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#### Taxes due

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#### A poor rating

A magazine gives the Union County Utilities Authority a very low rating. Will that affect the bonding capability of the authority?

See Page B1.

#### New freeholders

Mingo and Ruotolo are sworn in as members of the freeholder

See Page B1.



#### Follow the leader

Inion Municipal Band on

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# Woman faces charges in crash injuring sons

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer
The Union Township Police
Department said a Springfield workan
faces serious motor vehicle Wolation
charges related to an accident on Morria Avenue by the Rabway River
bridge Jan. 13.

orage Jan. 13.

According to Union Police Sgt.

Peter Quance, Christine Marcanonio,
30, has been charged Jan. 26 with two
counts of driving without fastened
seat belts, driving with a revoked
license and driving as uninsured car.

The charges came after the and her
two sons were injured in the rust-hour
crash.

"Whenever there's an accident with serious injuries and a driver involved is unlicensed or not wearing seat belta," said Quance, 'that driver must appear in municipal court. The charges may lead to jail time if found

Marcantonio's 1991 Toyota Tercel was struck by an oncoming 1997. Chevrolet service van Jan. 13. Police records said the Tercel sedan was heading westbound on Morris Avenue when it braked to avoid suddenly stopped raffle ahead of it and crossed the center dividing line. The van Marcantonio's 1991 Toyota Ter the center dividing line. The van struck the Toyota's passenger side at about 4:07 p.m., sending the Tercel onto the road's southside short of the Rahway River bridge.
Union and Springfield fire and

police units arrived within minutes to assess the situation and extricate the Toyota's occupants. Marcantonic and the rehildren were taken by arbulance to the University of Medicine and Dentistry Hospital about 30 minutes later. A Northstar helicopier was ordered at one point because one boy was unconsciousness, bit was later cancelled.

cancelled. Marcantonio herself, according to UMDNJ spokenvoman Sharon Dilling, was treated and reased the same right. Her 10-year-old son was treated for facial cuts and bruises, and her three-year-old son underwent and operation for a fractured leg. The children were released Jan. 14. Traffic leading to the crish scene, already heavy from must hour condi-

fractic leading to the crash scene, already heavy from rush hour conditions, was almost instantly sharled. Westbound traffic was backet up a mile to Burnet Avenue by the time Union Police re-opened a lene at about 5 p.m. Eastbound vehicles, also

about 5 p.m. Eastbound vehicles, also backed up nearly a mile, were diverted onto Washington Avenue. Connecting thoroughfares such as southbound Main Street and Spring-field Avenue were also clogged for a spell. Some motorists, despite apdates from the news belicopter overhead, were delayed up to two hours Quance said a court date has been

set by the Union Township Prosecu-tor's Office. The van driver, identified as Kenneth Newman, 27, of Union,

#### Clean consciences



Springfield children receive certificates of recognition for their participation in Clean Communities Weekend, which took place in mid-October. From left are Caroline Ignatum, Iris Ting, Alyson Helland, Mayor Sy Mullman, and President of the Springfield Environmental Commission Clara Harelik. Not pictured is Melissa Tratenberg, who was also to receive a certificate.

# Tech night planned

The Mountainside Parents and Teachers Association will be sponsoring their annual Parent Education Night at Deerfield School tonight at 7

ing their annuar Parens unous automosphere and the focus of this year's program will be technology, and how it is used to facilitate learning in the classroom. Parents, students and other members of the community are invited to attend the event, which is sponsoved by the district's new Technology Committee.

According to Board of Education President Pai Taeschier, the program will feature a live multi-media Internet presentation, and guests will be able to visit the computer labs, which will showcase the school's educational software.

tional software.

Guest speaker Daryl Walker, who heads the "Westfield Community
Website," will discuss new aspects of technology in both the school and
the community, as well as his experience heading the community web-

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# Board seeks to involve borough in setting goals for the district

By Jim Foglio Staff Writer

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Staff Weller
The Mountainside Board of Education held the first of a series of meeting Jan. 28 to develop the educational goals for the district.

The 'district's new educational strategic program will be headed by Joanne Borin. a planning facilitator from the New Jersey School Boards Association. The program, while standard from the New Jersey School Boards areas communities, seeks to involve residents, parents and even a few high school's students in these decision-making process.

At the inaugural meeting, 50 people attended — not counting Board of Education members — and listended befort discuss the differences between strategic planning contonists of an oppen system, where suggestions from the public continually alter plans. Borin said. Long-range planning, on the other hand, is based more on the interests of a few individuals. In such a system, decision making

my be immed to the Board of Education, school administrators and the
superminedant of schools.

The program that will be followed
by the Mountainside School Disandwill consist of several committee
made up of parents, Rudents and other
members the community.

According to Board of Education
President Pat Teasether the State of
the Schools Committee will research
sees, including student performance
staffing characteristics, resources, and
financial data.

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Both committees will reprint their
findings to the planning council,
which will be comprised of approximately 25 to 40 members. The planning council will then meet over
period of several weeks to develop the
district's beliefs, goals, objectives and
mission statement, Taschler said, and

# Township may be considering firehouse expansion

## By Walter Elliott Staff Writer

Staff Writer Some departments in Springfield's municipal government may be getting additional space in the near future. Electrical work is being done, for example, on the former Oirl Scottl Headquarter on the corner of Caldwell Pitce and North Trivett Avenue. There is also discussion that the township is looking for a new firehouse site.

"I hear that there's some talk a

"I hear that there's some talk about relocating the department," said Fire Chief William Gras. "It's progress, but that's all I can say."

The Fire Department is quartered in the western end of the Municipal Building. The structure, built in 1926, once held a majority of its municipal officies and functions into the 1956s.

As Springfield graw, however, so did the demands on its public resources. The Municipal Building, despite a renovation in 1956, obtained the old con the deliberation in potent recording compiles renovation in 1956; obtained the old American Lagion Hall on North Trivett. for an annex in 1958. The American Lagion Hall on North Trivett. for an annex in 1958. The American is algorithm to 1959, and annex in adjacent to the Department of Public Works garage on Center Street, which was acquired in 1953. The Oirt Souts left the township-owned pomer bouse last full to make room for offices.

Spreading offices and services among for influence and services among four buildings, however, has the allowing appear problems at the Municipal Building. To reach the

mayor's office, for example, you have to walk through the staff offices of the municipal clerk. The Police Department's and Auxiliary's vehicles are left outside either along South Trivest Avenue or the corner lot at Caldwell Place and Brook Street.

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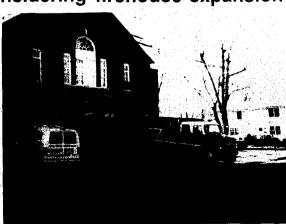
The Fire Department may be in the greatest need of more than elbow room. Their trucks, offices and equipment are spread among four buildings.

"We store some of our equipment in the Girl Scout garage," Gras said. "If you want to meet our fire preven-tion official, David Mass."

"If you want to meet our tire preven-tion official, Jowah Maas, you have to walk across the street to the second floor of the Annex. Our ladder truck is boused in the DPW garage." Gras outlined the department's confines from his office. The office, he said is actually a second floor con-loge room which he. Firefighter Tom Ernst and a shift buttlion chief share. "Workplace and firefighter regula-tions shower available stright from the fire trucks," Gras said. "We cur-curely have to walk upstairs and through our domition to get to the showers. Our refilling equipment for our air breathing apparatus is along-side one of our engines, so at it is being refilled with diesel furnes."

Ernst added that firetrucks have to be customized to fit into the depar-

be customized to fit into the dep ment's garage space.



The Springfield Fire House may be targetted for renovations to bring it up to code. Currently, the Fire Department must store its equipment in four separate buildings, and fire-trucks have to be customized to fit into the department's garage space.

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#### **NEWS CLIPS**

Income Tax program

The free lineoms tax assistance program is again being offered to senior area residents. The program began Feb. 4, and will continue every Wednesday thereafter. This program is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service, the AARP and the State of New Iersey.

a spinsore of the Marke internal revenue of the Marke in addition, arrangements can be made for assistance to shut-ins or disabled

ior assistance to shut-ins or disabled seniors at their home.

Call the Mountainside Library at 233-0115 for an appointment and remember to bring copies of last year's Federal and State returns as well any other supporting information.

#### Pool positions open

The Township of Springfield is now accepting applications for sum-mer pool positions, Positions which are available include pool manager and assistant pool manager, both of which require C.P.O. certification and which require C.P.O. certification and experiences: lifeguards which requires lifeguards which requires lifeguard. CPR and First Aid certification. And front deask-remaion house staff, and maintenance. Contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227 or stop by the Recreation Office to pick up an application, located in the Sarth Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. Springfield.

#### Computer room open

Computer room open
The computer lab in Room 16 at
Jonathan Dayson, High School is open
to the public on Wednesdays from 6
to 9 p.m. The computer lab provides
high-speed access to the Internet word
processing program; full-lext databases with health, business and
anneal-interest magazines, and a
flathed scanner. Macintosh and PC
computers are available. A media apecialist and a computer technician will
supervise the lab. Children not yet in
sevends grade see must be accompanseventh grade age must be accompan-ied by an adult 18 years or older. Computer lab users will be required to sign the Springfield School District's acceptable use policy.

#### Post office seeks help

Local authorities and the public car help the Postal Service deliver the mail as timely and safely as possible

mail as timely and safely as possible this winter.

The Postal Service emphasized the need for ice and snow removal from walkways as a major aid in preventing slips and falls that result in injuries to letter carriers and messengers. The

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other winter weather hazards that impode mail delivery, according to the Postal Service, are fee and more streets. Totals, driveways, stallways and porthess. Local road authorities and postal customers are requested by the Postal Service to beep public and private approaches to residences and mail-boxes clean during the winter months. The Postal Service expresses great appreciation for the cooperation of all communities in reducing winter safety hazards.

#### Volunteers needed

Volunteers needed

The Sharing Network, a non-profit organization responsible for recovering organs and tissue for transplantation in New Jersey, is looking for voluniers. Those who have had transplants, are awaiting transplants, families of denors, or anyons interested in volunieering for a life-aving cause may voluneer to assist in the public education efforts. Such projects would include speaking a businesses, churches, civic organizations, schools, and participating in various events and health fairs. Pretraining is provided. For more information, call The Sharing Network at (973) 379-4335, extension 3336.

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#### B'rith bus trip

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B'nai B'rith of Springfield has planned a trip to the Sands Hotel,
Atlantic City, March 22:
The bus will leave at 10:30 n.m. from Piaza Mall parking lot between dounnain Avenue and Rouse 22 in Springfield.
One should RSVP by march 2. Checks should be mailed to Jerry Kamen at 224 Morris Ave., Union, N.J. 07683. He can be contacted by calling (908) 867-9120, days, and (908) 277-1953 evenings.

#### Pancake breakfast held

The annual Community Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Mountain-side PTA will be held in the Deerfield cafeteria Feb. 7 form 8:30 to 11 a.m. The snow date is Feb. 28. This year The snow date is Feb. 28. This year there will be two choless: an sdulf-size portion of four paneakes, two satusages, fruit and beverage for \$5. and a small portion of two puncakes, one satusage, fruit and a beverage, for \$3.50. Featured will be a topping bar with hot apple sites, blueberries, whipped cream and chocolate chips. The funds raised will be used for



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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

The Community Calendar is pre-pared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meet-ings. To give your community events the publicity they describe, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083. Today
• The Traitside Nature and Sci-coce Center plontarthum is present-

The Traitside Nature and Science Center pleneatura in presenting "Native American Skylore" at 3:30 p.m. Take a look at the stear through the eyes of the Native Americans. Compare Native Americans tories about the origin of the constellations to Greek myths. Admission is \$3 per person; \$2.55 for seniors. For children 6 and un.

S2.55 for semenand and up.

The Deerfield Technology Comittee and the Mountainside PTA are co-sponsoring "Technology Awarentess Night" on Feb. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Deerfield School.

School.

The program will feature a live, interactive Internet demonstration by Daryl Walker, Westfield Community Webmaster. Parents and students can also visit Deerfield's state of the art computer lab and mini-labs where fellow computer savvy students will showcase the school's educational software. In addition, there will be an exhibition of technology-related services and

of technology
Tuesday
Derfield School has
announced registration for its
1998-99 kindergaren elasses to be
held by appointment Tuesday
through Thursday.
Call Derfield School at (908)
222-8828 for registration forms.
Children should be five by Oct. 1,
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1998 to be registered. A birth certificate and proof of residency must

programs that enhance the education at environment for Deerfield studen

Flyers are available at the Moun-tainside Recreation deak and library. Tickets will be sold at the door or can be bought in advance. Contact Susan at 233-1478, for more information. Students also will be able to register for youth basebull and softball during the breakfast.

be presented to Susan Nagent at the time of the appointment.

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A Collection of Cold

Constellations. The chilly winter season is the time of the year we can see many beautiful constellations. Explore Orion and his dogs, Tauris and Gentini, and find out when and where planets are visible. Each family will get a winter star map to take home. Admission is 33 per person, \$2.55 for seniors. For each of the control of the con

are very different from those of our culture. Compare Native American stories with Greek mythological explanations of the constellations. Admission is \$3 per person, and \$2.55 for seniors, For ages 6 and

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Coming events
Feb. 19

Deerfield School will hold its annual Science Fair/fuvention Convention Thursday in the school gymansium. Students in Grades K-8 will display their projects for the school population from 12:30 to 1:40 pm., after the judging is completed. Members of the community family and firends are invited to attend from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Recreation Commission of the Brough of Mountainside will meet at Borough Hall Feb. 19 and March 19.

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Two Springfield residents are helping the Jewish Cultural School & Society present a five-part series of Thursday evening adult mini-courses on "Jews of Poland" begin-

ning today from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Salo
Enix, a longtime member of the
BCSS facelty, will ead the course.
He is fluent in seven languages and
BCSS facelty will ead the course.
He is fluent in seven languages and
the course, which will be hadd at the
Ethical Culture building in
Maplewood. Insterated nonmembers may register for the series of
for \$35, or pay \$8 in Individual
sessions; members pay \$30 for all
session

reading of works by playwright Tennessee Williams at 7 p.m.

The plays chosen for this presen-tation are early works of Tennessee Williams, and have as much rele-vance now as when they were writ-ten. The program will include the following readings:

"The Yellow Bird," "This Property Condemned," Talk To Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen," "Portrait of a Girl in Glass," Fun-"rorrant of a Gurl m Glass." But ding for this program has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and through a grant administered by the Union County Offices of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Trailside programs

Sundays Feb. 8, 15, & 22: "A Col-lection of Cold Constellations." The

lection of Cold Constellations." The chilly winter season is the time of the year we can see many beautiful con-stellations. We'll explore Orion and his dogs, Taurus and Gennial, and find out when and where planets are visi-ble. Each family will get a winer star map to take home. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for senion. For ages

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# **Township Committee seeks grants** that would replenish town coffers

By Walter Elliots
Staff Writer
If there is grant money to be had, then the current Springfield Township Committee is out to find it.
The committee, since its reorganization lan, I, has been pouring over a catalog of federal and state grant programs. Sections of the refreence book have been sent to various departments and subcommittees for consideration.

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"I can't speak for other departments," aid Recreation Department Director Michael Tennaro, "but we have received a booklet on grant applications. It kness some time reading it through."

The catalog review has been a priority for Mayor Sy Mullman since the took office an. I. By applying for grants, Mullman hopes to help the

various arms of the township government with their capital goals. The programs, if successful, may lessen expenses on the municipal government budget.

"We have this book which we're just beginning to serrotte the surface of," said Mullman during the Jan. 13 Township Committee meeting. "Any department, agency or subcommittee which is affiliated with the Township Committee on apply with us for up to \$25,000."

Two such inquiring groups are the

Two such inquiring groups are the Springfield Beautification Committee and the Springfield Community

and the Springine Community, Players.
"I went to the Jan. 13 meeting and asked if the Beautification Committee would qualify for an application," said group President Ruth Schwartz. "Sy said we would qualify and that he

The Springtield Beautification Committee oversees several landscaping projects in conjunction with the Department of Public Works. They have furnished about 50 barrel-sized flower planters around the business district last year, for example, and are continuing their Adopt-a-Spot

program.
Liz Balfour attended the Jan. 27 Fownship Committee session on sehalf of the Springfield Community

behalf of the Springfield Community Players. The troupe, which was revived last year, was seeking help in producing their first theatire work. "I came to the meeting because we need help," Balfour said. "It's hard to call on people who would help us if we, don't have official Township backing by name."

# Hospital displays African art in celebration of black history

By Jim Foglio Staff Writer In celebration of Black History Month, Mountainside's Children's Specialized Hospital will be dis-playing artwork from Kenya and Ghana. In addition, the CSH will feature artwork created by Wesi-field middle school and high school students.

students.

Throughout February, CSH will feature four hallways decorated with art. According to Marcia Kozarich, Volunteer Art Director for the CSH, two halls will be devoted to a display of work by children, and two will feature art from the collection of Reuben Haynes, owner of Reuben Haynes, owner of Reuben Haynes Imports and Exports, specializing in African art. Work from the Ilaynes collection will be available for sale.

The student section will consist of art made by individual students,

and work submitted from teachers and entire art classes, said Kozar-ich. The student artwork is not for sale, she said.

sale, she shal.

The "African Art Display" will
consist of contemperary work from
Reuben Haynes Imports and
Exports. In 1990, Haynes started
what has become a large, diverse
art business that specializes in African art, said Kozarich, Items from
this collection will be on sale to the
nabilic.

public.

The African art will include dyed bunna leaves and bails, cloth that has been dipped into was and dyed. Kenya established its first independant government in 1953. Renya narf requently expresses the theme of liberation from foreign rule, according to Kezarfot.

The culture is uniquely expressed through the art, showing the diversity in people and both the

Kozarich.

A representative of Reuben Haynes Inc. agreed with Kozarich, saying. 'Those are not minor crafts, but
major' works of art displayed with
the pride of a people.

'The display should appeal to
everyone, but it is definelly appropriate for children." said Kozarich

"We are hoping to symbolize the
hospital's policy of cultural diversiyand their promotion of minority
interest." she said.

CSH is located at 150 New Providence Rd. A portion of the pro-ceeds from the sale of the art with benefit the hospital. The exhibits are open to the public, free of charge, from \$30 a.m to \$30 p.m. daily. Visitors are requested to enter the hospital through the ambulance entrance.

# Police arrest second man in trio of armed-robbers

The Mountainside Police Depart-ment arrested a second Rahway an in connection with an armed obbery last week at Deerfield chool.

On Jan. 23, Det. Sgt. Todd Tur-ner arrested a man identified as Larsen O'Connor, 19, for allegedly taking part in a robbery with two other men behind the Doerfield ten-

At about 7:45 that evening.

Officer Andrew Sullivan had responded to a call from two juveniles, who reported they had been robbed of several gold chains. At the time of the incident, a man identified as James Wysocki II, 18, was arrested and charged with armed robbery.

O'Connor was arrested after a follow up investigation. Police are still looking for a third suspect.

O'Connor was charged with armed robbery, and as of Jan. 30 was being held in the Mountainside

district jail cell pending \$5,000 bail.

. On Jan. 25, an Irvington man On Jan. 23, an Irvifigion man was arrested for driving while sus-pended, and was also found to be carrying three small bags of mari-juana. Around midnight, Corporal Ken Capobianco stopped a man identified as Goorge Smith. 24, for a routine motor vehicle violation.

He then found that Smith's license He then found that studies incense had been suspended, and with the subsequent search, was carrying three "nickel" bags of marijuana and some rolling papers. Smith was released on \$500 bail, and awaits a court date in March.

On Jan. 24. a Roselle Park man was arrested for driving while intoxicated. At about 2:30 a.m., officer Rich Lattargia stopped the driver, identified as Juan Ramirez. 40, for a routine motor vehicle vio-lation. After he was given a Breathalyzer test, Ramirez was found to have a blood alcohol level

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of 0.14 percent. Ramirez was released on \$200 bail and awaits

trial.

On Jan. 29, Sgt. Scot Worswick arrested a Westfield man for driving while lintoxicated. The driver, identified as Thomas Osbore, 1, was sinopped for speeding near Flet taking the Breathalyzer feest. Osborne was found to have been open was found to have been open in the was found to have been open and a walls a court date of Feb. 19.

 A Westfield man was arrested • A Westfield man was arrested for driving while suspended Jane 23. While driving west on Route 22, Officer Michael Perotta stopped a man identified as Rodrique Lind-say, 25, for a motor vehicle viola-tion. After a check, it was revealed that Lindsay had been driving while suspended. He was released on 5220 hail and awaits a court date of Feb. 26.

# **Board of Education to discuss** policy on fundraising in schools

By Walter Elliott

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Staff Willer
The Springfield Board of Education and Jonathan Dayton High
School Principal Charles Serson are scheduled to talk about fundraising
guidelines Mondy night.
The talk stemmed from the board
approving such sales during its meeting Jan 26. Such fundraisers as the
Dayton Girls Baskethall Team Ptz
Zathon to the Edward V, Walton
School PTA Book Fair to the Theima
L Sandmeire School PTA General
Milis Box Tops for Education may
proceed.

or groups from Dayton. The groups have selleduled 16 continuing or per-iodical fundraisers.

"Dayton, like many other high schools, has clubs which hold fun-draisers for their activities." Said Superimendant of Schools Dr. Gary Friedland. "They are held to raise money for something not covered in their budget. Some activities are held by a school PTA."

It is up to the Springfield b approve or not approve prospective fundratings. It is their first year of operating Daylon, a former regional

high school, as their own.

The question, brought up by board

member Ken Fargenbauer, is of set-ting a future policy on the volume school fundraisers

"The clubs are expecting us to approve their events," said Faigan-baum, "thut we must work on a policy, we have so many clubs asking for money from the same group of people— pents. Friends, staff, other stu-dents. You can go to the well so many times before donor burnout occurs."

Pagenbaum suggested a fundras-ing model along the lines of the United Way. He sees one body hold-ing various fundrasers and its mem-ber clabs gening a proportional share of the proceeds.

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#### **COMMUNITY FORUM**

## We will see

Scanning the nightly news channels can keep you informed of the important occurrences in the state, but rarely do they give you the news in your own back yard — unless you are lucky, or perhaps, unlucky. That is what local sta-

you are now, or permays, unacoust, or tions are for.

Unfortunately, most people find state and national news and politics-far-more-interesting-than-keeping-up-with-the-local scene — the Clinton sex "scandal" being a prime example of this. Yet, local politics, which has a direct impact on people's lives, is precisely where citizens can make a

Why is it, then, that many citizens do not get involved? Is it that it's easier to sit back and watch from afar the things you know you cannot change, such as the political travails of President Clinton and Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr?

President Clinton and Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr? Such a stance saves a lot of guilt over ignoring one's personal responsibility to the community.

The Mountainside Borough Council has given couch potatoes reason to worry. Jan. 27 marked the second time that the council taped its meeting for public broadcast.

Democrats in Mouontainside have been calling for taped meetings for many years, the issue being a main element of their campaign platforms in previous elections, including November. Their point was valid; giving the public wider access to meetings would increase accountability in local government. As it is, many residents simply do not have the time to attend the monthly meetings.

But the council never did anything about it, until now. This follows a trend in other towns in the area where meetings are broadcast on local cable television stations for public consumption, Union Township and Summit being prime examples.

Mayor Robert Viglianti and other council members have voiced the question as to whether the taping is warranted.

"Last year, when the borough sent a survey questioning the public interest, there was a very low response," Vigitanti said. He continued by saying that most respondents were more concerned about the cost of their cable TV than televising the meetings. "Most people did not even respond to that question," he said.

This is truly a shame. Residents need to be aware of what This is truly a same. Residents need to be aware or what is happening at the seat of municipal government. It is their right to attend meetings and ask questions of their elected leaders, and they should not waste it. Political activism is the cornerstone of a healthy community. Without it, corruption and malaise set in. Complacency, or worse, belief in the rheric shoveled out during election time, is for fools.

The mayor is quoted in a recent Echo Leader article as

saying that cost is a consideration in continuing to allow the broadcasts. To professionally broadcast meetings would cost \$5,000, which the mayor said is "money we'd rather spend on something else." Hogwash. That \$5,000 is a pit-tance to pay for the benefit the broadcasts will give Mountainsider. Mountainsiders.

Mountainsiders.

Vigilanti said that despite some complaints about the quality of the broadcasts, officials will allow a trial run of six to seven months, after which time another survey will be sent to residents. Judging by what they're saying now, however, they don't expect there to be much of a demand for the broadcasts at that time either.

"Usually if people have questions about something, they'll just show up at the meetings," Vigilanti said. "I guess when all residents have to complain about are problems with the cable-televised council meetings, there's not much to

plain about." comptain about."

Councilman Tom Perotta agreed. "We must be doing something right if this is the borough's most major concern,"

he said.

We say the mayor and members of the council had better

We say the mayor and members generate during the wat say the mayor and memoers of the counter has better wait and see what interest the broadcasts generate during the six-month trial period before making such statements. It should be obvious to them that televising meetings is beneficial for all involved. If the mayor and council are doing a good job, the telecasts will only show this to a wider audience than the few who now attend council meetings. But if they are not doing such a good job, or feel uncomfortable under the scrutiny of the camera's eye, the best route would be to turn the cameras off. We will see.

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DRAWING INSPIRATION

— Students of Marylin
Schnelder, art teacher at
Calcivell and Sandmeler
schools, are presented
awards for their art work.
They submitted their work
in the "Crayola DreamMaker's and "IACA World
Awareness—Children's.
Museum" contests, winning
spots in national and international exhibits. The students work was chosen spots in hatorias and men-national exhibits. The stu-dents work was chosen from among several thou-sand submissions. Back row: Caldwell School Prin-cipal Ken Barnabe, Super-intendent of Schools Dr. Gary Friedland, Sandmeler School Principal Elizabeth Young, Marylin Schnelder. Middle: Marisa Bianco, Middle: Marisa Bianco, Armanda DiCocco, Derec Selgel, Kyla McMillin. Front: Laura Alonso, Maria Innco, Iris Ting, Natasha Scott.

# Preoccupation creates a false impression

Our obsession with how we look physically is taking its toil.
Today, a woman cannot be too thin and many are willing to forego food for "that right look." Anorexia is the illness of choice for those who imagine they are carrying too much weight. Short skirts are book in fashion and in some cases the shorter they are the better chance a woman has of better chance a woman has off which includes piercing the stomach, nose and tongue. Tattoo also are in. Today, body piercing and tattoogare popular not only with females but males as well.

When it comes to clothes, anything seems to go, I wouldn't be surprised if

seems to go. I wouldn't be surprised if the next fashion statement will be unithe next (ashion statement will be uni-sex togas. They will be all the rage. After all, they seem to be comfortable. The ancient Romans were them for hundreds of years and they were the height of fashion. Anyone who was anyone in Rome had a full wardrobe of togas in a variety of colors and system.

Today, with peer pressure so great, poor young teens, whether boys or girls, dress the same; if they didn't 'hey'd be out of step, and those who

See It

By Norman Rauscher Correspondent

correspondent

are out of step are looked upon as dweebs, dortes, and on "with it." The convinced that in order to remain a member of the "in" crowd, all teenspers have to dress allike. Very few girls wear skirts anymore. Jeans are the apparel of choice. And if one is seen without a backpack on the way to school, they are made to feel they are walking around without any clothes. Young males are T-shirt happy, and benufuel the phrase the more in they are. Also the baseball cap, worn backwards is a sign that you know that it's all about. It's also important that the hat be worn at all times. Sometimes I wonder if those hats are worn in bed.

Peer pressure can be the source of

conspicuous consumptions items or the money to buy what's in. Are those unfortunates religated to the outer fringes of teen society? What strike me as curious is that most kids say they are independent. What strikes me as curious is that most kids say they are independent, with minds of their own, and will do what they want, denying they are part of master mold if they are, then why do they get upset, brood, and make life hell for their families if they are not wearby, the same kind of clother as their fridge?

There seems to be a movement afoot to assign school children uniforms to that peer pressure won't affect their solvestion. Being different fashion-wise is a fate worse than being seen at the movies or mall with your parents. I remember the day I first went to the movies by mayelf. Don't think my classmass didn't tease me about being grown up and on my own, without my parent, tagging along.

For many teen girls wearing what

out my parents tagging along.

For many teen girls wearing what

the other girls wore was an important part of growing up, and if you didn't, the kids ignored you or thought you strange. In those days, girls wore bob-

by socks, loafers, and baggy sweaters. To be seen otherwise set you apart from the others as a laughtingstock and the butt of joken. Some say that your school days are the happiest ever. But to many, they are dismal, discouraging, and quite unhappy. Since clother played a major note in the school relationships, may be the school relationships.

major role in the school relationships, many boys and finite lived fraudic lives making sure they were wearing the right thing.

As you know, children can be cruel, and if you were so unlucky as to be poor and your perates could not afford the 'in' clothes, you were not taken seriously and your sphere of friends exclusive and your sphere of friends unhappy time. It didn't make any difference if you were unable to wear the ference if you were unable to wear the same fashions as your classmates did,

you had to do so in order to impress
the crowd. Forget brains,

I wonder how many adolescents
spent miserable childhoods because
they didn't wear the same clothes as
those more fortunate?

Norman Rauscher is a resident of Summit and a frequent columnist for this newspaper.

# Foreign policy should matter more than sex

Who needs "Days of Our Lives" as long as we have the White House? This latest installment of "As the Capitol Turns" has blurred so many issues that the mind boggles, so let me

just start at the beginning, which in this case would be President Clinton's

this case would be President Clinton's alleged infidelity. Simply put, I don't care. For me and my values, marital infidelity is a reprehensible act, a breach of the promises made to your mate in front of your God, the clergy and the friends and relatives you hold most dear.

dear.

However, according to the laws of our land, marital fidelity is not a requirement to be the President of the United States. When I you be and, yes, I you'd for Clinton both times—I look at a candidate's foreign policy. I look at his fiscal track record, I example the property of mine his views on equal opportunity and human rights. And I keep my nose

and human rights. And I keep my nose out of his bedroom.

Let's go back in time, shall we? History alleges that Thomas Fefferson had enormous trouble keeping his hands off his silvers. But he also wrote more than the self-weep history and had been of our country? founding stahers, one of our country? founding stahers, one of the men who forged what many consider to be the greatest ration on the planet. Surely, his scontributions to America cannot, and should not, be judged by his alleged indiscretion, for in comparison— and with hindsight — his sexual habits with hindsight - his sexual habite

Franklin Delano Roosevelt also had his mistresses, a fact that surely brought no end of embarrassment to Eleanor. However, FDR also Instituted the New Deal and saw this nation out of the Great Depression, and whom ymother leved through the Depression, as did many of you, and when saked, she cared more about the President's ability to feed and employ his people than whether or not be was a faithful husband. Franklin Delano Roosevelt also had

## Vantage Point

By Bill Van Sant Staff Writer

And let's not forget what's been aid about John F. Kennedy. Enough said.

Enough said. Were we to retroictively hold past pesidents publicly accountable for their pecsadilioes, we could very weil pull the foundation right out from under our sountry. And for what? Our back-fence curricusty over the illestyles of the rich and famous? Is that all the office of the president is about for the majority of Americans, or is it just the most convenient liem onto which Chiton's detractors can late?. Do I find the president; alleged

which Clinion's detractors can latch?

Defind the president's allegad actions reprehensible? Of course. But I also resent that his possible betray but of his wife are being made my but ness. What he may or may not have done is between him, his wife and his God, and quitte frankly. I wish to be left out of the whole meas.

Of course, now that we're talking about perjury and obstruction of justice, it has become an issue of paramount importance, and one that must be addressed in a public forum. And his is unfortunate, for if we kept our attention focused solely: on what a president does for his nation— and not his lack of discretion in private mattern. not his lack of discretion in private matters—it would never have gotten this far. After all, we're hearing more about impeatment on what we have assume the Naon administration, and about what? Somehody's husband model a lesson in being faithful? I'm sorry, but this country has bigger flab to fry then that.

Naturally, in these days and weeks since former White House Instem Monick Lewinsky, and her "good Monick Lewinsky, and her "good model."

friend," Linda Tripp, have entered the fray, opinions have abounded. And among the more popular ones has been the sentiment that the president of the United States should be above such moral reproach.

I have to say that I would love that

I have to say that I would love that — if it happens. However, in the meantime, I. will. do my best to remember that we are electing heads of state, not mariful denigods. What it boils down to is that, first, we need to realize that we cannot have it all — a president with the political finesse of Winston Churchill, the mil-

itary mind of Gen. MacArthur, the altruism of Mahatma Gahndi, and the moral fiber of Jesus Christ.

Then, we need to prioritize. If we in't have it all, what from that list is can't have it all, what from that list is going to make for a better nation? Until we, as a people, realize that we are looking for qualified political leaders and not poster children for the Moral Majority, there will forever be dissatisfaction with the occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Is a roll in the hay really worth all this?

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK Do you think the media is to blame for exag-gerating the current White House "scandal?"

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#### **LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**

if President Clinton is found guilty of per jury, should he be impeeded?

NO RESPONSE

#### We're asking

# Do you feel safe on public transportation?

By Welter Elliot
Staff Writer
Back-to-back events put the safety of bus and real passengers in the
spoulght last week.
New Jersey Transit and the
Pisanfield Police Department
announced a Police on Bgard progman Jan. 23. Officers would randomly board buses going through
to city, talk with occupants and
check for safety violations.
The effort, which was approved
by the Union County Prosecutors
Office, is designed to foster a safer
traveling environment. Three of
those has required to foster a safer
traveling environment. Three of
those has required to foster
those bus routes, the 55, 66 and
114, not through Mountainside and
Springfield.
The Police on Board program
has been used on buses in Roselle,
Creaford and other municipalities
in Basex, Atlantic, Camden and
Cumberland Counties. The program in Roselle, said Borough Sgr.
Jerry Orlando, has decreased fuldences of smoking and drinking on
board since 1991. dences of smoking and drinking on board since 1991.

board since 1991.
Police on Board also supplements the 151-officer NI Transit.
Police force. They patrol nearly 1,900 buses and 600 trains daily.
The announcement came the day after a sniper opened fire on a NI Transit commuter train on the



Newark-Belleville border. The 5:15 p.m. Boonton Line train from Hoboken had passed through Branch Brook Park when one of its passengers felt a bullet hit him in the lower back.

the lower back.

The train crew stopped at Rowe Street station in Bloomfield at about 6 p.m. Its stricken rider was atken to the New Jersey University Medicine and Dentistry Hospital for overnight treatment.

NJ Transit and local police are looking for the sulper as of presentation. The passenger, however, said he noticed no first aid his on board. First aid his on commuter trains, said. NJ Transit representative, said NJ Transit representative, were removed due to liability concerns. Amtrak, by contrast, keeps kits on board and permits train settled to request medical help of passengers.

According to Lakeland, Camp-town and other private bus lines, all interstate buses must have first al-kits. That rule applies to NJ Trans-it's cross-state routes but not exact-ty routes that run within the Garden State. \*

State.

How safe do-you-feel-on-public-buses or trains? We asked passengers boarding buses along routes in Mountainstée and Springfield during Monday's morning commute.

"I've been taking the bus for 11 years," said Ken Starkey at he waited for the 114 to New York. "In

that time, I've been in two acci-dents and several breakdowns. I think riding the bus is safe, although on-time service is another

allihough on-time service is another thing."

"I always" feel safe on the bus," said George Gorzeinik, as he and starkey waised at the Mountainside Town Hall bus stop. "The drivers are usually careful."

"I always feel safe while taking the bus," said Anna Laferra before boarding an eastbound 65. "It's safer than walking."

"The service is good on the bus," said Herman Diaz as he boarded a westbound 70 at the corner of Morris and Mountain avenuer in Springfield. "The bus is safe."

"I take the 70 between Maplew.



Starkey

ood and Springfield," said Craig Smith as he left the same bus for the 66 'The service is safe between those two towns."

those two towns."
"I can't speak about trains, but it feels safe to be on the bus," Christopher Francois said. "Sometimes the police will board the buses."
"Sometimes the 66 arrives late,"

"Sometimes the 66 arrives late,"
Chiera Dasgupta said, "but I have
no other problems with the bus."
"I take the 66 and 70 buses to
work and sometimes other buses on
weakends to the city," Matt Kern
said, "There hasn't been anything
on the bus that would make me feel
longary, I feel 100 percent safe."
While Kern was speaking, a twocar, accident happened at the
intersection. Although apparently
one was burt, the westbound 66
was stuck in the resulting back up,
delaying Kern's pick up by a
minute.

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# Woman charged with theft of sneakers

A pair of stoten sneakers meant a walk into a Springfield Police Head-quarters jail cell for a Newark woman Thursday. An employee noticed a person stashing a pair of black Converse and a pair of white Reebok sneakers under her skirt and attempted to walk out of a Route 22 West store at about 155 n.m. The armytose halled the 6:56 p.m. The employee halted the suspect and a Township patrol car arrived minutes later.

arnved manutes later. While store security recovered the sneakers, which were valued at 570.99, the police officer discovered that the suspect's identification card was false. The suspect, identified as Nicolie Cohen, was arrested on charges of shoplithing and possession of false identification.

of false identification.

"A" Tooker Avenue resident's ear

"A Milltown Road motorist's

"A Milltown Road motorist's

attempt to enter his own driveway
proved damaging Saturday. The drive, who was operating a Ford Explorer, was waiting for another ear to pass

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the driveway when he was hit by a Jeep Cherokee at about 633 p.m.

• An outstanding warrant helped return a Jersey City speeder to his bome town Friday morning. The driver, identified as Liliano Alverez, 28, was clocked doing 86 mph in a 55 mph zone on Route 24 east at about 245 a.m. and was pulled over on Route 78, police said. Springfield suborities extradited Alverez when they discovered he had an outstanding warrant from the Hudson County Sheriff's Office.

• The driver of a Buick Century sitempted to make a left turn from 50 th 100 mt. Sheriff's Office.

• The driver of a Buick Century sitempted to make a left turn from 50 th 100 mt. The 100 mt. Springfield Avenue onto Shurpike Road at about 320 p.m. Thursday. The Buick turned into an oncoming Ford Windstar with two passengers inated, resulting in to injuries.

• An Orange man, identified as Robert A. Lee, 29, was picked up by police from the Echo Plaza bus stop on Mountain Avenue at about 9,42

p.m. Jan. 28. Lee was charged with one count of simple assault, although it is not clear whether the assault occursed at the bus stop or at another

it is not clear whether the assiult coccured at the bus stop or at another locate.

• A pair of Tudor Court apartment residents had a run-in with each other residents had a run-in with each other in the complex's parking lot Ja. 28. The driver of a Deep Cherokee reported a Honda Accord backed into him at about 9:50 a.m. The Accord after crushing one of the Jeep's tail light, drove away.

• The driver of another Honda Accord said the couldn't sea around a truck parked in the lot of a supermarked or on Morris Ave. In a. 72, and backed into an oncorning Buleck Regal at about 1:41 p.m. A. Chevrolet driver from New York City was trying to get around a Buleck that was re-fueling at a gas station on Morris and Meisel avenues at about 1:211 a.m. Jan. 26, when the Chevy allold to clear the Buleck, resulting in a minor accident.

• Another New York City man made the wrong kind of impression in Springfield the same night. The driver

er, identified as Robert T. Barnett, was pulled over on Route 22 West for was pulsed over on Route 22 West for careless driving at about 11:50 p.m. The investigating officer discovered an open container of alcohol and no proof of insurance, however, and Burnett refused to take a sobriety tast, police said. He was subsequently arrasted on the above counts plus driving while intoxicated.

 Two more parking lot run-ins graced the Jan. 24 blotter. The first. graced the Jan. 24 blotter. The first, between a Sab and a Dodge, occurred on the premises of a bed and bathroom store on Morris Avenue at about 11:35 am. The other, between a Chevy Tahoe and a Cadilite DeVille, occurred in a supermarket lot up the road at about 12:28 p.m.

• On Jan. 23, a Sharon Road home-On Jan. 25, a sharper rose homes said the never got the desktop computer and software he ordered from a parcel service. An investigation discovered that the service left the computer and two software kits on the owner's front porch earlier that day. The missing computer and accessories are valued at \$2,160,90.

# Firemen give mutual aid; threat of bomb is empty

The Springfield Fire Department returned a favor to their Union Township counterparts Priday. Union found themselves the drup that morning with two medical calls, one for a guashot wound and the other a severed arm, and requested a ladder truck through the county mutual aid office. Springfield improved at about 10:07 a.m., driving a ladder truck to Union's beadquarters. The situation reversed Jan. 20, when reports of a gas leak and an auto scolident on Batturrol Way prompted Springfield to

gas leax and an study no occident on sist-turni Way prompted Springfield to request that a Union pumper truck come to their headquarters. A unit went to Milltown Road near Melsai Avenue at about 6:36. p.m. Saturday to assist police with a two-car accident. All bands went to a

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siness on Commerce Street at about

business on Commerce Street at about 6:19 p.m. Priday on a report of smoke.

• A gas odor at a Dundar Road business was sniffed out at about 10:34

• m. Thurday, All units responded to a fire alarm activated in Jonathan Dayton High School at about 15:19

p.m. Jan. 28.

• Fire and police units responded to a bomb threat made on a Route 23:

publices at about 3:32 p.m. Jan. 27.

Police cleared the premises but after a 36-minute search did not find an explosive device. One unit was diverted to the Municipal Annex at about 3:35 p.m. however, to respond to an alarm call.

# Department fights The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department responded to several calls this past week, including a water main brase on Summit Road, which disrupted some residents' punning water.

unning water.

On Feb. 2, several firefighters responded to a broken water main that flooded Summit road and disrupted residents' water services for about six hours. The Incident affected area homes on Summit Road and surrounding side streets.

Road and surrounding side streets.
No injuries were reported.
On Friday Jan. 30, several fire-fighters responded to an activated carbon monoxide detector on Ravenwood Road. According to newly appointed Fire Chief Marc

Franciosa, the Scotch Plains Fire Department also responded to the call. It was determined that the system had a faulty baitery and no firehad occurred, he said.

Last week, several residents complained to the Police and Fire departments of alleged telemarketing by the Fire Department. However, according to Franciosa, the Mountainside Fire Department does not solicit by phone.

Mountainside Fire Department does not solicit by phone. "We send out two letters each year. One in the fall for fire preven-tion and one in the spring for our annual fundraiser," he said.



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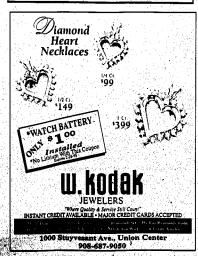
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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Winifred E. Amos

Winifred Elizabeth Amos, 68, of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Sum-mit and Springfield, died Jan. 15 at

home.

Born in Piusburgh, Pa., Mrs. Amos lived in Summit and Springfield before moving to Jacksonville five years ago. She graduated from Summit High School and from the baccalaureate nursing program at Hampton Institute. Mrs. Amos served as head nurse at Overlook Hospital, Summit, and taught nursing at Beth Ishael Med-

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ical Center, Newark. She then returned to Summit High School, where she was school nurse and health teacher for 25 years. Since moving to Jacksonville, she had been amenher of Woodlawn Presbyterian Church, a seniors and retirees organization, and the Mandurin Newcomers Club. Mrs. Amos also was a member of the Hampton University Alumni Organization. Organization.

Surviving are her husband, Richard Randolph; a daughter, Cheryl Arnos Riddick, and a grandchild.

#### Robert B. Herse

Elizabeth Palmer

Elizabeth Palmer of Summit died Ian. 27 in Overlook Hospital,

summit.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Palmer lived there most of her life. She was a buyer for Hahne's & Co. Department Store, Newark, for several years during the 1930s.

Robert B. Herse, 64, of Summit died Jan. 26 at home. In Irvington. Mr. Herse was born in Irvington. He was employed in sales for many years before retiring. Surviving are his wife, Valerie; three sons, Robert B. Jr., Charles E. and Frederick K., and four grandchildren.

#### Edward Klenke Jr.

Edward F. Klenke Jr., 82, of Sykes-ville, Md., formerly of Summit, died Jan. 19 in the Fairhaven Retirement Community.

Community.

Born in New York City, Mr. Klenke lived in Summit before moving to Maryland. He was an environmental consultant in Mexico and Brazil with IESC, a consulting agency. Composed of retired engineers. Explier, Mr. Klenke was a chemical engineer with DuPont Corp., Newark. He was a graduate of the Newark College of Engineering. During World War II, Mr. Klenke worked on the Manhattan Project in Illinois and Hanford, Wash.

Following the war, he taught at NCE, now New Jersey Institute of Technology, while working at the Pigments Division of DuPont. Mr.

Klenke was transferred to West Chester, Pa., for three years and returned to Newark where he worked until his retirement in 1983.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; a daughter, Lyun; a son, Edward, and two grandchildren.

#### Iris G. Karu

Iris G. Karu, 73, of Bensalem, Pa., formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 26 in St. Mary's Hospital, Langhorne,

In 34. Neary 8 energies.

Born in Hoboken, Mrs. Karu lived in South Orange and Springfield before moving to Bensalem five years ago. She was an administrative assistant and bookkeeper with the Family Computer Center Inc., South Orange, for three years and retired 15 years ago. Earlier, Mrs. Karu had been employed in the same capacity with

Power-Ol Oil Co. and Grant Oil Co., both of Irvington, Decorating on a Velvet Shoe String in South Orange and Hoboken Barrel & Drum. She was a member of the Isdies auxiliary of the Iswish War Veterans. Surviving are a son, Michael; a daughter, Karen Horn, and five grandchildren.

#### Stanley Mindel

Stanley Mindel, 61, of Springfield died Jan. 27 in Newark Beth Israel

Medical Center.

Bom in New Brunswick, Mr. Mindel lived in New York City before moving to Springfield six years ago. He was a self-employed investment salesman for 40 years.

Surviving are-his wife, Sara; two sons, Adam and Scott, and two stepsons, Joseph and Darren Glatt.





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#### Internet classes offered

Internet classes OTIEFED Internet classes for beginning users will be offered at the Mountainside Public Library on the following dates: Reb. 26. 42-2 p.m.; March 24. 48. 47. 30 p.m., and April 30 at 2 p.m. The classes are free and open to Mountainside Library card holders only. The Beginning Users class is one 40-minute session for novices. For those familiar with basic wab searching, "Advanced Searching on the Internet" will be offered Feb. 19 at 2 p.m.

2 p.m.
Advanced searching requires some familiarity with Windows '95 and the World Wide Web. The 40-minute classes will cover searching techniques using several different search engines, suchsa floscok or Alta Vista. Classes are offered to Mountainede residents only due to space initiations. Sign up for one class only. The Mountainside Public Library is located at Constitution Plazz; call (908), 233-0115 for more information.

#### Library trustee meetings

The Mountainside Public Library will be holding meetings of its Board of Trussees on the following dates: Feb. 9, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20. No meeting in August, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 10, Dec. 21.

All meetings are held in the library feeting Room at 7:30 p.m. Alla

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#### Literacy volunteers

Literacy Volunteers of America Union County Affiliate is pleased to amounce its new 1998 Winter schedule for the training of tutors. The first training program being offered is an English as a Second Language Workshop at Mountainside Library, Constitution Plaza. Classes are Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10 at 6, pm. to 9 p.m. The last workshop is also an English as a Second Language class at Elimora Library, W. Grand Street, Elizabeh, Classes are Feb. 7, 14 at md 21, and Murch 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 10 s.m. to 1 p.m.

to 1 p.m.

There is a workshop fee of \$15 to cover supplies. For additional information or to register for any of the above workshops, call (908) 925-7755.

# PEOPLE IN



Renal Services Nurse Manager Gall Montanari is honored at Mountainside Hospital with the hospital's distinguished Florence F. Schumann Award. Established in 1988 by the beneator for whom it is named, the award recognizes an employee, volunteer or Axvillien who has performed his or her duties in a manner that exceeds expectations. From left are James Meiser, chairman, Mountainside Hospital Advisory Board; Marilyn Hatzenburler, advisory board member; Robert Silver, president; Montanari, David McCarthy, director, Clinical Services, and Frances Tutle, R.N., director, Nursing.

#### Montanari awarded

Gail Montanari, R.N., Renal Ser-vices nurse manager at Mountainside Hospital, was recently honored with the hospital's distinguished Florence F. Schumann Award Forence

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wing her time in intensive care, Monianari transfered her exper-tise to Mountainside's renal dialysis program, working as both staff nurse and nurse manager for program, working as both stait nurse and nurse manager for a period of more than 15 years. "The acute prog-ram's success can be attributed to Gail's own expectations for herself

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and others, and to the afforts that, not surprisingly, surpassed routine post-promance," noted Silver.

Most recently, Monstanari helped to plan and build Mountainside Hospital's new Dislysis Center, which was opened in 1956 to enable people requiring renal treatment to receive care close to home, rather than traveling up to 30 minutes for regular treatment.

ments. Within months of its opening the center expanded its hours of operation and went to a six-day week to address a growing waiting list of

patients. Due to her efforts, Mounwas able to fulfill a major community need, and 60 outpatients now benefit weekly from this impor-tant service.



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ty, Nov. 8.

The matron of honor was Deborah
Cucuzella, sister of the bride. The best
man was Andrew Lanhome, brother
of the groom. The ringbearers were
Matthew and Thomas Cucuzella,
nephews-of-the-bride.

The bride is a graduate of Columbia ligh School, Maplewood, and is imployed by Emiliani Beauty Supply

Co., Unior, as a seles consultant. The groom is a graduate of Mill-burn High School, Millburn, and Fair-leigh Dickinson University, Medison, where he received a B.A. in political science. He is employed by Gordon and Thomas Co., East Orange, as comulsions manager.
Following the ceremony at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Millburn, where Reverend Comellus Tarples offisiated. the couple celebrated with a reception at Gran Centurions Clark. They spent their honeymoon in Clark. They spent their honeymoon in Clark. They open their honeymoon in Clark May The couple will reside in Millburn.

#### NEWS **CLIPS**

#### Bornsteins celebrate anniversary

Edith and Albert Bornstein of Springfield celebrated their 60th wed-ding anniversary with a surprise din-ner Dec. 28 at the Afton in Florham Park. The dinner was hosted by their ner Dec. 28 at the Afton in Florham Park. The dinner was hosted by their children, Donald and wife, Laura, of Lebanon Township and husband, John the Saint Phalle of Eugene, Ore. Edith Bagle and Albert Bornstein were married Jan.-1, 1938 at the Clin-

ton Manor in Newark, where a dinner reception and dancing for 200 guests

Albert Bornstein has been retired in Newark during the 1950s.

from the retail clothing business for 20 years. He is a trustee and was an officer of the Men's Club of Temple officer of the Men's Club of Temple. Beth Ahm, Springfield, For many years, he was president of the Spring-field Senior League, an affiliate of temple where he is still an advisor and organizer of special events. Before returing 22 years ago, Edith Bornstein was a-medical-secretary-for-

approximately 17 years. She is a pian-ist and tennis player and was a PTA officer at Chancellor Avenue School

#### PEOPLE IN THE SERVICE

#### Officer awarded medal

Navy Petty Officer Second Class
Gauntlett McBean, son of Pearline
Morris of Tuxedo Parkway, Newark,
recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

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#### RELIGION

#### Recovery service

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Worship at the Feb. 8, 10 a.m. service of The First Congregational
Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St.,
will pay tribute to "God's gift
recovery through the Anonymous
Twelve-Step Programs," according to
the senior pastor, Rev. John G. Wightman. Visitors are encouraged to
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In an effort to endorse, celebrate
and educate the public about the spitian and life-taving treatve-step, selfbolp groups, the professional staff of
First Congregational Church will
incorporate elements of groups such
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me charten a traditional worship for mat during the service. Wightman will invoke prayers commonly used by these programs, including the "Serenity Prayer" and the "Prayer of St. Francis." A respon-sive litany will couple each of the 12 steps with a compatible biblical reference.

First Congregational Church's Organist and Music Director, Barbara mson, has selected musical pieces that are favored by members of the anonymous fellowships. These anonymous include the hymns "Amazing Grace,
"Morning has Broken," and "Not
Thank We All Our God." In addition

the FCC Choir will perform the anthem "The Prayer of St. Francis."

In the tradition of the self-help groups based on the 12 steps, the service will conclude with a speaker, Jon vice will conclude with a speaker, Jon Z. of Westfield. He will share his "experience, strength and hope" with the congregation.
"We need to acquaint people with

from ins-threatening acadetion on a one-day-at-time basis," Wightman said.

A reception in Patton for church members and visitors will follow the hour-long worship service. For furth-er information, call the church office at 233-2494.

#### 'Ladies' meeting

The Ladies Intesting
The Ladies Perling Group of the
First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold their regular monthly
meeting on Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the
Parish House on Church Mall. After devotions led by Charlotte Pierson Trudy Lindenfelser, will lead the bus Trudy Lindenfelser, will lead the bus-iness portion of the meeting. Plans will be discussed for the annual Pasta Dinner to be held in March. A prog-ram will follow, and all ladies of the church are invited to attend.

# Waxing insightful



Deeflield School's Art Enrichment students, grades four through eight, visit the Crayola Factory in Easton. Pa., to see first hand the manufacturing of art supplies. From left are Stacey O'Sullivan, Jenniler Hanner, Morgan Starkey, Michael Dejain-ne and Nick Margello. Their art teacher is Lynn H. Slotkin.

#### STUDENT **UPDATE**

#### Mountainsider graduates

Mountainside resident Paul Meir has graduated from Bucknell Univer-sity with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. Muir is the son of Carol and Paul Muir of Moun-tainside. He is a graduate of Delbarton School, Morristown

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# **SPORTS**

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#### LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The Springfield Senior Minute-men (8th grade) basketball team did men (8th grade) basketball team did well to bounce back from a defeat to Hillside by beating Berkeley Heights 55-24 last Saturday night. Billy Chambers had his best game of the year by scoring 14 points and grabbing 10 rebounds for Socientia.

game of the year by scoring Ta-points and grabbing 10 rebounds for Springfield.

Matt Paz finished with 10 points and Paul Zawerzuk played well and finished with two points.

The Minutemer received an eight-point effort from Chambers in a 34-32 sabback to Hilliside, a game at Paz missed because of the flu-Joe Ablez and Ross Rahmani scored five points, Mo Abdelaziz. d five points, Mo Abdelaziz, ael Jaffe and Alex Belous four nd Carl Nazaire two. Springfield ended the month of

January with a record of 7-8.

The Junior Minutemen (7th grade) team improved to 7-2 with wins over Hillside 41-16 and Berk-

wins over Hillside 4140 ..... eley Heights 37-29, Andre Callender scored 14 14 rebounds oints and grabbed 14 rebor

Nick Perretti scored five points

nd hauled in five rebounds.

Springfield was quick to steal the
all away 17 times against Berkeby Heights. his. ider had a game-high 25 id four steals. Mike Nittolo

Cellender had a game-high 2: Cellender had a game-high 2: points and four steals. Mike Nittoli had six points and five steals. Per cetti had six points and three steals

retti had six points and three steals.

The Minutemen are thankful for all of the support provided by their cheerleaders during home games.

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The Tidal Wave Swim Team of the Union Boys and Girls Club hosted the annual Snowflake Festi-

hosted the annual Snowflake Festival in January.

Over 450 swimmers from seven teams throughout the state joinedd TWST swimmers.

Mmy TWST swimmers performed their best times, making times an all-around success.

Swimmers who significantly improved their times included;

\*\*anad-undar: Alan Kwok, Brendan McGrath, Casey Musarra, Stachande Newton.

nis Walker. 11 and 12: Jessica Davison, Tif-fany Gaven, Katie Heller, Gaston Domingo, Katie Hornig, Lauren

Wojcik.
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Tracy Cwiakala, Pat Hearno, Aliza Kemnetly. Swimmers who placed first in their events included: Briting Cole, Daniel DaCosta, Tracy Dimond, Billy Hillmann, Doomy Joses, Daniel McGrath, Lauren O'Shea, Joseph Palito, Cear San-tans and Megan Shanahan. Swimmers who placed second included: Alison Cucciniello, Michelle Newton and Jenilee Yerovi.

Swimmers who placed third included: Alicia Calisto and Chel-eca Davis.

The Springfield Recreation 1998 Girls Soltball Program is seeking girls in grades 2 and 3 for its instructional League. Registration is taking place at The Sarah Bailey Civic Center of 30 Church Mall in Springfield. The fee is \$45 and two checks

The fee is \$45 and two checks are necessary, one of \$20 to be made payable to Springfield Recreation and one of \$25 to be made payable to the Clirk Softball Parent's Organization.

More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department of Recreation Department of

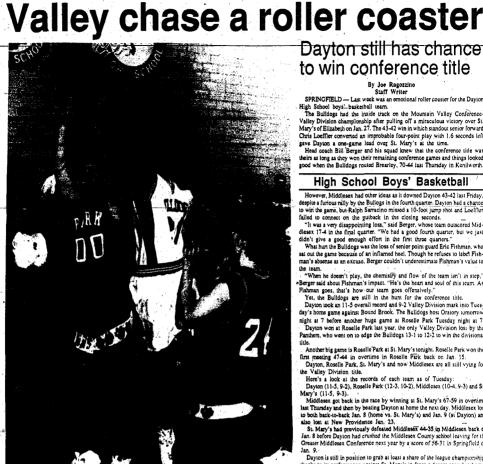
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Springfield Recreation Department girls' bestrathell town's schedule Feb. 8

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The Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division boys' basketball championship could be on the line when Dayton plays at Roselle Park Tuesday night at 7. Dayton previously handed defending champion Roselle Park its worse loss of the season back on Jan. 18 in Springfield, a 62-29 Bullidog victory. Dayton took an overall record of 11-5 and Valley Division mark of 9-2 into Tuesday's scheduled home game against Bound Brook, a team it defeated 62-50 in Bound Brook back on Jan. 13. Roselle Park is 12-3 overall and 10-2 in the Valley Division and plays at St. Mary's of Elizabeth tomorrow night at 7, a team it first beat in Roselle Park 47-44 in overtime back on Jan. 15.

# Dayton girls' playing better

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The Dayton Regional High School girl' batekaball learn did not beat Middleack last Friday, but the Buildogs came very close.

Dayton surfered a 53-48 overtime loss in which Linda Agostinelli scored a season-high 22 points and Maria Stravato added 11.

The first tume Dayton played Middleack back on Jan. 9 in Middleack, the Buildogs were handed a 40-14 loss in which Agostinelli pseed Dayton with a six-point effort.

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ton with a six-point effort.

Dayton (Seginning the week at
2-10, 2-8) won its second game of the
year Jan. 26 when it edged Mountain
Valley Conference-Valley Division
foe St. Mary's 39-38 in Elizabeth.
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with a 14-point effort and Stravato
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**Bulldogs on ice today** 



# Dayton still has chance to win conference title

SPRINGFIELD — Last week was an emotional roller coaster for the Dayton

High School boys. Daskeball team.

The Bulldogs had the inside track on the Mountain Valley Conference.

Valley Division championship after pulling off a miraculous victory over St. The Bulldogs had the inside track on the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division championship after pulling of a miraculous victory over St. Mary's of Elizabeth on Jan. 27. The 43-42 win in which standout senior forward Chris Loeffler converted an improbable four-point play with 1.6 seconds left gave Dayton a one-game lead over St. Mary's at the time. Head cosch Bill Berger and his squad knew that the conference tille was theirs as long as they won their trenaining conference games and things looked good when the Bulldogs routed Brearley, 70-44 lass Thursday in Kenilworth.

#### High School Boys' Basketball

However, Middlesex had other ideas as it downed Dayton 43-42 iast Friday, despite a furious rally by the Buillogs in the fourth quarter. Dayton had a chance to win the game, but Ralph Sarractino missed a 10-foot jump shot and Looffler failed to connect on the publishe in the closing seconds.

"It was a very disappointing loss," said Berger, whose team outscord Middlesex 17-4 in the final quarter. "We had a good fourth quarter, but we just didn't give a good enough effort in the first three quarters."

What hur the Buildegs was the loss of senior point guard Eric Fishman, who say to the grame because of an inflamed beel. Though he refuses to label Fishman's absense as an excuse. Berger couldn't underestimate Fishman's value to the team.

man's absense as an excuse. Berger coulon i unoccessional the team.

"When he doesn't play, the chemistry and flow of the team isn't in step."

"Berger said about Fishman is impact. "He's the heart and soul of this team. As Fishman goes, that's how our team goes offensivelow!"

Yet, the Bulldogs are still in the hunt for the conference title. Dayton took an 11-5 overall record and 5-2 Valley Division mark into Tuesday's home game against Bound Brook. The Bulldogs host Orationy comornow right at 7 before another huge game at Roselle Park Tuesday night at 7. Dayton won at Roselle Park say year, the only Valley Division loss by the Panthers, who went on to edge the Bulldogs 13-1 to 12-2 to with the divisional title.

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Another big game is Roselle Park at St. Mary's tonight. Roselle Park won the rst meeting 47-44 in overtime in Roselle Park back on Jan. 15.

Another big game is Rosselle Park at St. Marry's rought. Rosselle Park won the first meeting 4744 in overtime in Rosselle Park back on Jan. J. Dayton, Roselle Park, St. Marry's and now Middlesex are all still vying for the Valley Division title. Here's a look at the records of each team as of Tuesday: Dayton (11-5, 9-2), Roselle Park (12-3, 10-2), Middlesex (10-4, 9-3) and St. Marry (115, 6-3).

Here's a look at the records of the property o

Jam. 9. Dayton is still in position to grab at least a share of the league championship, thanks to its performance against 5t. May's in front a decent crowd at home. The Bulldogs trained throughout the entire game. Alling behind by as many as six points. But Dayton persevered, especially in the final 39 seconds of game, erasing a five-point deficit.

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Down 42-39 with about 20 seconds remaining, the Buildogs had one oppor-nity left as Loeffler, with help from his teatmates underneath, managed to till of three three-point attempts, mailing the last one and getting footled in the

process.

Loeffler, who earlier in the season collipsed 1,000 points in his career, his the ensuing free throw to complete the four-point play, but not before the foul shot clanged off the back of the rim, bounced high in the air and fell cleanly through

cludges on an each of an element.

With 1.6 seconds left, Dayton took its first lead of the game since an early 2-0 advantage, St. Mary's desperation shot at the buzzer fell short as the Buildogs piled on each other at mid-court in celebration.

Loeffler, findings with a game high 20 points and eight of those in the fourth quarter, had memories flash through his head when he tit what proved to be the

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quarter, had memories flash through his head when he hit what proved to oe and
game-tying three-pointer.

"I was thinking about all the years of hard work." Locaffer said. "I knew i was
going to make it. I had confidence. My teammates worked hard and got me the
ball. That's what it came down to."

Senior forward Chris Salvato, who had 18 rebounds, played a huge role
underneath, helping to gat Locaffer his chances.

"We knew how important this game was," said Salvato, who scored 13 points
while battling St. Mary's awin towers Herb Hall (6-5) and Todd Jones (6-8).

"Everything was on the line. We knew what we had to do. We came out and got
it done."

St. Mary's defeated Dayton 49-48 in Elizabeth back on Jan. 6 as Locaffer
scored 20 and Terrence Franklin 13 for the Bulldogs, Janual Thomas had 17
points for St. Mary's, Diego Reino 11 and Hall nine.

"This win means we can compete with every body in our conference." Salvato added.

to autous.
"It's a tribute to the perseverance of the six seniors," said Berger, "These kids worked hard for three years for this game. They made the commitment we asked of them, of working hard in the off-season-going to summer leagues and

worked hard for three years to taus assessment of the state of them, of working hard in the off-season going to summer leagues and samps.

"We worked up to this game to gain recognition in the county. We wanted to show people in the county that we're a good team."

For St. Mary's, the loss was especially, devastating.

"It hurs," said Hall, who screed a team-high 18 points. We knew this was for the conference lead.

"Everything went their way." St. Mary's coach Bob Halleck said. "The kid gets three shots and makes the last one. Fate was against us."

"Meanwhile, the Buildogs know they tean 'afford another locidown if they have any aspirations of a conference crown.

"This (St. Mary's win) was a big turnaround for the program, Berger said. "I can't say enough about our seniors. In the 17 years that I've been toaching, the St. Mary's game is my biggest win."

"This is our senior year." Locifler said. "There is no neat year. That's why we'd did it. We know that if we keep winning, the conference is our. We wanted to prove to the rest of the country and everyone in our conference in at we deserve a lot of respect."

"All of its have been together since the eighth grade. "Salvato said." It means everything to us to go out as champions and we will."

"Should Dyton win the rest of its Valley Drission games (Bound Brook, Oratory, Roselle Park, New Providence and Manville) then it stands a good chance of winning the Valley outright or at least sharing with Middlesex if Middlesex doesn't lose, again in the Valley.

# Dayton Boys' Basketball

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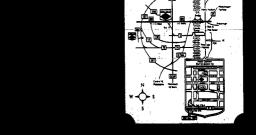
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