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Photo By Ruthanne Wagner

Springfield police officers and firefighters picket in front of the Municipal Annex Building on North Trivett Avenue on New Year's Day. Eleven days later, both departments remain without renewed contracts after stalled negotiations with the Township Committee.

Police, firemen want revised work shifts

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Township of Springfield didn't exactly enter 2001 quietly.

Township police and firefighters marched in the snow prior to last week's annual reorganization meeting of the Township Committee to protest their stalled labor negotiations. Newly appointed Mayor Sy Mullman did not touch on the subject as the two factions stood grimly in the back of the crowded courtroom, but Committeeman Gregory Clarke did.

Clarke criticized the salaries of the township's police and firefighters, along with the mandatory collective-bargaining process. He said the process has created "a situation in which the most powerful of unions enjoy a de facto monopoly within local public service."

Union representatives, in turn, criticized Clarke for lambasting them without having a chance to provide a rebuttal. They also challenged Clarke's high salary figures, claiming the numbers were padded heavily with overtime. The overtime, union representatives charged, resulted from understaffing — a condition they said was caused by the Township Committee's refusal to engage in adequate hiring.

An issue Clarke did not touch on — but one that union representatives have repeatedly insisted on — involves scheduling. Firefighters have asked for a 24-hour shift, while representatives from the Policeman's Benevolent Association Local 76 have asked for a four/four work schedule.

A 24-hour shift would require firefighters to work for 24 hours, followed by 72 hours off. The department's current arrangement involves two 10-hour days, followed by one day off and two 14-hour nights. Firefighters have challenged the present schedule, claiming that the lack of adequate staffing necessitates remaining on recall during their one day off.

"There's no question the 24-hour shift is the most advantageous shift," Fire Chief William Gras said. "But it can also be the most labor-intensive — especially if there are a lot of alarms during a 24-hour period."

Gras described the department's current operations as "unique because of our staffing levels." He said the department functions with one officer and two firefighters, and three firefighters "on a good day." He added that other fire departments "are working with at least seven," and that the Township Committee "has recognized the need to possibly increase staffing in this department." The chief said he could not comment on the effectiveness of the 24-hour schedule until he discovers what kind of "accompanying measures will make it more conducive to taxpayers and functional to me as a department head."

Township police have been asking for a four days on/four days off schedule. Stephen Studlack, president of PBA Local 76, said the proposed schedule would provide more time off for officers than the present four/two schedule. He claimed that overtime would be "greatly reduced" by switching to the four/four, with supervisors putting in a maximum of two-and-a-half hours overtime as opposed to the present number, which he described as "nothing less than eight."

Studlack pointed out that the Buracker Report on the Springfield Police Department, released last year, recommended the four/four shift.

Racy sex ed curriculum booted

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

It was as though a bombshell hit at the Mountainside Board of Education meeting Tuesday, when two irate fathers each spoke regarding their daughter's sex education curriculum.

Gary Hennings, whose 12-year-old daughter is in sixth grade, produced a small, blue book she had brought home. "I usually go over her books with her, and I cannot believe this book came into her hands. There is more in here than any sixth-grader should ever be exposed to," he said angrily. Brian Kinney, whose daughter is 11, was in full agreement: "It is bad. I was totally shocked and taken aback."

Board members and Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller listened politely, but when Hennings

asked if any of them had seen the pamphlet, called "Growing In Maturity," no one recalled ever seeing it. Board President Patricia Taeschler explained that health teachers were, like other teachers, allowed to add books to the curriculum at their discretion but were to do so carefully, and if controversial, seek board approval.

Not pacified, Hennings asked if he could briefly read a passage from the book. As he read, there was an embarrassed silence, because the citation was graphic in every detail about sexual arousal between men and women. "As you can see," said Hennings, "this is not written in any scientific way; it just titillates and does not belong in the sixth-grade curriculum. You are just pulling the wool over parents' eyes with material like this

going to our children without our seeing it first."

Kinney added, "I don't want my daughter reading this either, and this subject can be more sensitively treated. What I want to know is, how did this get your approval?"

After hearing the passages, board members tended to agree with the fathers, although Taeschler noted that for any family life curriculum, a committee including parents and citizens examines the curriculum at least every five years. Hennings wanted to know when it was last reviewed. Board member Richard Kress responded, "In 1997 and at least a dozen parents were involved. We aren't hiding anything here; but I do agree that what you read is not appropriate for a sixth-grader."

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New life breathed into referendum

Polling stations reopen Feb. 27

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education decided unanimously Monday night to put its track and athletic fields referendum up for a vote again.

In a special meeting prior to its conference meeting, the board elected to put the referendum before township voters once again on Feb. 27. The \$3.4-million referendum was defeated by only 10 votes on Dec. 12, reflecting only a 0.85-percent difference. Only 13 percent of township voters came out during a townshipwide blackout to register their opinions.

Although the board hardly spoke a word about reviving the referendum, board members have stated a number of times previously that they felt the unusual weather conditions of Dec. 12 — in which high winds caused an equipment failure at a Waverly Avenue substation and a townshipwide power failure — contributed to the low voter turnout and the narrow margin of defeat. The blackout, which began at around 8:55 a.m. and lasted until evening, necessitated squeezing 12 voting districts down into two polling stations.

About 10 residents appeared at the Monday night meeting to support the board's decision to bring the referendum back. Resident George Pallis, who identified himself as a member of the Springfield Committee on Recreation and Education, a group dedicated to the project, read from a prepared statement.

"The circumstances surrounding the Dec. 12 election warrant a new vote," Pallis began. "The enrollment in town sports programs continues to grow, requiring more fields to accommodate the various league schedules. These programs have experienced too many cancellations due to unplayable field conditions because the current fields don't drain properly, even after a modest rainfall."

Pallis complained of "limited opportunities for playgrounds" due to the lack of athletic facilities. He said sports facilities would result in a more attractive community and increased property values.

In regard to the township's children, Pallis added, "Sports are vital to the continued involvement of our children, which will positively impact their social and physical development."

Resident Scott Semansky, who described himself as "active in the township's Soccer Club," thanked the board for its quick revival of the referendum, and promised that "the word will be getting out much stronger than it did in the past."

Superintendent search

With the board accepting the resignation of Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland at its last regular meeting, Carole Larsen, New Jersey School Boards Association Field Representative, reappeared before the board Monday night to present a calendar of events for the district's superintendent search.

Friedland had originally announced his resignation in December 1999, giving the board a year's notice. But the longtime superintendent decided last June to extend his time beyond the scheduled June 2001 termination date of his contract. Last month, Friedland announced his final intention to depart by Sept. 1, 2001.

Larsen worked with the board previously, after Friedland initially announced his decision to resign. She described the purpose of her Monday night reappearance as "a recapitulation of the work we did together last spring."

"The critical issues, the characteristics we discussed last April, haven't changed significantly," Larsen said. She recommended placing the advertisements for the new superintendent on Jan. 21, Feb. 4, and, if necessary, Feb. 25.

Cops cited for feats in borough

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Four incidents, nine commendations.

Mountainside Police Chief James Debbie presented commendations to nine of his police officers at the borough's annual reorganization meeting last week. The officers were cited for their handling of incidents dating to April, June, July and October.

Sgt. Alan Attanasio, Cpl. Thomas Murphy, Detective Lt. Todd Turner, Officer John Philippakos, Officer Thomas Norton, Sgt. Joseph Giannuzzi, Cpl. Kenneth Capobianco, Officer Stephen DeVito and Officer Richard Antonacci were cited by Debbie for their work in two criminal incidents and two health-related incidents. The officers used the department's portable defibrillators to restore life to three of the borough residents involved.

Attanasio, a department veteran since 1989, and Murphy, a member of the force since 1994, responded to the Spanish Tavern Restaurant on Route 22 East at 5 a.m. April 14 on a report from the restaurant's owner of a man breaking into the building. Discovering that the door to the dining area had been forcibly entered, and hearing a loud banging sound on the second floor, Attanasio went up to the second floor and found the suspect trying to pry open the restaurant's office safe with a crowbar.

Attanasio radioed for assistance, and Murphy arrived. According to Debbie, "as the sergeant identified himself, the suspect turned toward him as if he was going to confront the sergeant rather than be apprehended." Holding the suspect at gunpoint, Attanasio repeatedly told him to drop the crowbar.

The suspect, Debbie pointed out, had only been out of prison less than a month prior to his apprehension in Mountainside, and has since been connected to other "safe jobs" throughout a number of jurisdictions. The arrest by Attanasio and Murphy

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Photo By Barbara Kakkalis

Mountainside Councilman Thomas Perrotta takes the oath of office for a second full term from Municipal Judge Bart Barre Jan. 2 as his wife Gina and daughter Jessica stand by his side. Perrotta has pledged to provide more services to the growing number of young families moving into Mountainside.

Influx of youth calls for change

By John Celock
Staff Writer

Residents of Mountainside may notice that the general population of the borough is becoming younger.

A recent demographic study conducted by the Board of Education revealed that the overall population of the borough has seen an increase in the number of young families in the community.

Board President Patricia Taeschler said the school system conducted the study after seeing an increase in the amount of new kindergarten students in comparison to the projected enrollment figures. She said the overall study and the increasing amount of early childhood students at Deerfield School began to reveal the increase in the community.

Currently, the board is conducting a door-to-door survey of residents to gauge an accurate count of school-aged children in the borough, which is expected to be completed next month.

Councilman Thomas Perrotta recently made the growth trend of young families in the borough one of

his top concerns for this year. Perrotta would like to see borough government focus on the issue and plan more programs geared toward younger Mountainside families.

"You want to continue to provide the recreational programs for the changing population. It is a good thing that a lot of people want to raise their families in Mountainside," Perrotta said.

During his re-election campaign last year, Perrotta said he and running mate, Councilman Bill Lane, began to notice the influx of young families that have moved into the borough. In addition, Perrotta said he has been actively following the data collected by the school board's demographic study.

Perrotta believes borough government should work on increased recreational programming, in light of the younger population of the borough. He cited a new karate class and the ice skating rink as examples of positive steps taken by the Recreation Department in recent years.

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Area seniors to relive college days

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

This month, Springfield and Mountainside will be offering their senior citizens a chance to talk about health issues — and may even give them the option of turning the subject into college credits.

Union County College's Life Center program will kick off 2001 with a pair of college-level classes tailored to the health and well-being of senior citizens.

"Our courses are parallel to what the college does on campus," said Ivan Rubin, director of the Life Center. "Seniors can actually get college credit on their transcript by taking them."

Rubin described the Springfield course, which begins at Jonathan Dayton High School Jan. 23, as "Biology 101 without the lab component." Taught by Union County College Biology Department Chairman Bill Dunscombe, the course offers lessons on organ functions.

"We want them to have an understanding of what's supposed to happen with the organs, and the things that can happen," Dunscombe said. "We try to give an understanding of the things that can happen as a result of the aging process."

According to Dunscombe, a variety of maladies will be discussed, including Alzheimer's disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and eye problems. "It's important to be an informed consumer," Dunscombe said. "If you go to a physician, you're the consumer. Write down your questions."

Dunscombe encourages patients to have "a 30-second drill when you go in to see your doctor." He said patients are often stricken with "white coat syndrome," which causes them to defer to their physicians without having their own full say.

"You have to have an informed citizenry, you have to understand things," Dunscombe said. "And sometimes you can just miss things. Go in and bring someone with you. Four eyes are better than two ears."

A 29-year veteran, Dunscombe teaches anatomy and physiology for nursing students and other allied health students. Although not a physician himself, he said he draws heavily on his teaching experience for his Life Center classes, which he described as "custom tailored" for seniors.

At Mountainside's Borough Hall, Kenneth Melman will be talking about "Nutrition in Health and Disease." A biology teacher at Kean University, Melman's course will focus on good nutrition as a method of preventing disease.

Melman said he wants his students "to bring in their own concerns. This course isn't designed to be a lecture — the seniors aren't taking notes and tests. It's more of a discussion, with a lot of class participation." He described the course as "very informal and not very technical."

Melman stressed the fact that he does not provide medical advice. As for structuring the class for college credits, he said, "I have to gear the course for the majority who are taking it," a decision he will have to make once the class needs are determined.

For more information, call (908) 965-2999.

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Today

- The Berkeley Heights Board of Education meets for an executive session at 7 p.m. followed by a conference meeting at 8 p.m. in the Clausen Administration Complex, Berkeley Heights.

Sunday

- Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, hosts a construction challenge at 2 p.m. Children and their families may use only paper to see if they can create the strongest bridge or the tallest tower. Donations will be accepted. For information, call Judy Leibowitz at (908) 789-3670.

Monday

- The Springfield Clergy Association hosts a Martin Luther King Jr. Day march and vigil. Marchers will meet at the main entrance of Jonathan Dayton High School at 6:57 p.m. and march to the vestibule at the Springfield Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., for shared prayers and songs.
- The Springfield Environmental Commission meets for a regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Tuesday

- The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

- The Springfield Historical Society hosts an antique china program meeting at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church parish house, Church Mall, Springfield. Fanwood resident Adele Kenny will speak about the top collectible china for 2001. For information, call (973) 376-4784.

Upcoming events

Jan. 18

- The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host a book discussion group in the library meeting room at 10 a.m. Copies of the reading set are available for \$20. For information on the discussion, call the library at (973) 376-4930.

Jan. 22

- The Springfield Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.
- The Mountainside Public Library Board of Trustees will meet for a monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the library on Constitution Plaza.

Jan. 23

- The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its lunchtime video series with "Stand By Me" at noon. Participants should bring a lunch. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call the library at (973) 376-4930.
- The Mountainside Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

Jan. 24

- The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host

a children's program in honor of the Chinese New Year from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ellen Tilson Parker of Youth Stages will lead a creative dramatics performance based on the tale "Eyes of the Dragon," by Margaret Leaf.

The program is free and is intended for children in kindergarten through third grade. Pre-registration is required by calling (973) 376-4930.

Jan. 26

- The Springfield Recreation Department will sponsor a trip to see Disney's "Beauty and the Beast on Ice" at the Continental Airlines Arena. The bus departs at 6 p.m. from the Chisholm Community Center. Tickets are \$32 per person and can be purchased at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, through Monday. For information, call (973) 912-2227.

Feb. 1

- The Foothill Club of Mountainside will meet at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield for a monthly meeting and luncheon. Slides and artifacts featuring the Navaho Indians will be shown.

Guests are welcome. For reservations, call Genevieve Kaczka at (908) 232-3626.

Feb. 2

- Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, will host a free book discussion series at 7:30 p.m. Mitch Albom's "Tuesdays With Morrie," will be discussed. Coffee and dessert will be served. Everyone is welcome. Future book suggestions will be solicited. For information, call Max Mobley at (800) 445-4129.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Employees, volunteers receive service awards

Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti and the Borough Council presented several awards to borough employees and volunteers at the Jan. 2 reorganization meeting.

Borough Recreation Director Susan Winans was honored for her 27 years of service as the head of the borough's Recreation Department and the community pool.

Resident Marilyn Tonnessen was presented with an award for her service on the Local Assistance Board.

Resident Jay Kelk was presented with an award for his 30 years of service as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department.

The family of the late municipal Judge Robert Ruggiero was presented with a plaque in recognition of Ruggiero's service as chief magistrate of the borough.

Officers earn honors

The new officers of the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department were honored during the Borough Council's Jan. 2 reorganization meeting. The new fire officers are: Chief Gary Cantagallo, Assistant Chief Tom Salimbene, Deputy Chief Marc Franciosa, Deputy Chief Jeff Stoffer, Capt. John Browne and Walter Heckel, and Lts. Pat Federico and Stewart Jurczk.

Volunteers named to Mountainside boards

The Mountainside Borough Council is preparing to name two borough residents to volunteer boards in municipal government.

Vincent Vitola will be named to the Shade Tree Commission and Diane Ruggiero will be named to Historic Preservation Committee at the council's Jan. 16 regular meeting.

We're asking
How did you manage in the recent snowstorm?



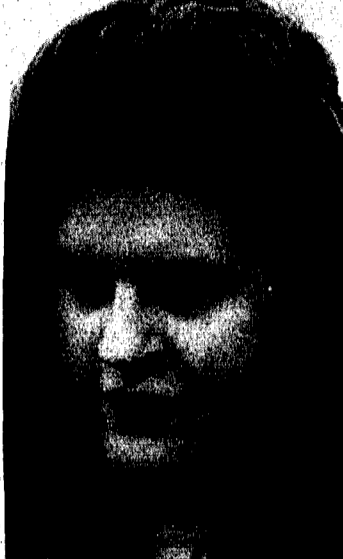
Patty Thompson

"Pretty good except for the back-breaking shoveling job. I drove much slower than usual. I think everybody was ready for it this time."



Nancy Wilcox

"It was fine because I was prepared. My son shoveled me out. Personally, I like the snow, but it was too much this time."



Rena Moya

"I did okay; my husband shoveled and I went sleigh riding with our baby."



Susan Merritt

"I shoveled myself out and did okay."

Students honored

Michael Margello and Jonathan Doorley of Mountainside have been named to the headmaster's list at Delbarton. Margello, a sophomore, achieved high honors. Doorley, a junior, earned high honors.

Jason Sayanlar and Ryan Walsh, both of Springfield, also were named to the list. A senior and eighth-grader respectively, the township residents each achieved highest honors.

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St. James to open gates for new \$2.4-million sanctuary in the spring

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the first part in a series about the various religions and houses of worship in Springfield and Mountainside.

It will be the only new Roman Catholic church built in the Archdiocese of Newark this year, and as pastor of St. James The Apostle Church in Springfield, the Rev. Robert Stagg couldn't be more excited.

Father Bob, as he prefers to be called, said, "We will break ground about Easter time and hopefully will be finished and in our new church

building the following Easter, 2002." He is sure of this because the total cost of \$2.4 million is pledged, with about \$1.6 million banked already.

"The altar will be right in the center, and the congregation will be seated around it, giving the church a much greater degree of intimacy, in keeping with the Vatican II ideas," said the pastor, studying the architectural plans, "and it will be a completely separate building."

Currently, the parish at St. James The Apostle Church is combined; the large church school can be accessed from the sanctuary. Stagg describes

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— The Rev. Robert Stagg
St. James The Apostle Church

the church as box-style, but beautiful with stained glass windows depicting the cycle of the life of Christ, from birth through the Stations of the Cross, to the Ascension. The windows are on either side of the worship center with the altar set back up three steps from the floor.

"It is not handicapped-accessible, for one thing, although we give communion down the stairs for those in wheelchairs, and it is dark, even with lighting," the priest said.

The beautiful windows, which are treasured by the parish, will be moved by a glass company and reframed and placed in the new church building. In the end, the new edifice will be totally accessible to the handicapped, as all will be on one floor. The 1,400 church families who are members will have more room and a closeness to the altar they never had before. There will be a larger parking area, and a colonnade with outdoor space for social events.

Although St. James already has a large baptistry for adults, as well as the traditional one for infants, in the new facility both will be centered in a direct line with the altar and visible to all, which Stagg feels is very important. He strongly believes in adult baptism, which is performed with ritual and ceremony at Easter time, primarily for those never baptized and who wish to join the faith.

"When we have this, the congregation usually breaks into applause; it is very moving," said the priest.

Although he would not take credit for the idea of a new church building, he admitted to appointing a committee to consider the idea, and his enthusiasm caught on with the committee; it was approved.

"A new building is, to me, a sign of

great hope for the entire parish community, which we are sure it will be," said Stagg. "This is the end of a growth period in our parish which began a few years ago."

The ebullient priest has been pastor of St. James The Apostle Church for seven years, and has witnessed burgeoning growth in every area. There are no less than six choirs, starting with small children to adults. There are 200 groups and societies in the parish, and many more meeting rooms are needed for them. He had founded a youth group of teens when he came and that has grown every single year and is dear to his heart; he takes the group skiing and on trips and is very close to the youth of the church.

The new plans will release the present sanctuary for use as an auditorium and gym, which is much needed by the school. "Like a big family, we are growing and simply need more space," said the priest.

Almost 10,000 square feet of new church will be created by the new

structure, which will be used strictly for worship. "It will be part of our campus, set back in the wooded area near the parish house offices," Stagg said.

The very first St. James The Apostle Church was built in 1923 on Morris Avenue, where the Summit Bank now stands. It was moved 30 years later to his present location on South Springfield Avenue. The parish encompasses much more than Springfield residents, and the pastor quipped, "We have about 17 zip codes on the mailing list who are active members here."

A Roman Catholic priest for 25 years, Stagg was first an associate pastor with Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Maplewood for six years. After that, he spent 13 years as

chaplain/teacher at Caldwell College, and also taught at Seton Hall University. He spent the entire night at Seton Hall after the Jan. 19, 2000 fire, counseling students along with other clergy. He is an enthusiastic participant in the Springfield Interfaith Clergy group.

The parish has a large staff which includes at least six women who work full time. Perhaps one of the busiest is Director of Music Ministries Janet Natale, who coordinates the six choirs and all of the music in the large parish. Associate pastor is the Rev. Anthony Nardo, and Stagg works closely with all his staff, whom he praises highly.

So at St. James the Apostle, all eyes are to the future, especially the groundbreaking in the spring.

Teen Center open on Tuesdays and Fridays

The winter season at the Springfield Teen Center runs Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. for Springfield residents or students between the ages of 12 and 17 years old.

IDs are required for admittance. Stop by the Teen Center on the second floor of the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave., to obtain a membership form.

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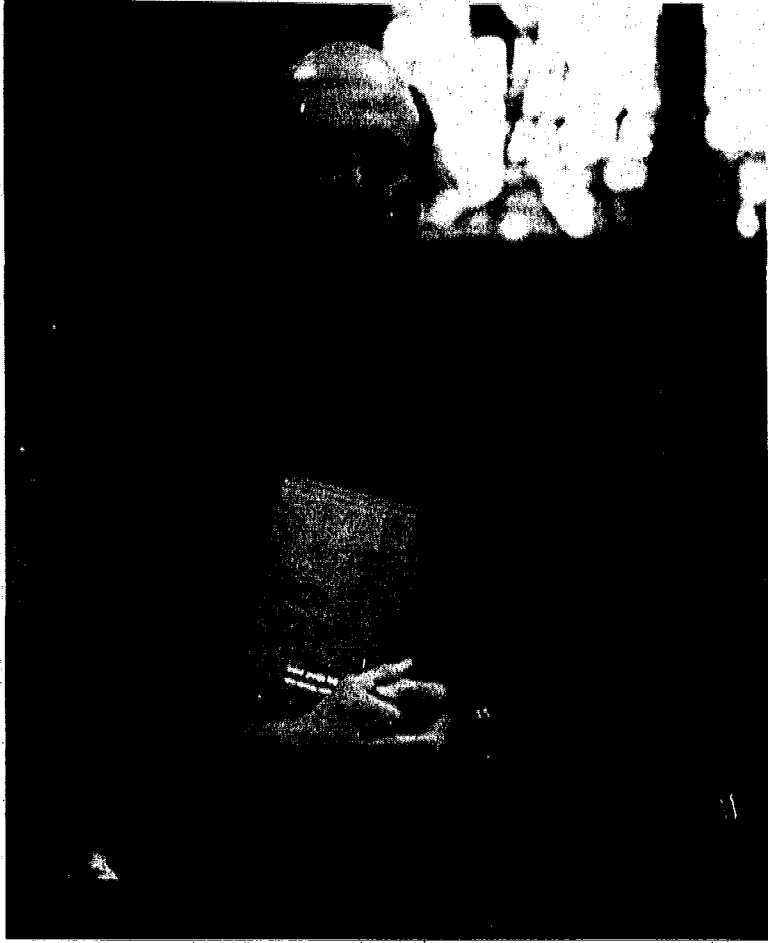


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The Rev. Robert Stagg is enthused about the new sanctuary that will be erected on the South Springfield Avenue campus of St. James The Apostle Church next year. 'A new building is, to me, a sign of great hope for the entire parish community,' the pastor said.

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EDITORIALS

Viglianti agenda should reflect trend

When Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti delivered his State of the Borough address Jan. 2, he placed an especially heavy emphasis on the borough's \$6-million infrastructure program.

While the three-year plan to improve Mountainside's roads and sewers is undoubtedly an overdue project, we question the mayor's near single-mindedness in steering borough officials away from other policy and service issues that are posing to affect the municipality this year.

Serious consideration must be given to the fact that the Borough of Mountainside is experiencing demographic changes of a sort unparalleled since the 1970s. Demographic studies conducted by Whitehall Associates last winter in conjunction with the school district's space crunch indicate a resurgence in the number of young families that have moved into the borough since the 1990 U.S. Census. The number of births since then has obviously increased, according to Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller.

The Viglianti administration's agenda should reflect more of a demonstrable vision for keeping up with the times as they relate to this newest, significant trend. The mayor points to the need to "always look to the future — providing for our children, caring for our seniors and recognizing that our younger and middle-aged residents expect a progressive community," but stops short of mentioning any recognizable goals to achieve those ends.

Yes, additional programs will be offered by the Recreation Department, and borough facilities will witness other upgrades and improvements this year. But many of those projects are actually geared toward Mountainside's aging population.

We applaud Councilman Thomas Perrotta's savvy in acknowledging the fact that "Mountainside is changing and becoming younger." His epiphany could not have been more valid when he proclaimed, "You want to be able to provide the same services we have always had." Councilmen Bill Lane and Keith Turner adamantly endorsed Perrotta's position.

Just as the Board of Education has braced itself for these inevitable changes, so too should the Viglianti administration.

A leader

One of the world's best known advocates of active non-violent confrontation, Martin Luther King Jr. provided America, and the world, with an example of what can be done through unity, based upon spiritual premises.

Born Jan. 15, 1929, many states in the nation celebrate King's birthday by proclaiming it a legal holiday. While most people remember him as "the guy who fought for black people," we remind readers about King's spiritual side, which he said provided the basis for everything he accomplished as a civil rights leader.

King was the son of the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., and grandson of the Rev. A.D. Williams, both pastors of Ebenezer Baptist Church. After attending the Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa., he attended Boston University, where he received a doctorate in theology in 1955, and soon thereafter accepted the pastorate of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

It was in Montgomery where King made his first appearance on the national stage when, five days after Rosa Parks refused to obey the city's rules mandating segregation on buses, black residents elected King as president of the newly formed Montgomery Improvement Association and launched the bus boycott.

While the bus boycott started his career as a civil rights leader, there were many other remarkable accomplishments he helped bring forth, including the March on Washington in 1963 attended by 200,000 people; the plan to let the authorities arrest African Americans, which overcrowded local jail cells to the point that some prisoners had to be let go; and the march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., in 1965 to demand federal protection of black's voting rights.

Above and foremost, King was a preacher.

We pay our respects to a man who did so much to try to help people of all colors realize that God's sun shines on people of all colors, races and ethnic backgrounds.

"Freedom is always within the framework of destiny."

—Martin Luther King Jr.
civil rights leader
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Winter wonderland



Photo By Ruthanne Wagner

Parents and children race up and down the snow-covered hillside at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside on New Year's Day after a fast and furious snowstorm dumped more than a foot of snow on the area. Residents spent the holiday weekend shoveling out from the first major storm of the season.

Let's separate science from science fiction

Okay, it's 2001. Let's talk about space ships.

I'll start by saying that the only space ships I believe in are the ones I see on American Movie Classics. But when I see an alleged documentary on The Discovery Channel on the subject of alien sightings, with people claiming to have been probed by little fellows with forceps and bulging eyes, I immediately start cursing the programming director. It just isn't serious programming. It's crackpot stuff. If it's not scheduled for Halloween week, I resent it deeply.

Science is science. Science fiction is something else. As a genre, science fiction is okay. But why a minority of middle American farmers can't keep their science fiction as entertainment — why they feel they have to bamboozle sensible people with stories about landings and abductions and so

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

forth — that's a bad indicator of the level of boredom among Americans, and has been for more than 40 years.

Is there life elsewhere? My common sense tells me that yes, there might be something, but that something doesn't necessarily approximate the human form, and it certainly hasn't attacked Washington, D.C.

Life may be plant form of some kind. It may be out there. It may be something. I don't know for sure, of course, because I'm not Carl Sagan or Arthur C. Clarke. But I'm not fanta-

sizing about it either; if some kind of life exists, however minimal, that's fine. If it doesn't, that's fine too. I'm not so bored with my existence on this little Earth that I have to tell people I was kidnapped at raygun point and taken aboard a flying saucer.

The flying saucer fantasy fills the empty hours by providing something to speculate on and believe in. Just like JFK assassination plots; nothing has been proven in the way of a plot or conspiracy, but Americans are absolutely knocking themselves out trying to find one. In just the same way they're watching the skies, thinking that they're seeing the things they want to see.

But here's the rub: like watching a horror movie, these saucer-watchers are capable of participating without being in actual danger. They're in the habit of creating and living their own

flying saucer movie. It's not aliens they're under attack by. It's plain old, garden-variety ennui.

For me, I can't participate. This alien speculation and imagination game is played with too much gusto; there's too much wasted energy for too little reward. This is a kid's game. If you're more than 3 1/2 feet tall and you're still playing with ideas about flying saucers and bug-eyed visitors from the planet Xzonitor, that's not very good.

Adult Americans can find other activities to occupy their empty hours. Even the weirdest, dumbest JFK assassination theories are better. Heaven help me for saying this, but even "Wheel of Fortune" is better.

The danger isn't coming from outer space. It's coming from inner space — that deep core of nothingness that expands and overwhelms us all every once in a while.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the toys, Springfield

To the Editor:

Since November, Firefighters Joe Popolo, Marc Corea and Tom Ernst have been collecting toys at the Springfield Fire Department for the Marine Corp Reserve's Toys For Tots program. This year, I am happy to report that the Springfield Fire Department collected almost 4,000 toys to be distributed amongst the underprivileged and needy children of North Jersey.

The success of this program is due in large part to the cooperative efforts of many. A special thank you goes out to the citizens of Springfield, township employees, the members of the Springfield Clergy Council and their respective congregations, the *Echo Leader*, and all of the businesses and anonymous donors who helped make the holidays brighter for some children.

Next year, we hope to double the amount of toys collected. Beginning in November, we will reach out to the businesses, citizens and clergy of Springfield to begin our 2001 Toys for Tots program.

Firefighter Thomas Ernst
Springfield Fire Department

Come and march with us Monday

To the Editor:

Last year, the Springfield Clergy Council hosted a candlelight March of Hope in celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Members of the Springfield community gathered to light candles and walk together down Mountain Avenue to Town Hall. We gathered to make a statement of solidarity and inclusion which reflected the "Beloved Community" that Dr. King so aptly described and faithfully sought. We were people from different faith backgrounds. We were people whose conscience had informed us that to become a truly inclusive community, we need to do the difficult and intentional work of social justice even if it meant braving the 11-degree temperature at last year's vigil. The sacrifices of walking in the cold last year were hardly difficult in comparison to the dogs and water cannons directed at those in the civil rights movement in the past.

One of the blessings of the evening was the conversation that we shared together as we walked. We met caring neighbors and warm-hearted citizens of Springfield. We also heard some of the religious and civic leaders of this community speak about the importance of keeping alive the dream and vision of Dr. King.

One of the most shocking and perhaps poignant moments of the walk down Mountain Avenue was to hear someone shouting to us from the cover and anonymity of the dark night. He shouted, "We don't believe in the — expletive

deleted — vision of Martin Luther King here." It was a powerful reminder of just how important it was for us to continually lift up the vision and dream of Dr. King.

The voices of fear, racism and bigotry continue to be a cancer that grows in our society as well as our own community. The cancer of racism has the capability to consume and destroy the community that so many of us wish would reflect the values of inclusion, compassion, liberty and justice for all.

Springfield Clergy Association is sponsoring a candlelight march on Monday that will begin on the front steps of the Jonathan Dayton High school at 7 p.m. These are the very steps that Dr. King crossed on his way to speak at Jonathan Dayton in 1966, a part of our history in Springfield that for many has been forgotten.

We will light candles and walk to the front steps of Town Hall where there will be some brief remarks from civic and religious leaders. We will also read a letter from Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Civil Disobedience which Coretta Scott King has addressed to us in Springfield. The Martin Luther King observance will conclude before 8 p.m.

I invite, encourage and call all those who want to help build Dr. King's "Beloved Community" to come, light a candle, and walk in solidarity together as we celebrate the life and vision of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Rev. Jeff Markay
Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church

Four stars to Public Works crews

To the Editor:

The Borough of Mountainside did a great job of cleaning our roads of snow to make them passable. To all those responsible, a thankful four stars.

Joseph Chieppa
Mountainside

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We can't survive on past accomplishments

Editor's note: The following are excerpts from Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti's State of the Borough address delivered at the Jan. 2 reorganization meeting of the Borough Council. This is the first of two parts.

This evening, which many believe to be the start of the new millennium, I would like to present to you this report describing the status of Mountainside. Drawing from my last year's report, I will give you an update as to what has occurred in several major areas of Mountainside's government.

Effective this past January, our Channel 35 became full time. Channel 35 now shows Berkeley Heights and programs from our high school, Governor Livingston. While Channel 35 use has increased, there is still a lot to be accomplished. Thus, this evening I have created a new board of council members to oversee, expand and improve this channel.

The contracts on the cell towers have increased in the year 2000 to four companies: Spring, Verizon, AT&T and Voice Stream. The four contracts together provide the borough with over \$133,000 in revenue.

Our commuter parking lot is complete and full. The present permit fees will not only pay for all costs related to this lot, but will also provide a small surplus to be used for future maintenance and repair. As you may recall, 95 percent of the construction costs were paid for via a state grant. This lot provides 40 residents with a commuter parking facility while not taxing the rest of our community. The lot also increased the available parking here at Borough Hall which is needed for the users of our Borough Hall and our Community Room.

This past year, 40 groups used our Community Room for a total of 902 hours. This use will increase in the coming year. This year, through grants, improvements will be made to this room, including the addition of a restroom, a fitness area and a computer learning center. With these upgrades, additional programs will be undertaken by the Recreation Department. This Recreation Department also anticipates offering a variety of new programs, including computer classes, health and fitness activities, expanding adult trips and introducing field hockey programs for grades four and five.

This year will also see the completion of the renovations and maintenance of the library and Fire Department buildings. I again cry out that both the fire company and the Rescue Squad are in need of volunteers.

As I have said for the past several years, "None of us, including Mountainside, can survive on past accomplishments." We must move forward and maintain our community, as you maintain your home. Mountainside, in order to preserve its high property val-

From The Mayor's Desk

By Robert Vigilanti

ues, must keep up with the times.

Last year, I indicated that your mayor and council were receiving a report from Mike Disko, our borough engineer, regarding maintenance and improvements proposed for our roads and storm and sanitary sewer system. We have received Disko's report, and council has set in place a three-year program of upgrading our roads and sewers.

A Republican, Robert Vigilanti is serving in his fourth term as mayor of Mountainside.

Fanny Wald

Fanny Wald of Springfield died Dec. 30 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Offenbach, Germany, Mrs. Wald lived in Newark and Millburn before moving to Springfield 12 years ago. She was a nursery school teacher at the Irvington Day Care Center, Irvington, and retired six years ago.

Mrs. Wald was a graduate of the College of Montessori Nursery School Teachers, Germany. She was a member of the Organization of Rehabilitation Through Training, the Hadassah of Millburn and the Sisterhood of B'nai Israel of Millburn.

Surviving are three daughters, Phyllis Lantz, Rita Sklar and Sharyn Model; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Nathan Stern

Nathan Stern, 84, of Mountainside died Dec. 29 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Stern lived in Irvington before moving to

Mountainside. He owned Tabachnik's Kosher Deli, Springfield, for 33 years and retired four years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Clara; two sisters, Leah and Hannah, and four brothers, Sam, Aaron, Morris and Martin.

Selma Engel

Selma Engel, 71, of Springfield, formerly of Hillside, died Jan. 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Engel lived in Hillside for many years before moving to Springfield 26 years ago. She was a bookkeeper for Appruzzee, McDermott and Mastro Law Office in Liberty Corner and retired in 1993.

Mrs. Engel was a member of the Deborah of Springfield, the Hadassah of Springfield and Sinai Sisterhood of Hillside.

Surviving are her husband, Philip; two sons, Michael and Mark, and two grandchildren.

Margaret R. Delmont

Margaret R. Delmont, 86, of Bridgewater, formerly of Mountain-

side, died Dec. 30 in Brandywine Assisted Living at Middlebrook Crossing, Bridgewater.

Born in Stamford, Conn., Mrs. Delmont lived in Edison, Richmond, Va., and Mountainside before moving to Bridgewater more than a year ago.

Surviving are three brothers, Vito, Salvatore and Frank Romano, and a sister, Carmela DeCamp.

William E. Percival

William E. Percival, 84, of Springfield died Jan. 7 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in New Vernon, Mr. Percival lived in Upper Montclair before moving to Springfield 30 years ago. He was a wire enameleer for Driver Harris Co., Harrison, for 45 years and retired in 1979.

Surviving are two daughters, Janice M. Feuerherm and Judith M. Erholm; two sisters, Elsie Corcoran and Laura Brown; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mildred Mulligan

Mildred Mulligan, 99, of Moun-

tainside died Jan. 3 at home.

Born in Westfield, Mrs. Mulligan moved to Mountainside in 1952. She was treasurer of the Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Bank, Westfield, where she worked for 42 years and retired in 1965.

Mrs. Mulligan was past matron of Atlas Chapter 99 Order of the Eastern Star of Westfield, where she was a member for more than 80 years. She also had been grand officer of the state organization.

Matthew R. Pomo

Matthew R. Pomo of Mountainside died Jan. 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Pomo lived in Mountainside for the past 35 years. He was an interior designer, associated with East Orange Mill End Co. for many years and retired six years ago.

Mr. Pomo attended Seton Hall University and graduated from Whitman School of Interior Designs in New York City. He served in the Army National Guard for eight years.



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Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti congratulates outgoing Councilman Ronald Romak on his 14 years of service to the borough. Romak stepped down from his seat on the Borough Council this month, but will remain at the emergency management director post.

Department's extra defibrillator pays off

(Continued from Page 1) resulted in a 17-year prison sentence for the suspect. Turner, Philippakos and Norton were cited for commendations for their response to a domestic violence incident in late June, in which an elderly man — who was involved in a physical confrontation with his adult son at the time — collapsed of cardiac arrest. Turner, who was the first to arrive at the scene, separated the two men, after which, in Debbie's words, the elderly man "grasped his chest and fell suddenly to the ground." Showing no vital signs, the victim was administered CPR and was finally brought back to life by Philippakos and Norton, who were carrying one of the department's portable defibrillators. The three officers were awarded the department's commendation for life saving. The elderly man was taken to Over-

look Hospital, where open heart surgery was performed. The son was charged with domestic violence and third-degree assault. The department's defibrillators again came to the rescue in two cases of cardiac arrest in July and October. On July 10, a borough man's life was saved after he was discovered collapsed in the doorway of his home by Giannuzzi, Capobianco, Murphy, DeVito and Antonacci. In an Oct. 15 incident, an elderly female resident was saved from cardiac arrest by Giannuzzi and Antonacci through the combined use of CPR and the automatic defibrillator. The victim, Debbie pointed out, has since made a complete recovery. "The device used to save this victim was acquired through a state grant at no cost to the borough," Debbie said, "and supplements the one defibrillator already in use by the Police Department."

Curriculum not checked since '97

(Continued from Page 1) "The buck stops here: it is my fault and I take full responsibility; I should have caught it," Schaller said. Both parents were placated when Schaller promised to pull it from the curriculum, go through it carefully and let parents make their own decisions about it. Taeschler agreed, saying, "It rubs me the wrong way as well; I also am a mother. Abstinence should always be taught in this curriculum. We will have a meeting, and a letter will be sent out to the parents."

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(Continued from Page 1) "We are trying to provide different programs for all ages," Perrotta said, noting that the borough recently hired an assistant recreation director to assist with the increased activities of the department. Lane agrees with Perrotta that the borough needs to work on more programs tailored to the younger population. "We need to continue to increase the services, including recreation, to address the needs of the demographics of our community," Lane said. Borough Recreation Director Sue Winans said her department is working to tailor its programming to the youth. She noted that her Rec Department has initiated new soccer, softball and basketball programs. In addition, she encourages residents to

come to her with programming ideas. "We are receptive if people come in with programming ideas," Winans said. Frank Isoldi, a real estate agent in Westfield, said he has noticed that most of the homes he has sold in Mountainside in recent years have been to young families. Most young families he talks to are looking at quiet neighborhoods with good school systems. "I think that a lot of the young families are looking for homes with more property. Scotch Plains, Cranford and Westfield do not offer that, but Mountainside does," Isoldi said. Isoldi said most of the homes coming onto the market in the borough are being vacated by senior citizens. The seniors are either moving into retirement communities and assisted living

communities, or dying. "The majority of young families are looking for homes in Cranford, Westfield and Scotch Plains, but when you mention Mountainside to them, they find it to be a great place," Isoldi said. Lane, 32, moved into the borough five years ago. He said he and his wife and two young children intend to stay in Mountainside, and he has noticed that most other young families plan to stay as well. "I personally believe — and I've lived in a couple of towns — that Mountainside is a really good place to raise a family. People who move into Mountainside, tend to stay in Mountainside," Lane said. Mountainside Newcomers' Club President Susan McCarthy said she has seen more young families moving

into the borough. She said the reasons she's heard have included a low tax rate, a good school system, recreational activities, the community pool and a friendly atmosphere. Perrotta, 34, hopes to see more young families move into the borough. "I like to see young kids here," said Perrotta, who is married with one young daughter. "I was a young child in Mountainside and I want to raise my family in Mountainside."

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastor Lee Weaver for more information at 908 277-1700.

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Verve takes on new dimensions as Summit High School's newspaper

By John Celock
Staff Writer

The next Woodward and Bernstein may be sitting inside Summit High School.

The Board of Education has revamped the high school's journalism program by introducing an additional class and reconfiguring the school newspaper. The core of the changes involve introducing a new Journalism II course, and expanding the half-year Journalism I class to a full year.

High school journalism teacher Timothy Lucas said the change was made to expose journalism to more students. As a result of the new class offerings, the staffing of the school newspaper has changed — from one that served primarily as an afterschool club staff to one that now functions during school hours.

"The fact that we can produce the paper day to day is a plus," Lucas said.

In addition to the staff composition change, the paper's name has changed from *The Tower* to *Verve*. Staff members said the students in three journalism classes brainstormed new paper names and decided on *Verve*, since they thought it fit their mission.

According to the Compact American Dictionary, *verve* is defined as energy and enthusiasm, as in artistic performance or composition.

The paper, which is produced bi-monthly, has seen a staff growth since the creation of the new classes. According to Lucas, 38 students are

currently enrolled in the journalism program.

"I think that the thing that attracted the most students is the fact that we are in-school," *Verve* staffer Brad Olsen said.

The program is currently divided into one Journalism I class and two Journalism II classes. Lucas said the Journalism II classes consist of upper-level students who take more of an editorial role in the newspaper, while the Journalism I class serves as an entry-level class.

Lucas conducts the classes with an emphasis on newspaper production. He said that in most classes, lectures are not given and the time is focused on the production of *Verve*.

In addition to learning about production, the class reads *The New York Times* on a daily basis and discusses current events. Class members said Lucas does work with them on article formation.

"We get taught a lot about the angles to take on stories," Olsen said, noting that the class also has had lessons on photo captioning, headline writing and quote attribution.

Each issue of *Verve* contains several different sections, aimed at targeting the news of Summit High School. The sections include: Globe, which is the main news section and covers news affecting both the school and community; Turf, the sports section; Screen and Sound; Buzz, a feature section; Smirk, which covers a variety of news; Opine, the editorial page, and letters to the editor.

"There is at least one section that appeals to anyone," staffer Arielle Densen said.

In addition to the various sections, *Verve* staff members have added several specialty features to the main sections. The paper now includes a blind date section, which includes articles about the blind dates the newspaper arranges with students.

Other specialty sections include profiles on students of the month, teacher Q & A's, photo essays, a gossip page and top 10 lists. In the December issue, the top story dealt with the issue of freshmen girls asking boys to the February semi-formal prior to the traditional asking time period.

Written by *Verve* staffer Meg Lyons, the dance story covered this pressing social issue. In past high school history, girls asked boys to this "Sadie Hawkins"-style dance after the school's November homecoming dance. Due to the absence of the homecoming dance in recent years, dates were historically arranged after the homecoming game.

In the fall, girls in the Summit High School freshmen class asked dates to the dance prior to the traditional starting period and sparked a controversy with upper class students.

"It is big news around here," staffer Erika Preistly said of the semi-formal article.

In addition to the regular article on the dance, *Verve* also published photo interviews with four students. These interviews included several questions on the dance issue.

Other December articles included the college preparation process, student stress, the presidential election and student shopping habits.

"One of the things that we are hoping for is that the paper becomes a conversation piece," Lucas said. *Verve* staff members are at work on the next issue of the paper, which is

slated to come out in February. Lucas said journalism students will each write two articles for the issue and then the stories will work their way through the editorial process.

Lucas said all stories will be peer edited and reviewed by him. Editors will then select which stories will be published.

The newspaper is primarily funded through appropriations from the Board of Education. In addition, *Verve* receives some funding from its advertising sales each issue. Staff members said they hope to bring in more outside revenue in the years to come.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Springfield JBLs accepting registrations

The Springfield Junior Baseball Leagues will be accepting registrations for the 2001 season at the Chilsholm Community Center on Springfield Avenue Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. and Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Registration will require a completed registration form, available at time of registration; a check for \$45 registration fee, separate \$25 check for work commitment and the check must be postdated to June 1, 2001 for deposit up to July 1, 2001 and copy of birth certificate for first-time registrants.

Checks should be made payable to: Springfield Junior Baseball Leagues, Inc.

Registrations may also be mailed to Springfield Junior Baseball Leagues, Inc., P.O. Box 444, Springfield, NJ 07081.

Registrations received or post-marked after Jan. 31 will be subject to a \$25 late fee. All registrations must be received by March 1.

Hot Stove Dinner is Wednesday

The 65th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner, sponsored by the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, will be held Wednesday night at 6:30 at L'Affaire Restaurant, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountainside.

At the dinner, awards will be presented to local athletes who have distinguished themselves during the year and seven individuals will be inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame.

The inductees include the late Howard S. Anderson of Summit, Tom Dooley of Cranford, Randy Guerra of Linden, Ray Matlosz of Elizabeth, Leo J. Spirito of Elizabeth, Mike Szabo of Union and Raymond Thompson of R. Park. According to James Iozzi, dinner chairman, the awards for Most Outstanding Male and Female Athlete of Union County will be presented Wednesday evening and there will be three guest speakers.

The guest speakers are former New York Yankees pitcher Johnny Kucks, former Atlanta Braves relief pitcher Tom House and former New York Yankees player Rusty Torres.

Antonio Garay, an All-State football lineman and champion high school wrestler during his days at Rahway High School, is this year's winner of the Chris Zusi Memorial Award for Outstanding Union County Athlete.

Among the other individuals and teams to be honored at the dinner are Dan Del Valle of Linden, winner of the Edward Cooper Memorial Award for Most Valuable Scholastic Baseball Player; Rayneisha Adams of Union, winner of the Banyasz Brothers Memorial Award for Most Valuable Scholastic Softball Player; Danny Diaz of Linden, named Union County American Legion Outstanding Senior League pitcher; and the Linden Recreation baseball team, champions of the Union County American Legion Senior Division.

Proceeds from the dinner help fund the Union County Youth Baseball League for youngsters ages 8-15.

Started in 1945 with just eight teams, the league now encompasses 16 teams in three divisions.

Tickets for the dinner are \$30 and can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, County Administration Building in Elizabeth. Call 908-527-4910.

Kean to host indoor soccer

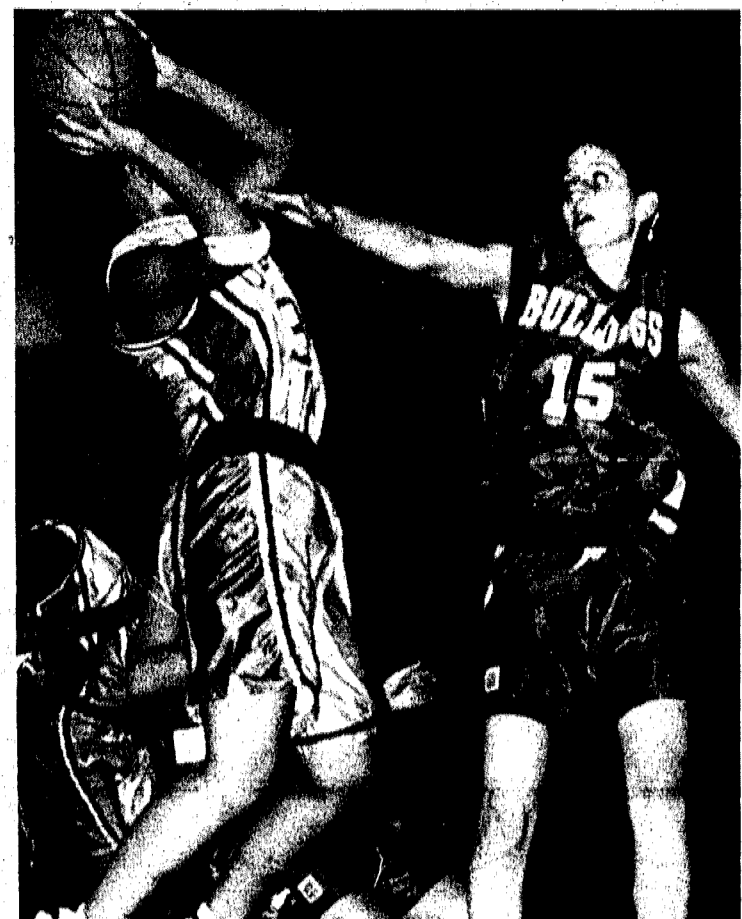
Kean University will be hosting an indoor winter soccer school for boys and girls ages 6-16.

The school, which will run six consecutive Fridays from Jan. 26 to March 6, is designed to teach basic and advanced skills.

The camp will be run by Kean University soccer staff and will include lectures and demonstrations by guest coaches.

The Friday night sessions will run from 6:30 to 8 at the university's east campus indoor facility. The cost of the camp is \$89 per child. Call 908-527-2936.

Winning effort



File photo

The Dayton High School girls' basketball team, sparked by the play of Linda Agostinelli at right, improved to 5-1 last Thursday with a 39-28 win at Roselle Park in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play. The Bulldogs were scheduled to play at Oak Knoll Tuesday, a team they beat for the first time in conference play last year in Springfield by the score of 48-43. Agostinelli scored a team-high 11 points in last week's win against Roselle Park and last year in the win against Oak Knoll netted six points.

Dayton playing up to its capabilities

Bulldogs win J.P. Stevens tilt

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

"Things are going great and as long as we stay healthy and are a little lucky, this will be a special season," is what Dayton High School boys' basketball coach Bill Berger envisions for his team.

After opening the season with a 52-46 loss to North Plainfield, the Bulldogs entered Tuesday's home game against Oratory Prep with a 6-1 record and six-game winning streak.

Two of those wins came in the J.P. Stevens Tournament in North Edison the last week in December as Dayton routed Rahway 54-30 and then edged Union Catholic 50-48, two teams that reside in the larger Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference.

High School Boys' Basketball

During last year's 17-5 season, the Bulldogs defeated Union Catholic 53-26 and then Rahway 49-45 to win the Rahway Tournament.

In this year's tournament title game against UC, Dayton won by taking the last shot with just seconds to go.

Dayton then faced Roselle Park at home last Thursday and came away with a convincing 75-49 MVC-Valley Division victory. The Bulldogs finished second in the Valley Division to St. Mary's of Elizabeth last year and this year St. Mary's is once again the team to beat as it fashioned a 7-0 overall record and 5-0 MVC-Valley mark heading into Tuesday's scheduled game at Newark Central.

Dayton won the Valley in 1998 and St. Mary's in 1999 and 2000. In the win against Roselle Park, the Bulldogs were led by senior point guard Carmine Santarella's 31 points. Santarella, one of the top point guards in Union County, made six three-point baskets and also dished out nine assists.

'Things are going great and as long as we stay healthy and are a little lucky, this will be a special season.' — Dayton High School boys' basketball coach Bill Berger.

Dayton came back the next day and managed to win another close game on the road, this time beating Newark Central 60-58 in Newark. The Bulldogs blew a 17-point lead in the third quarter, but came back to hold on for the conference victory.

Junior forward Matt Paz paced Dayton with a 20-point performance, while senior center Jeff Stapher poured in 17. Senior two-guard Dario Ruggiero scored 12 points, his total coming on four three-point baskets.

"We have four starters who can score in double figures," Berger said. Santarella is averaging 16 points and six assists. Paz, who is the team's leading scorer, is averaging 18, while Stapher is netting 12 and Ruggiero 10. Balanced scoring is indeed.

"One reason for their success is that they are returning players that have experience," Berger said.

With a seven-man rotation, the coach also looks upon the contributions of James Cariello, the fifth starter, and bench players Chad Freundlich and Mo Abdelaziz.

"We have a lot of pieces to the puzzle," Berger said. In running individual plays for each player, Dayton uses this style to play to the strength of the team.

"Carmine brings leadership and ball-handling skills, while Dario is a pure shooter," Berger said. "Paz is a great slasher and Stapher might be the best center in the county."

Dayton's season continues at home today against Manville and extends tomorrow night at Brearley at 7. Brearley won its first two games last week against Oratory and Bound Brook in double overtime and took a 2-5 record into Tuesday night's scheduled home game against Manville.

Dayton swept Oratory, Manville and Brearley in conference play last year. "I expect to win all three games to give us a 9-1 record," Berger said.

Dayton has two key conference games next week as the Bulldogs are scheduled to face St. Mary's Tuesday and North Plainfield at home on Thursday.

"We are very optimistic and I like the way we've been playing," Berger said. In expecting to go 14-2 or 13-3, the coach feels that his club can possibly earn the top seed for the upcoming North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs. Dayton was defeated at home by Newark University in the semifinals last year as the No. 2 seed after reaching the final against eventual Group 1 state champion New Providence the year before as the 10th seed.

"We have the experience of being there," Berger said. "I want the seniors to get back to that point."

Summit basketball teams top Redskins in IHC play

Summit High School varsity basketball teams defeated Parsippany in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play last Friday to improve their records.

The boys' team won 44-38 in Parsippany to improve to 6-2, while the girls' team won 49-36 in Summit to improve to 5-2.

Summit's boys' team outscored the Redskins 20-11 in the fourth quarter to overcome a 27-24 deficit.

Senior guard Ryan Carey scored 12 points for the Hilltoppers, eight of them coming with the game on the line in the fourth quarter. Sprinzen also scored 12 points and Lamar Freeman 10 for Summit.

Liz Sheridan had an outstanding game for the Summit girls' as she scored 12 points and dished out seven assists. Teammate Karen Jann scored 11 points for the Hilltoppers, who held Parsippany to less than 10 points in each of the first three quarters.

Both Summit squads were scheduled to play West Essex Tuesday as

the boys' were on the road and the girls' home.

GL girls' began the week at 5-2

The Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball team entered Tuesday's key Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division game at home against Union Catholic with a 5-2 overall record and 3-2 mark in the Mountain Division.

H.S. track athletes excel

Dayton's Olga Oksov and Governor Livingston's Dana McCurdy and Matt Sidie were event winners at last Saturday's Mountain Valley Conference track and field meets held at Drew University in Madison.

Sidie was first in the boys' 3,200-meter run in an impressive time of 10:59.02. Roselle won the title for the fifth time in the past seven seasons with 77.50 points. GL was fourth with 42.

McCurdy was a double-winner in the girls' meet as GL was second to Ridge, outpointed by an 80-51 margin.

McCurdy was first in the 400-meter run in 1:03.42 and first in the 55-meter hurdles in 9.16.

Oksov won the high jump event with a mark of 5-2. She was the only MVC athlete to clear five feet.

Dayton coed ice hockey plays today

The Dayton High School coed ice hockey team, which was defeated by Nutley 9-1 at the Bridgewater Sports Arena in Bridgewater last Sunday, is scheduled to continue its season today against Newark Academy in a 5:15 p.m. game at South Mountain Arena in West Orange.

Adam Cohen scored Dayton's lone goal against Nutley.

Upcoming:

Today vs. Newark Academy

South Mountain A., 5:15 p.m.

Saturday Ramsey, 9:15 p.m.

Monday vs. Nutley at

Montclair State, 12:20 p.m.

Wednesday vs. Tenafly at

Twin Oaks, 6:15 p.m.

Jan. 19 No. Highlands, 9:30

Jan. 21 vs. Tenafly at

Englewood, 7:25 p.m.

Jan. 24 vs. Newark Academy

at Twin Oaks, 7:45 p.m.

Jan. 26 Mahwah, 9:30 p.m.

Feb. 3 vs. Ramsey, 7 p.m.

at Sport-O-Rama, Monsey, N.Y.

Feb. 5 vs. No. Highlands, 6:15

at Sport-O-Rama, Monsey, N.Y.

Feb. 11 East Side, 4:15 p.m.

Summit ice hockey began week 6-2-2

The Summit High School ice hockey team began the week with a 6-2-2 overall record and stood at 3-1-2 and in third place with eight points in the New Jersey Interscholastic League's National Conference B Division.

Toms River North was first at 5-1-1, 11 and Clifton second at 5-2-0, 10.

Summit's fifth victory was a 5-3 win against Morris Knolls last Thursday at the Warinanco Rink in Roselle.

Mike Nelson scored two goals and had one assist, while Matt Starker and Doug Kramer each scored a goal and had an assist to spark the Hilltoppers.

Kramer, Nelson and Starker all scored in the second period to help give Summit a 4-2 advantage.

The Hilltoppers, ranked No. 13 in the state this week, are scheduled to play St. Joseph's of Montvale Saturday at 5 p.m. at Sport-O-Rama in Monsey, N.Y.

Upcoming:

Saturday St. Joseph's, Mont. at

Sport-O-Rama, Monsey, N.Y., 5 p.m.

Tuesday Toms River North

at Warinanco, 8:30 p.m.

House Homeless Classic Jan. 26, 27

For the seventh year in a row, some of the Northeast's best high school basketball teams will battle for ranking and improved conditions for local homeless people during the annual "Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless Basketball Classic" on Friday, Jan. 26 and Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Dunn Sport Arena in Elizabeth.

Each year, more than 4,500 fans attend the events.

This year, the high school girls' doubleheader will take place on Friday night, followed by the boys' tripleheader on Saturday night.

The girls' doubleheader, which starts at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, features four of the top 10 teams as ranked by *The Star-Ledger* in late December.

The boys' tripleheader starts at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 and features a matchup of two of the top 10 teams in the state, as well as four top-ranked local teams renewing traditional rivalries.

Tickets for the girls' doubleheader are \$7 for adults and \$3 for students. Admission for the boys' tripleheader is \$12 for adults and \$8 for students.

For ticket information, call 908-964-8103 or 908-687-6963, or contact the participating schools. If not sold out, tickets will be available at the gate on the day of the game.

Proceeds from the "Seventh Annual Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless Basketball Classic" will benefit the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, one of the first agencies to work with homeless people in the state of New Jersey.

The girls' doubleheader on Friday night will begin at 6:45, with St. John Vianney of Holmdel, ranked fifth in the state, vs. No. 10 Elizabeth. At 8:15, No. 1 Red Bank Catholic will face No. 4 Mendham. Red Bank Catholic won last year's Tournament of Champions title and the 1996 crown over Elizabeth as well, while Mendham captured the crown in 1998 and St. John Vianney for a record fifth time in 1999.

The girls' doubleheader is likely to be the best regular season matchup of girls' high school teams in the state in 2001.

The first game of the boys' tripleheader begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 and continues a local rivalry as a much-improved Elizabeth team plays perennial power Union.

Elizabeth, trying to rebound from three consecutive losing seasons, opened its 2000-2001 campaign with an impressive 66-55 win over Union in Watchung Conference-American Division play back on Dec. 15. It was Elizabeth's first win over Union, the defending American Division champs, since the 1997-1998 season.

Rashad Robinson, a 6-8 junior forward, scored 22 points, grabbed eight rebounds and blocked four shots for the Minutemen. Chris Chadwick, a senior guard, scored a game-high 27 points for the Farmers.

The House the Homeless Basketball Classic contest between Elizabeth and Union will also count as a conference game.

The 6:30 p.m. game pits St. Patrick's of Elizabeth, ranked pre-season No. 3 in the nation by *The USA Today*,

against St. Augustine of Richland, ranked sixth in New Jersey.

Last year, St. Patrick's defeated St. Augustine 69-43 at Dunn in the NJSIAA Parochial B state championship game. Jamie Sowers scored nine points and point guard Mike Nardi seven to help the Celtics, coached by Kevin Boyle, win their second state championship in three years.

In Classic play last year, St. Patrick's was edged by Seton Hall Prep 54-53 in a battle of the previous two TOC champions. St. Patrick's winning the title in 1998 and Seton Hall Prep in 1999. Camden, presently No. 1 in the state, won last year's TOC crown, the first public school to win the title since Orange in 1994.

Game No. 3, scheduled to tip off at 8:15 p.m., features a much-anticipated local rivalry game pitting two of the top parochial teams in Union County — Roselle Catholic vs. St. Mary's of Elizabeth.

Roselle Catholic, defending Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division champs, is led by the outstanding play of Phil Bauknight, Jamaal Hilliard, Keith David, Ryan DeGracia, Jimmy Sweeney and Joe D'Angioliello.

St. Mary's, two-time defending MVC-Valley Division champs, is led by the excellent efforts of Taurean Ogunnaik, Jim Massaro, Gary Ward, Salik Bowman, Brett Wyatt, Mario Rivero and Joey Hanks.

"Now in its seventh year, the Classic continues to be one of New Jersey's finest community events," said Rev. William Crum, organizer of the event and a member of the Coalition's Board of Directors. "The girls' doubleheader and the boys' tripleheader spotlight some of the finest high school basketball talent in the region while, at the same time, bringing the issue of homelessness to center court."

The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, since its inception in 1981, has been in the forefront of responding to the needs of homeless families and individuals in Union County.

The Coalition has helped thousands of local homeless people — working families, families on unemployment, children and those retired or disabled.

The Basketball Classic, the major fundraiser for this frontline organization, brings together corporate sponsors, local businesses and individual fans of high school basketball as well as top-ranked teams in New Jersey to raise the consciousness of the homeless issue and to assist those in need of shelter and food.

The setting at Dunn is reminiscent of a county or state tournament atmosphere, which drives the players, coaches and fans as well.

After a narrow overtime loss to Elizabeth in Classic play two years ago, St. Mary's managed to defeat the Minutemen 63-47 last year as Rivero scored eight points and Ogunnaik five. Robinson scored 15 points and had seven rebounds, while Daniels scored 10.

In girls' play last year, St. John Vianney defeated Elizabeth 56-38. Gisel Virella, one of the top sophomore guards in the area this year, scored 12 points, while Shontae Hunter, one of the top senior point guards in the state, scored two for the Minutemen.

Borough firefighter treated for inhalation

Mountainside

The borough's firefighters responded to Brighton Gardens for an activated alarm at 3:36 a.m. Monday.

- A false alarm at Children's Specialized Hospital was reset by firefighters Saturday.
- A flue problem caused a minor smoke condition at a Summit Road residence Jan. 2.
- There was one call for an activated smoke alarm New Year's Day.
- The department assisted in the removal of a car from a ditch off Route 22 East at 6:13 a.m. Dec. 30. No injuries were reported. A call from

FIRE BLOTTER

Mutual Aid sent firefighters to the Kenilworth Fire Department for station coverage at 5:33 p.m. A water condition at Brighton Gardens was handled at 9:08 p.m.

- Three individuals were injured when their vehicle struck a tree near the Route 22/New Providence Road intersection Dec. 29. The victims were extricated and transported to the hospital. One firefighter was treated for inhalation of battery fumes.
- Smoke detector malfunctions sent

the department to Children's Specialized Hospital twice later that day.

- A fire in the engine compartment of a car parked in the lot of Steak 'n' Ale was extinguished by the department Dec. 28.

Springfield

One motor vehicle accident, two activated fire alarms and three medical service calls were answered by township firefighters Jan. 5.

- Firefighters responded to Route 78 West at 8:20 p.m. Jan. 4 for a motor vehicle accident. There were two medical service calls.

- A report of smoke sent the department to a Springfield Avenue business at 11:11 a.m. Jan. 3. There was one medical service call and one call reporting a water condition.

- Four medical service calls and one call for an activated fire alarm were answered Jan. 2.

- Two medical service calls and one call reporting a lock-out at a South Springfield Avenue apartment complex were handled on New Year's Day.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Springfield's elementary schools will offer the following lunch menu for the remainder of January:

Today: Cheeseburger on bun, choice of 1, 2 or 3, potato round, chilled fruit, milk.

Friday: French bread pizza, choice of 1, 2 or 3, tossed salad, pineapple, milk.

Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, school closed.

Tuesday: Three chicken nuggets, 1/2 slice pizza, choice of 1, 2 or 3, mixed vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Fish sticks on bun, choice of 1, 2 or 3, cole slaw, pineapple, milk.

Jan. 18: Spaghetti, meatsauce and bread, choice of 1, 2 or 3, green beans, chilled pears, milk.

Jan. 19: Pizza, choice of 1, 2 or 3, tossed salad, peaches, milk.

Jan. 22: Cheesesteak on bun, choice of 1, 2 or 3, potato rounds, pineapple, milk.

Jan. 23: Chicken patty on bun, choice of 1, 2 or 3, mixed vegetable, peaches, milk.

Jan. 24: Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, choice of 1, 2 or 3, green beans, mixed fruit, milk.

Jan. 25: Hamburger on bun, choice of 1, 2 or 3, buttered corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Jan. 26: Pizza, choice of 1, 2 or 3, carrot/celery stick, fruit juice, milk.

Jan. 29: Hot dog on bun, choice of 1, 2 or 3, barbecue beans, applesauce, milk.

Jan. 30: Grilled cheese on whiste, choice of 1, 2 or 3, green beans, apricots, milk.

Jan. 31: Chicken nuggets roll, choice of 1, 2 or 3, sweet potato, fruit juice, milk.

Alternate Sandwich: Monday, bologna; Tuesday, turkey; Wednesday, hero; Thursday, salami, Friday, Tuna.

Daily, chef salad, peanut butter and jelly bagel/cheese, bread basket.

Library's video series continues Jan. 23

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its lunchtime video series with "Stand By Me" Jan. 23 at noon. The third film in the series examines the issue of growing up in a small town.

Based on Stephen King's "The Body," the movie focuses on four friends — sensitive Gordie, tough-guy Chris, flamboyant Teddy, and scarey-cat Vern — who are in search of a missing teen-ager's body. Wanting to be viewed as heroes by each other and their community, the boys set out on a two-day trek that turns into an odyssey of self-discovery. The film is about friendship and the indelible experiences of growing up.

The "Exploring Family Dynamics" series continues at noon Feb. 6 with "Steel Magnolias."

Man arrested for posting bias handbills

Springfield

Jean Bazelais, 30, of East Orange, was arrested by township police Dec. 28 for posting bias handbills in the windows of five stores on Route 22. The handbills, described in a police report as containing anti-Semitic remarks, as well as remarks against blacks and Haitians, were allegedly placed by Bazelais in the windows of Chen's Restaurant, The Olive Garden, Bennigan's Restaurant, Harman Cosmetics and Barnes & Noble. Bazelais is a native of Haiti.

- Two thefts within 30 minutes of each other occurred on Ashwood Road Jan. 3. At 3:23 p.m., a motor vehicle burglary resulted in the theft of an assortment of compact discs and damage to the vehicle's passenger window. A second theft at 3:56 p.m. resulted in the theft of a Sony Playsta-

POLICE BLOTTER

tion, a wireless headset and a cell phone from a residence.

- A vehicle belonging to a Plainfield resident was stolen from the parking lot of 6th Ave. Electronics on Route 22 West. The vehicle contained an EZ Pass and a garage door opener.
- A watch, valued at \$3,500, and a necklace, valued at \$4,000, were reported stolen from a Linda Lane residence Jan. 2.
- Peter Arendas, 34, of Imperial, Pa., was arrested at a Stonehill Drive address on a contempt charge Dec. 31.
- Belleville resident David Land, 28, was arrested on Morris Avenue Dec. 29 and charged with careless driving and driving while intoxicated.
- Newark resident Manuel Matos, 47, was charged with shoplifting after

he allegedly attempted to steal \$1,237 worth of merchandise from Linens 'N' Things on Route 22 West Dec. 21.

Anthony Romano, 34, of South Springfield Avenue, was arrested and charged with possession of a handgun after township officers executed a search of his apartment with a warrant.

- Newark resident Joseph Allen, 35, was arrested at Sears Hardware and charged with theft, possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphenalia Dec. 14.
- Mountainside
- Borough police arrested Benjamin

Bruce, 18, of Plainfield, on Saturday. Bruce was arrested for being in possession of a stolen motor vehicle, driving with a suspended license and driving under the influence. The arrest occurred on Route 22 East at the Mountainside/Springfield line.

- Allison Adams, 29, of East Orange, was arrested Jan. 4 for driving with a suspended license on Route 22 East. Adams will appear in Municipal Court on Jan. 25.

- Manuel Aguilera, 42, of Roselle, was arrested Jan. 4 for driving with a suspended license on High Point Drive. Aguilera will appear in Municipal Court on Jan. 25.

Children's Specialized Hospital to sponsor free seminar Jan. 24

A free seminar entitled "Planning For The Future For Your Child With Special Needs," will be sponsored by Children's Specialized Hospital on Jan. 24 from 7 to 8 p.m. in Auditorium A, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

Douglas A. Vogel, co-founder of

Special Needs Advocate For Parents will be speaking on several topics including: legal issues such as wills versus trusts, guardianship, letters of intent and funding issues such as entitlements.

For more information about the program or to register, call Hospital/Community Education Specialist Jill Harris in the Education Department at (908) 301-5478.

Volunteers needed

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, is seeking volunteers.

Interested individuals should call Linda Johnson at (908) 232-7090 to find out more details or to set up an interview.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that the following Resolutions were adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at the Reorganization Meeting held on January 2, 2001.

Judith E. Osty
Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 10-2001

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney is required to perform services for the Borough beyond the scope of the services upon which his salary is based; and

WHEREAS, such services constitute professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside that John N. Post, Esq., the Borough Attorney, be and he hereby is appointed to perform such legal services as may be required by the Governing Body and which are beyond the scope of the services upon which the Borough Attorney's salary is based;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in an appropriate newspaper within ten days hereof.

RESOLUTION 11-2001

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside requires the services of an attorney to serve as Borough Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, such services constitute professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside that Frank P. Saha, Esq., be and he hereby is appointed to perform the services of Borough Prosecutor as may be required and which the Borough Prosecutor's salary shall be set by Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in an appropriate newspaper within ten days hereof.

RESOLUTION 12-2001

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside requires the services of an Attorney as Borough Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, such services constitute professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside that Rocco DiPaola, Esq., be and he hereby is appointed to perform the services of Borough Public Defender as may be required and which the Borough Public Defender's salary shall be set by Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in an appropriate newspaper within ten days hereof.

RESOLUTION 13-2001

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside is required by the terms of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1 et seq. to engage a Registered Municipal Accountant to be the Official Borough Auditor and Financial Advisor; and

WHEREAS, such services constitute professional services of such a qualitative nature as 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 Mountainside that the accounting firm of Suplee, Clooney and Company be and it hereby is appointed to be the official Borough Auditor and Financial Advisor for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2001;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in an appropriate newspaper within ten days hereof.

RESOLUTION 14-2001

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mountainside finds it necessary to engage an Insurance Agent to analyze the Borough's insurance Program and assist in the development of a viable and cost-effective insurance program; and

WHEREAS, such services constitute professional services of such a qualitative nature as 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 Mountainside that the Insurance Company of Banninger, Tansy and Company be and it hereby is appointed to be the official Borough insurance agent and advisor for a term of up to one year commencing January 1, 2001;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in an appropriate newspaper within ten days hereof.

RESOLUTION 15-2001

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

WHEREAS, such services constitute professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside that Mike Disko, Borough Engineer, be and he hereby is appointed to perform such engineering services as may be required by the Governing Body and which are 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-755243
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F1199899
PLAINTIFF: OCWEN FEDERAL BANK.
DEFENDANT: JOHN JEROME BROWN, ET ALS.

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: APRIL 10, 2000
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D. 2001

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as 3 DIVEN STREET, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081, BEING KNOWN AS LOT 37, BLOCK 123, on the official Tax Map of the Township of SPRINGFIELD.
Dimensions: 65 ft. x 101 ft. x 85 ft. x 101 ft.

Nearest Cross Street: Springfield Avenue
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY-NINE CENTS (\$104,868.29)

ATTORNEY: FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, P.C. SUITE 505 SENTRY OFFICE PLAZA 216 HADDON AVENUE WESTMONT, NJ 08108

SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$118,539.70)

Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 2001 U2978 ECL (\$86.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday, December 6, 2000.

Application # 8-2000-S
Applicant: SITE DEVELOPMENT, INC. SPRINGFIELD/MORRIS AVENUE
Site Location: Lot 7, 8, 9 & 10 PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL APPROVED
Block 209 For: Was

Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and is available for public inspection.

Secretary, Robert C. Kirkpatrick
U2994 ECL January 11, 2001 (\$9.75)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on November 9, 2000 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

Valley National Bank, 882 Mountain Avenue, Block 21, Lots 24 and 24.A - Change of Use, Change of Tenancy, Site Plan and Development, Signs, Variances APPROVED U2999 ECL Jan. 11, 2001 (\$5.75)

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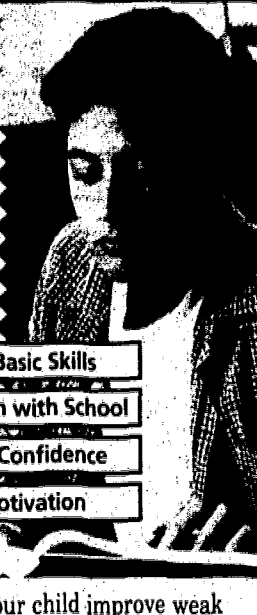
Judith E. Osty
Borough Clerk

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside does hereby schedule its monthly meetings as follows for 2001:

WORK SESSION	REGULAR MEETING
January	9
February	13
March	20
April	10
May	17
June	15
July	12
August	10
September	14
October	11
November	20
December	11

Reorganization Meeting: Thursday, January 3, 2002 U2987 ECL January 11, 2001 (\$20.25)

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