two free throws.

The consecutive wins over North Plainfield and St. Mary's came on the heels of back-to-back losses by Oak Knoll in the Blue Classic Holiday Tournament. In the Blue, Oak Knoll was felled 53-26 by a Puddle team that ranks among the best in the state after their defeat 39-28 by Red Bank, a strong team in its own gear.

"According to Elliott, a major factor in the Royals' two tournament losses was their inability to rebound the ball, an area the coach has since been spending extra time to put in practice."

"Bouncing" has been a big part of our practices recently," Elliott said. "We've been scoring more points because our press has been more effective, but we have to start rebounding the ball and once we do, we'll continue to improve as a team."

Elliott said the tandem of Brodbeck and King have done a "sensational" job thus far of showing their leadership skills and executing on both sides of the ball, but it's Johnson who is pacing the balanced team scoring attack with 27.7 per game average.

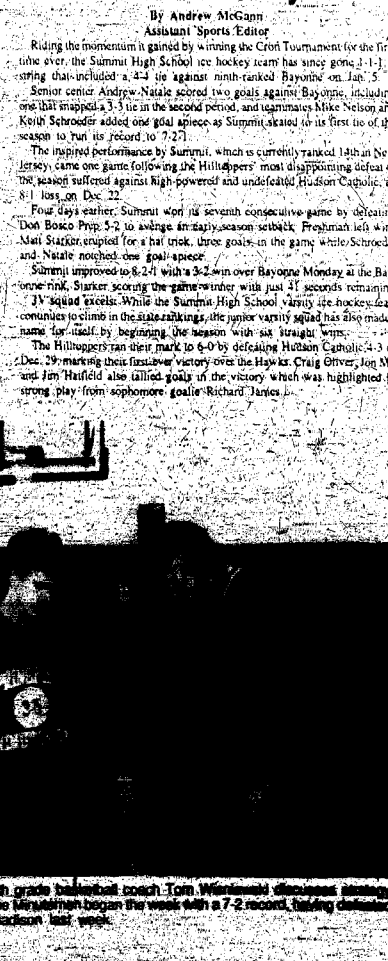
King, 6-1, is second in the team scoring race, followed by Brodbeck at 8.3. Piertini and Kate Abramson, a freshman guard who is still climbing the offense but shows a lot of promise, are tied for fourth with 4.8 scoring averages.

"All this point in the season, we're doing a little better than I thought we would," Elliott said. "The next two weeks will really get us a chance to see where we are as a team, though. If we can win our next four games, we'll have an excellent shot at winning the conference again and if we can still manage to do that in a rebuilding year, I think that's pretty good."

Oak Knoll met a much-improved Roselle Park team this past Tuesday in Roselle Park in a battle of Valley Division foes with 4-0 conference records.

While the Royals, who brought a 52-0 conference record into the game, swept Roselle Park last year by scores of 41-18 at home and 52-37 on the road, this past Tuesday's game was expected to be much more competitive. The two will meet again later in the season in Summit.

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