## THIS WEEK

#### NEWS Offices closed

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Monday in bservance of Presidents Day. editions are as follows

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Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 9 a.m.

#### <u>THE ARTS</u>



Dancer honored Ballet dancer Edward Villella See Page B4.

#### **SNOW ALERT**

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Friday: Partly sunny, windy and mild. 46° Saturday: Partly sunny, breezy and cold. 36°



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# Mountainside hit as part of major fraud scheme

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer
An Irvington man was arrested
Thurskay for allegedly carrying out one of the largest fraud schemes in Union County history. Police said the man, identified as Eusebio Antitony Mendoza. 47, was charged with opening bogus bank accounts under sauthed identifies and transferring the money, totaling what may amount to several million dollars. to several other false accounts.

Mendoza was arrested in his Augusta Street home late at night on Feb. 5 for using fake identification to set up false checking accounts at both the Filest and Summit banks located in Mountainside, according to police.

Mountainside, according to police.
Using electronic transfers from other false accounts, in excess of \$200,000 was deposited in new accounts in Mountainside, from which the checks were written, police

Mendoza is under further investiga tion for other illegal money transfers and fraudulent accounts, police said. The U.S. Postal Service is investigating a \$90,000 wire transfer to another bank in Union County, while the FBI

Police say Mendoza used fake identification to steal the identities Police say Mendoza used fakties and credit card numbers from his vicinaffication to steal the identifies and credit card numbers from his vicina. A search of Mendoza's residence turned up thousands of dollars worth of rare computer equipment, including a photo imaging system that he is believed to have used to create the false identifications, police said. Also discovered were blank New Jersey State driver's licentees, Social Security cards, credit cards, and other types of identification cards apparently used to open the fraudulent accounts.

Mountainside Police Detective Sergeants Rich Osieja and Todd Turner lead the raid of the suspect's forme, along with Postal Inspector George Belsky, in what may have been one of the largest fraud-related arrests in Union County history, police said.

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"This is blossoming into a multi-million dollar fraud case," said Moun-tainside Police Detective James Debbie Jr. "The FBI was at our headquarters all day Thursday trying to track down, with the help of the

years wonth of fraud."

Mendoza had been arrested for fraud before, and served several years in prison on related charges. "It's marzing to see how easily he got away with this. It seems that he likes to choose dectors in particular data their American Express Card numbers — since the eard has no spending limit," Debbie said.

Spening firm, Denote said.

Oseija agreed that Mendoza is a professional criminal. "He's done time in the Federal Correction Facility, located in Danbury, Conn., in accordance with several mail, wire and credit card fraud charges," he said.

said.

Oseija also said the investigation may not end anytime soon. "This investigation is unfolding right now as we speak, it's hard to determine how much damage has been done at this moment. We are finding more of his victims and more of his checks that have heen cashed by local businesses," he said.

While the investigation continues. Mendoza is being held in the Union County Jail on \$300,000 bail.

# Devino trial postponed for judge, prosecutor changes

Staff Writer
The Union County Prosecutor's
Office said both internal and external
developments have postponed the
trial of Springifield resident Ratph.
DeVino until next week. The case,
which was to have opened in Union
County Superior Court Monday, has
suffered changes in personnel an
awaits rulings on certain key
evidence.

awaits rollings on certain teast veridence. Superior Court Judge John Triars; was scheduled to preside over jury selection and state's attorney Thomas stenhauer was to have made opening arguments by presstime. Triarsi and Isenhauer are working on two other cases, however, and will be replaced by Judge Ross R. Anzaldi and prose-cutor Monique Imbert. According to County Prosecutor's Office spokesmian Robet O'Leavy, Judge Triarsi das been overseeting the jury selection for the trial of James

morder.

Benhauer also had other business to atteld. "I'm tied up with the jail guard trial." Benhauer said Monday. Benhauer said Mo

full year.

O'Leary said Anzaldi was to meet with Imbert and defense attorney David Biunno in an evidence hearing Wednesday.

"Anzaldi is to determine whether

the recording tapes made by the Spe-cial Prosecutions Office are admissicial Prosecutions Office are acumento be in court," O'Leary said, "Pending the outcome of the hearing and bar-ring DeVino making a plea, the jury

will be picked sometime, newteen rea-list and 2.5.

The larges supposedly recorded beVino of either soliciting or taking a bribe from a local developing in January 1997. DeVino, as the time of the alleged transaction, was a member of the "Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment and the township's rep-resentative on the Rathway Valley Sewerage Authority. DeVino was arrested by the County Special Prisecutions Unit Feb. 3, 1997 and was midsted on bribery counts by a grand jury May 23. The trial was twice postponed in Decem-trial was twice postponed in Decem-

trial was twice postponed in Decem-ber, however, due to DeVino's cancer

DeVino, a construction code con sultant, took a leave of absence from the Zoning Board Feb. 18. The Town-ship Committee Kept him on the RVSA, however, until they voted

# The suspect sketched above is wanted for the armed robbery of West Coast Video store in Springfield and Funcoland in Union Township. Anyone with information can contact the Springfield Police Department at (908) 376-0400. Police searching for armed robber

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer
Area police officials are tooking
for a man who has committed a
series of armed robbertes in Union
and Springfield Townships.
According to the Springfield Detective
Burgery a long summan entered the cording to the Springfield Detective Bureau, a lone gumnan entered the West Cost Video store at about 2:10 pm. Jan. 25. After, asking about children's videos, he reve-aled a small handgun and demanded money. The suspect then redered employees to lock them-selves in the rear of the store, took ceeph and left the premises of tho.

solves in the rear of the store, took cash and left the premises of the Route 22 store.

"When we posted an area bullerin of, the roboty, we learned that Union that a similar crime the day before," said Detective Captain James Hietala. "Their description of the suspect and his method of operation matched ours."

Union Police said the suspect walked into Funcoland on Route 22 at about 2 p.m. Jan. 24. He ordered employees into, a far corner of the building before taking cash.

"No one saw him leave the store, so we're not sure if he left in a car," said Union Detective Lt. Store McAnally, "We have since found that he'ray have committed similar robberies in Rahway, Linden and West Orange recently."

West Orange recently.

Springfield police released a composite sketch of the suspect Monday. He is depicted as a black male of between 30 and 35 years old, with a medium complexion and stender build. His weight is estimated to be between 170 and 175 pounds and his height to be about 6 feet 2 inches.

feet 2 inches.

At the time of the Springfield robbery, the suspect was wearing dark glasses, a tan sport-type jack, thaki pants and a black turtleneck sweater. The small handgun to used may be an automatic model. He may have had an accomplice, also a black male, who acted as a driver and dockoat.

Anyone who has information of the suspect and the robberies are to call Hietala at (973) 376-0400.

#### Council targets road improvements ground on the district's new strategic

Staff Writer
The Mountainside Borough Council met Tuesday in executive session to discuss an ordinance that would allocate improvements to New Provience Road, one of the most traveled roads in the borough. The council also discussed limiting the amount of time without the province of t

at streets.

The meeting began with a presentation by the Board of Education. Board
President Pat Taeschler and Chief
School Administrator Gerald Schaller

ground on the district's new strategic planning program. The program is an effort to establish the goals of the district for the next five years, using must from administrators, teachers, purents and other members of the community. A set of goals and a mission statement should be completed by March 15, Taeschler said.

'An ordinance was discussed for the renovation of New Providence Road, which purs perpendicular to Route 22. The ordinance would allocate the control of the program of the program

to renovate the damaged sections and upgrade the other sections, Mayor Bob Viglianti said.

Bob Viglianti said. "This is a grat way to ingrade one of our most traveled roads, and to get the state to kick in for it." Viglianti said. The improvements will include new curbs, as well as a complete general upgrade of the road, said Planting Board Chairman Torin Macch. The council will vote on the ordinance at next Tuesday's public session. The council will assessif in would con-

The council also said it would consider enforcing new parking limita-tions on Birchhill Rd., Briarpath Rd. Oaktree Pl. and Evergreen Ave

## Plan for townhouses gets board's approval By Walter Elliott

Staff Writer

A revised site plan for the Columbi-Court townhouses, which are to be a Court townhouses, which are to be built on Maple Avenue, was approved-by the Springfield Planning Board Feb. 4. Only two meetings, one with the state Department of Environmen-tal Protection and the other with the

Feb. 4. Only two meetings, one with the state Department of Environmental Profection and the other with the state Department of Environmental Profection and the other with the Springfield Elis Lodge, are left before construction can begin "We're pleased with the board's decision," said Columbia Court origineer Michael Lanzafana. "There's a review meeting with the DEP Monday. It may be supported the self paid agreement with the Elis Lodge." The Planning Board, which unaimously approved the site plant agreement with the Elis Lodge." The Planning Board, which unaimously approved the site plant of the Court of the Springer Spring

The change, as presented by Lanza-fana and Columbia Court attorney Patrick Spouls, means a loss of park-

ing space at the development. Although more spaces are to be pro-vided on the site where the front basin would have been, the original 150 spaces are down to 132. The remaining spaces, nevertheless, meet Spring-field's minimum building require-ment of 1.75 spaces per apartment

Work on Columbia Court may start Work on Columbia Court may stan, as early as the spring. The project, as designed by architectural firm Casey and Kelter of Millburn, would supply 15 onits towards Springfield's affordable hosting requirement.

Plans meldud a 'walkway to the nearby. Alvin Street Playground, which would cut through a corner of the neighboring Eliks Lodge property. Neighbor Frank Skrozek raised an unconsidered question when he asked Laurafain and Spouls what the average construction cost per unit was.

age construction cost per unit was. When they said they didn't have the figures on hand, Skozzek claimed the cost per unit to be \$25,000 and questioned the construction quality. Acti-ing board Chairman Philip Kurnos told Skozzek that the cost element was not part of the panel's considera-tion. Neither Lanzafana nor Spouls have disclosed the overall project cost as of presstime.



Preschool and kindergarten students from Edward Walton School in Springfield eagerty participate in the Harvest Dance led by the Okra African Dance Troupe. The troupe gave a performance of some traditional dances from different countries in Africa.

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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 verns the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 2100 115in 20092 mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083. Sunday • The Trailside Nature and Sci-

Sunday

• The Trailide Nature and Science Center planetarium is presenting "A Collection of Cold Constellations," Sunday and Feb. 22 at 2 pm. The chilly winter season is the time of the year to see many beautiful constellations. We will explore from and his dogs, Taurus, and Gemini, and find out when and Gemini, and find out when and where planets are visible. Each family will get a winter star map to take home. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for serions. For ages 6 and up. Also on Sunday, the center is presenting "Beavers," a slide show about the natural history of the beaver by John Blackmore, naturalist, at 2 p.m. You'll find out what good parents they are and discover how their engineering skills benefit other wildlife.

Monday

• The Trailide Nature and Sci.

benefit other wildlife.

Monday

\* The Trailside Nature and Science Center is presenting the following programs Monday:

"Sensory Scavenger Hunti," from
11 am. to 12 pm.: John us in a search for trees that have bark like the skin of an alligator or an elephant. We'll sniff out others that smell like peant butter or gum. in the event of bad weather, we'll move indoors to the museum. Pre-

the event of bad weather, we'll move indoors to the museum. Prergistration required. For children 4 and older. Bables in backpacks okay. Fee: \$3.50 per person. "Lotton & Pottonas", from 1245 to 215 p.m.: Join us for a fun, hands-on program as we make a yourney balm for winter-shapped lips and some soothing skin cream; Create high-quality, all-natural products for yourself and your family.

Take home recipes and samples Preregistration is required. For grades four & up. Fee: \$12 pe

presignation is required. For grades four & up. Fee: \$12 per person.

"Sugaring Offl,"from 1 to 2 p.m.: Come see a film that traces he process of turning asp into synup. Take a look at the equipment you'd need to collect asp yourseft. Learn to identify a sugar maple tree and take part in a tests test. For all ages. Fee: \$2 per person.

Tuesday

• The conter is presenting the following programs on Tuesday:

"The Great Horned Ow!" from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m.: Learn about life of this fleres predator of the Watching Reservation. We'll take a tack for while programs on the product of the watch to an own to root and search for owl pelless that contain remnants of the animal meast. Hear a tape of the owls' call so you can listen for it at home at night. For grades 1 & up. Fee: \$3.50 per person.

"Rocket as he tours the planets and beyond. Hear the story about Mr. Moornoteis' capure by astronaus. Look for aliens and rock to the Planet Song. For ages 4 and up and the story about Mr. "Taffy Pull," from 11 am. to 12 p.m.: An old-fashinend candy-making adventure. Make a sugar confection to share with friends and family. Pro-registration is required.

family. Pre-registration is required. For ages 6 to 12. Fee: \$2 per person. "Make and Take Crafts," from 1

to 3 p.m.: Continuous program in the visitor center lobby. For fami-lies, all ages. Fee: \$1 to \$2.00 per craft project. craft project.
"Gerbils and Hamstern," from 1 to 2 p.m.: Learn about the lifestyles and care and feeding of these two popular pets. Find out which is right for your family. For grades 1 & up. Fee: \$2 per person.
"Birds in winter," from 2:15 to

3:45 p.m.: Find out about the birds who spend the winter in our back-yards. Some are visitors from the north, others only say when there are lot of acorns, and others are pear-round residents. We'll learn how to identify backyard birds, observe some at the fooder and take a walk to search for those who shun feeding stations. For all ages. Fee: 53.50 per person.

feeding stations. For all ages. Fee: \$3.50 per person.
Wednesday
• The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyratian Church in Springfield will hold their regular monthly meeting on Feb. 18 at 7:20 pm. in the Parish House on Church Mall. After devotions led by Church Pierson. Trudy Lindenfelsor. monany meaning on Church
Mall. After devotions led by Charjour Firston, Trudy Lindenfelser,
will lead the business portion of the
meeting. Plans will be discussed for
the annual Pasts Dinner to be hold
in March. A program will follow,
and all ladies of the church are
mivided to stared. Refrealments will
be served by Dorn Speicher and the
Hospitality Committee.

Coming avents
Fab. 19

Deerfield School will hold its
annual Science Fair/Invention Conmention Thursday in the school
gymnasium. Students in Grades
K-8 will display their projects for
the school population from 12:30 to
extend the school
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will be school gymnasium.

The Recreation Commission of
the Borough of Mountainside will
meat al Borough all Feb. 19

Two Springfield residents are
halping the Jewish Cultural School
& Society present a five-part series
and March 19.

Two Springfield residents are
halping the Jewish Cultural School
& Society present and Two-part series
of Thursday covering adult minicourse on "Jews of Poland" beginming today from 7:30 to 9 pm. Sale
Basis, a longtime member of the
BCSS faculty, will lead the course.

Enis, a longtime member of the BCSS faculty, will lead the course. He is fluent in seven languages and uses many sources for his scholarly work. Milt Zisman is coordinator of which will be held at the

work. Mili Zisman is coordinator of the coatts, which will be held at the Ethical Culture building in Maplewood. Interested non-members may register for the series for \$3.5 or pey \$8 for individual sessions; members pay \$8 for individual sessions; members pay \$30 for the series or \$7 per session.

Salo's sources for the course include "History of the Jews in Krakow and Kazmierz," written in. Polish by Dr. Majer Balaban, and "The Jews of Utaraine," written he Russian by J. C. Honigman and A. Y. Naiman. The course also draws upon books in English published by academic and specialized presses in the U.S., Britain and Poland. For formation or to register contact information or to register contact Milt Zisman at (973) 376-5629.

Mili Zisman at (973) 376-3629.

Feb. 24

The Leukemia Society of America's monthly support group is scheduled to meet at 7 pm., at the Northern New Jersey Chapter office, 45 Springfield Avenue, 57 pm. and the needs of pattents, their families, and friends affected by Leukemia and its related cancers — Lymphorta, Multiple Myeloma, and Hodgikin's Disease. Discussions focus upon the emotional, psychological, upon the emotional, psychological, and experiential aspects of these diseases. While offering both sup-

diseases. While offering both sup-port and specific education, the support group does not offer medi-ted leard, shive, or pythochierday. It is led by facilitators Kathleen Crowley, MSW, and Doman Rossi, RN, who invite all members of the general public, affected by Leukemia and related diseases to take advantage of this free Leukemia Society service. Individuals interested in attend-ing are urged to contact the

ing are urged to contact the Leukemia Society of America at (973) 376-9559, or by fax at (973-7072).

• The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library presents Freehold High School's dramatic arts club in a reading of works by playwright Tennessee Williams at 7 p.m.

The club, in existence since 1960, has produced over 100 dramas and musicals. Two major shows and a series of one-act plays are produced by the club each year at various festivals, where students have we may be a series of the club each year at various festivals, where students have won many acting awards. The Dramatic Arts Club tries to expose its members to a variety of dramatic styles of theater in the four years they attend Frechold-High School

The plays chosen for this presentation are early works of Tennessee Williams, and have as much relevance now as when they were written. The program will include the following readings:

following readings:

"The Yellow Bird." "This Property Condemned," Talk To Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen," Protratic of a Girl in Glass." Funding 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.

February

Explore the artistic expr • Explore the artistic expression of the people of Kenya, Africa, and of local students, with a visit to the exhibitions sponsored by Haynes Imports and the Westfield public schools at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, throughout the month of February.

In celebration of Black History Month and cultural diversity, Children's Specialized Hospital will present African artwork from Kenya in a show produced by Hay-

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By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer
The Springfield Board of Education reviewed a third proposed
1998/99 school year calendar in as
many meetings Monday.
The thid calendar draft, as submitted by Superintendent of Schools
Gary Friedland, keeps the Sept. 8
school starting that. The spring
recest, which was stated for April 5
through 9, has been moved up a week
to April 1 through 8, 1999.
Friedland said the shift was made to
accommodate the religious holidays
accommodate the religious holidays

Friedland said the shift was reade to accommodate the religious holidays which fall during the week of the proposed recess. The recess readilionally starts following Good Friday, which is set for April 2, 1999.

"Since I submitted the second draft to you on Jan. 26, I had some calls, letters and a petition of shoul 110 names about the spring recess." Friedland said. "They pointed out that Jand said chowd by Holy Thursday and Good lowed by Holy Thursday and Good sover begins on March 31 and is fol-lowed by Holy Thursday and Good Friday. This draft avoids having some of our staff and students absent for observances before the break." Friedland submitted an original draft to the board Jan. 12. The first draft featured a 185-day school year, starting Sept. 1. Objections by some

parents and faculty members about the new starting date, which would have fallen before Labor Day, prompted a second draft. "We are required by law to hold a

180-day year, and contractually obli-gated to a 183-day year and to provide a couple of snow days," Friedland said. "Beyond that, there's some room

said. "Beyond fair, tiere's some room to work with."

The second draft returned the achool starting date to Sept. 8. Its proposed year was kept to 183 days by cutting the two-day Presidents. Birthday break in half and eliminating

ourneasy break in half and eliminating a snow day. "Designing a calendar will always leave someone delighted and some-one disappointed," Friedland said. "We try to reach out to the community to find what they want. I recall one to find what they want. I recall one year where we had 11 schedules on the table. I'd like the board to consider

the table. I'd like the board to consider the three drafts, and a fourth if they come up with one, for a vote at the Feb. 23 meeting."
At the three-hour public session, Jonathan Dayton High School Principal Charles Serson made a presentation on fundraising activities. The presentation was requested by the board to understand the purpose and scope of high school fundraising.

Board proposes third calendar

"For the most part, the purpose of fundralsing is to offset the costs of student projects and events," Serson said, "It serves a base of responsibility and commitment to the clubs, activities and organizations the student participate in. They get an understanding and responsibility of running for office, organizing, and financing scittlets."

for office, organizing, and financing activities. Each class does its own fundraising, Serson said, with the Junion Senior Prom and Unione as four-year priorities. The Board of Education has maintained a policy against students selling or soliciting door-to door by themselves, which it relinated after a Jackson Township student was murred last fall while fundraising. The panel recognized four Dayton seniors who received the Edward Bloustein Department of Education Scholastic Awada. Katerian Moull-not, Merlissa Tratenberg, Roseline Valakeshalaket and Antere Zawertak seched received a plaque and Vaddachhalakei and Andrea Zawerzuk eached received a plaque and \$1,000 state college scholarship for heir academic leadership during their first three high school years. A fifth, Lindsay Tyne, also was recognized. She is now a senior in Kenilwordt's David Brearley High School.

# A gourmet luncheon



The seventh-grade students at Florence M. Gaudineer School in Springfield recently celebrated the end of their unit on meal planning with a gournet luncheon.

# Downed line stops firefighters

Springfield helped cover for Rahway as that cliy's firefighters grapfied with a truck fire Thursday. Rahway called for mutual aid with it discovered a vacuum truck on fire neat to a commercial building at about 7.2 m.

Springfield sent a pumper truck at about 7.23 p.m. to compliment another pumper trum Roselle and a ladder truck from Clark. The firemen, however, were hindered from carrying out their duty by a downed power line that had fallen between the truck and the building. After the truck and the building. After General Public Utilities shut the cable's power off, firemen con-

#### FIRE BLOTTER

tained the blaze within 40 minutes. tained the blaze within 40 minutes.

An engine unit can say it headed for the border when it responded to a motor vehicle acciliation of a mexican fast-food restaurant on Morris Avenue Friday. Firefighers used absorbar to mop up about two gallons of spilled-coolant from the accident by Balturel Avenue at about 11:30 a.m. The crash site was about 50 feet away from the boundary with Short Hills.

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An corbon monoxide detector

sounded at a South Springfield Avenue residence at about 1:43 p.m. Feb. 4: A similar call was made from a Morris Avenue apart-ment complex at about 9:22 p.m. Feb. 3. A unit put out a brush fire along Wilson Road at about 2 p.m. later that day.

• An engine unit investigated a burning odor reported by a Cald-well Piace resident at about 12:26 p.m. Feb. 1. The odor was traced to a barbeque lunch another Caldwell resident was cooking on a cinder block pit in his backyard. The cook was told to use a safer grill.

#### Math and science labs discussed

By Jim Foglio Staff Writer The Mountainside Board of Education held a meeting last Tuesday to discuss several items, including the

tion beld a meeting last Tuesday to discuss several items, including the new Deerfield Math and Science labs, fundraising, and curriculum. The meeting opened with a presentation by four Deerfield seventh grade members of the Environmental Cubs. Frank Patjumbo, Kristen Manzo, Jessich Schlicht, and Jude Faella presented to all in attendance a project called "Waste Be Gone." The project represents the Environmental Cubs entry in a sateswide competition in which students fearn about preserving the environment. The Environmental Club at Deerfield was organized by several goal to the rew Math and Science Labs, which was the several weeks. Schalter said the roops and which offers extra help for sudenis, and prepares them for standardized texts, has become very suc-

for the curriculum over the next five cessful and popular among students Board of Education President Put Board of Education President Pal Taeschler reported on the new educa-tional strategic program. The program involves a collective effort by parents, teachers, administrators, and board members in deciding on the educa-tional goals of the district. Taeschler emphasized that still more volunteers

the needed.

A school fundratising ordinance was introduced that would outlaw duest-to-keer soliciting, resulting in part from the recent trageds in South lersey, where a boy was mardered while going devirto-door.

An alternative dundrateer featuring the sale of magazines was remoned, Schaller noted that such a program would have the added benefit of encouraging reading.

Schaller gave an update on plans are needed.

to the curreculum over the next years, but did not release and official report, saying things were still in the planning stages. Nevertheless, those in attendance commended Schaller and the board for making corriculums primary connern of the district.

Schaller said that each individual

Schaller said that each individual Derfield classroom took part in a Special project to known Martin Kauther King Jr. and other historically significant African-Americans for Fernary's "Black History Month." "Teachers focused on Dr. King and other farmus African-Americans, and performed various projects that ranged from book-reports to types of research." Schaller said. Although Mountainskie its a predominately caucasion school district. Schaller agreed it is very important to imphas-ize diversity in education.

# Resident sniped by paint ball gun

Two men were arrested for driving while suspended and a resident was the target of a paint ball gun this past week in Mountainside.

On Jan. 31, at about 9:30 p.m., a

• On Jan. 31, at about 9:30 p.m. existent's while was hit by paint balls while he was driving north on New Providence Rood. The victim. stated that just as he passed Mocassin Pond, his car was bombarded by conage-colored paint on the passenger side door of his vehicle. Patrolman John Phillipsekos responded to the call and determined, after the car was recorded. washed, that no permanent damage had occurred.

On Feb. 2, at about 9 a.m., patrol-

• On Feb. 2, at about 9 km. patroinan Donald Amberg stopped an enregistered vehicle on Route 22 West. The driver, Phillip Donogbue, 49, of Colonia, was found to be driving while suspended, and had a warrant out for his arrest from the Union County Sheriff's Office. He was receased on \$500 bail from Mountainside, and awaits a count date of Feb. 10.

side, and awaits a coun date of Feb. 19.

• On Feb. 2, at about 11 p.m., patrolman Kevin Betyman arrested a South Bound Brook man for driving white suspended. While driving on Route 22 West, Betyman stopped NEWS CLIPS

Augustine named

committee chairman Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, R-Union, has been appointed chair-man of the Assembly State Govern-ment Committee by Speaker Jack Collins.

Augustine, who was vice chairman

of the committee during the last legi-stative session, will deal with a wide

range of concerns including campaign finance reform, the election process,

and changes in the civil service system.

"Alan brings to this leadership position considerable experience in both the public and private sector," Collins

in pourly may private sector, Commo-sial.

"Italiang served as vice chairman of the State Government Committee, I am pleased that Speaker Collins has given me the opportunity to private di-direction for this committee and look forward to the challenges if will pre-sent," Augustine said.

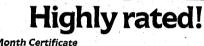
The assemblyman noted that in, ber State of the State message and insa-gural. Address, Governor Whitman presented many initiatives that come under the purview of the committee.

"One of our tasks will be to review

"One of our tasss will be to review these initiatives once they are intro-duced and to take appropriate action on them," Augustine said. Serving his hird full term. Augus-tine is also a member of the Ausembly. Banking—and Finencial. Institutions Committee.

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Damion Yeager, 26, was found to have been driving while suspended. Yeagar was released on \$1000 bail and currently awaits a Pebruary coun-date.



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## **COMMUNITY FORUM**

# Eat well and prosper

As if, in addition to all that turkey, the annual November elections weren't enough to swallow, Gov. Christine Whitman has proposed legislation that would shift Board of Education elections from April to that already cluttered month. Ear well and prosper, we say.

The idea behind the move is to gain greater voter participation in school board issues. No one can criticize such intentions. Increased participation from the communities is exactly what districts need, particularly with regard to school funding issues.

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Now that the state, with the Quality Education Act, has committed itself to the redistribution of wealth, poorer districts, or those labeled as having special needs, are receiving funds to ensure that their children are provided the same level of education as those in wealthier districts. While many consider this to be equality, much of the power that formerly lay in the hands of individual districts has now been taken and the same layer with the control of the same layer with the same layer. ay, subjected to a state assessment of a district's needs What funds are available, then, must be monitored th more carefully to ensure they are going to the right places. A good way to do so is to scrutinize the actions of board mem-bers, bringing accountability, and if necessary, reaction to their decisions.

Some educators have vocalized fears that the overlapping of elections would politicize school board issues, bringing partisanship to a body that should be unbiased. However, the school boards in many districts already are highly political entities — it's just that most people don't realize it. Many in the community are not involved in school issues, and somehow consider education a subject of lesser importance. This disinterest needs to be reversed if statewide problems in education are to be remedied.

While politicization may be the unavoidable result of such a move, moving elections to the fall would bring some much-needed attention to issues that make many people snooze. But they are issues that are some of the most important a community must face. To regionalize or deregionalize to allot funds for the introduction of new curricula or new staff, to change the school calendar: These are decisions that affect your pocketbook and, more importantly, the education of your children. Children are the future and, in this fastdiminishing world, one of the last unchecked resources. School board elections should be brought to the forefront of community-mindedness, as are municipal elections, and not left unnoticed while the rest of us are planting bulbs

# Efforts should be applauded

Speaking of community involvement, Mountainside's Board of Education has initiated a plan to develop district educational goals—with-the.help of residents, parents and even some high school students.

even some high school students.

In the plan, two committees, one to research the schools, the other the community, will study various aspects of education in the district, including student performance, staffing, school resources, state funding, demographics, political environment, etc., and report their findings to a planning council. The council, made up of 25 to 40 members, will then meet for several weeks to develop the district's goals and mission statement, which is expected to be completed by about March 14. Their work will in turn be passed to an action plan committee, which will develop plans for achieving the goals to be given to the board. Thus, the school board hopes to have a complete set of goals and directions with which to reach them by May.

Board of Education President Pat Taeschler said the program should reflect a cross-section of the school and commitment of the school and commitm

gram should reflect a cross-section of the school and community. Already 50 people showed up for the program's inaugural meeting, some of whom volunteered for the com-"We are pleased with the interest shown but we

still need more people to get involved," Taeschler said.
While most abhor the giant bureacracy that has become
our state education system, when such an extensive program
is undertaken to come up with a school plan that satisfies all, or nearly all in the community, this bureaucracy can be

happily overlooked.

Some might say education is best left to the experts, but the community's input should be sought on educational issues, just as it is in other areas of municipal planning. Community inclusion serves to prevent the ivory tower syndrome that has led to such educational oddities as Ebonics and whole learning. Initiatives such as Mountainside's keep the community on top of the issues that affect their children and their future, and their efforts are applauded.

"In an imperfect state of the human mind, the interests of the truth require a diversity of opinions."

John Stuart Mill English philosopher 1859

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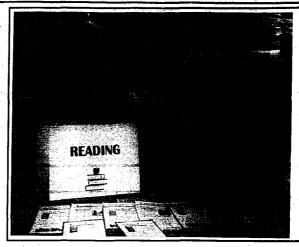
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TEACHER OF THE YEAR

— Jennifer Freese, an eighth-grade student at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield, explains the school reading curriculum to parents and guest at a recent Academic Extravaganza. Preschool children through eighth graders became teachers for a day in this knowledge fair which concluded a week-long celebration honoring Catholic schools.

# Those who commit crimes must pay price Punishment is subjective, and is neted out for the commission of Acl minocence remains, the truth should marmer that will instill fear in those

Punishment is subjective, and is meted out for the commission of crimes ranging from simple theft to murder, and anything in between. Since the dawn of civilization, the

Since the dawn of civilization, the degree of punishment for certain crimes has varied. Murdering a fellow human has generally been looked upon as a capital offense punishable by execution or torture. Until only recently, a person coald be executed for what we call minor infractions. Stealing a foaf of bread was punishable by death in England as recently as 125 years ago, and the age of the offender was not a consideration; children as young as 10 years old could go to the gallows. There were few exceptions.

During the French Revolution, a ess peasant could lose his o ovor hapless peasant could lose his or ner head based on mere suspicion or rumor. Once the animosities of the evolution subsided, more and more needs remained intact. But it was too late for the innocent who were wrong-

Today, we seem to be in a state of abo. Some complain we have put

# As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

capital punishment on a level of mass production, while others are angry that not enough murderers are getting the production of capital punishment jumped for joy in hopes that murderers would get what was coming them. Not so, in those 16 years, not one person has been executed. one person has been execu

one person has been exceited. My feeling about the death penalty is ambivalent. I believe those who commit the more beinous cinness, such as child molesters who murder their vicinity, aboud the permanently and have no remone for what they have done should also suffer the ultimus fate. In some cases when the shuation is not considered to the control of the control

not so clear cut, and doubt about guilt not so clear cut, and doubt about guilt or innocence remains, the truth should be explored as far as is humanly possible. If guilt is the determination, punishment should fit the crime, whatever that would mean.

Also, once a defendent is found guilty, sentenced to death, and has achassed all appeals, the sentence should be carried out as soon as possible. Having a condemand person with around for years is cruel and unusual punishment, which the Constitution-says is a no-no.

Unfortunately, murder is too common and widespread a crime for the

mon and widespread a crime for the death penalty to be completely disre-garded. Some crimes must be punished with more than a slap o

wrist.

I know many would disagree, saying all life is valuable and should not be taken. But what about the families and friends of the victims? Where do they come in? I don't think execution should be done for revenge; it should show, in the strongest way possible, that there is no place in our society for those who take a life. The murderer

who are like-minded

who are like-minded.

Many believe the death penalty is not a detarrent to the would-be murderer. To them, life in prison with no chance of parole is the appropriate penalty. Perhaps that would be a solution. But to me it is a cop out. Finding the correct punishment to fit the erime is a task fit for Solomon. No matter bow believe the size.

No matter how beinous the crime there are some who would forgive and there are some who would forgive and forget, with no penalty attend (forget, with no penalty attend.) Thankfully, that kind of thinking remains in the minority. Although there will always be murder and maybem, those who commit crimes should pay the price of their acts, beavily and forcefully. There is too much anarchy and chaos around without lossening the plenalities of the law. That kind of thinking is not only ridiculous but extremely dangerous. culous but extremely dangero

Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent columnist for this newspaper.

# Hunt making Mountainside winter war zone

Three months of yearly doer killing in Mountainside has in fact slughing med mountainside has in fact slughing of life, destroyed my sense of safety an eroded my trust in the integrity of our county politicians and their underlings. Winters in Mountainside were once a tranquil, therapeutic and pleasantly articipated experience awaid the natural setting that my family intentionally chose as our home. Mountainside's majestic natural setting once granted percepnatural setting once granted percep-tive and intelligent residents a quality of life that was delightful, edu of life that was delightful, education, and restorative. Certainly, up until five years ago, Mountainside was a wonderful place to observe the marvefous symbiosis of nature. Tragically, my once-serene life is now filled with blood-curding gun blasts that brutally awaken me at dawn and continue to torment me all day long for three months each winter. Along with the horrific sounds of our neighborhood war zone, this community must also endure dangerous herding of deer along busy mountainous must also endure dangerous herdin of deer along busy mountainou roads, pools of deer blood, and in vio roads, pools of deer flood, and in vio-lation of health codes, truckloads of rodent-attracting bait piled knee-high just so that armed guards can dally at bait stations throughout the Watchung

eservation.

Our escalating county taxes are ring wasted on three months of "man out" maneuvers and failed "pseudo-udies" rather than scientific park nent and maintenance. That's what happens when a county employ recreation chiefs rather than life sci recreation chiefs rather than life est-entists as stewards of county parks and reservations. Shooting from "bal-conies," nebulous shooting "guide-lines", herding and bailing deer, and deceiful rationales serve the chosen few that participate in this tax-supported political gun club. Our county taxes should not be spent on crorty gun jamborees that defy hunt-

Point Of View By Lucy Blazo

ing statues, science, and safety standards.

standards.

Over the last nine years, a large and vocal group of Union Conty residents have appealed to Union County Preholders with documented evidence that exposes the Watchung warnes as unencessary, unseined, and self-perpetuating. We are hoping that the new Union County Freeholders will examine the following asterific faces and put an immediate end to the Watchung Reservation Deer Stusgner Hoax:

Killing deer does not reduce Lyme

Killing deer does not reduce Lyme isease. James Blumenstock of the NJ disease. James Blumenstock of the NI
Department of Health asserts, "Simply stated, there is no significant relationship between deer management,
specifically population control
efforts, and the level of deer ticks and
the incidence of I was disease. Adult efforts, and the level of deer ticks and the incidence of Lyme disease. Adult ticks will adapt if you reduce or theoretically remove deer from the area; they will seek other alternative hosts." Douglas Roscoe, the Chief of Pathology, Division of Fish Game and Wildlife states, "Lyme disease is caused by the bite of a rick, but the spirochet which causes the disease is caused by the bite of a tick, but me pirochete which causes the disease is not carried effectively in the blood of the white-tail deer. The deer mouse is the predominant carrier of Lynn Disease, and deer are not good host of the disease."

As documented by official NI Siste Desertiment reports. there are not

Department reports, there are not starving deer in the Watching Reser-

vation. There never were any starving door, and there are no indications of survation in the future. Union County doer are above standard weight.

Watchung doer mest is not USDA-stamped, yet politicians are bragging about feeding this uninspected wild doer meat to unauspecting peopre people of Union County. Do Union County politicians are bragging about feeding this uninspected wild doer meat to unauspecting people of Union County. Do Union County politicians causely think that the public is sould uninspected for meat remains uninspected regardless of where it is cut up the deer is undeniably USDA-approved. However, that USDA-approved. However, that USDA-approved butcher shop, says nothing about the bacterial, viral and pesticide/rosin content of wild deer meat. Deadly contaminants cannot be visually contaminants cannot be visually contaminants cannot be visually detected even by USDA-detected even by USDAcontent of wild deer meat. Deadly contaminants cannot be visually detected even by USDA butchers in USDA-approved butcher shops. It is unscrupulous for the general public and the poor to be mislead this way. Unnamed gumma shoot wild be woods, drag the carcasses through the woods to a trick, hang and drain the dripping deer carcasses in an unrefrigerated county barn for days until finally the never-instructed, unreinguises county ours for days until finally the never-inspected, unre-frigerated carcasses are trucked to a butcher for grinding. The USDA tells us that uninspected wild deer meat could certainly be contaminated with viruses, bectria, pesticides and heavy metals like arsenic and lead. The metas nike arease and lean. The unsuspecting poor are being exposed to potential health risks while being made scapegoats to glorify a private sports club at the public's expense.

Yei, our Freeholders brag about feeing untested chopped deer meat poor people.

As documented by official NJ St.

ented by official NJ State overpopulation in the Watchung Reservation. Moreover, there never was a deer overpopulation in the Watchung Reservation. The deer population is not currently nor has it ever been even removed. Department reports, there is no deer

population is not currently nor has is ever been even remotely close to the biological carrying capacity in the Watching Reservation.

The currently ignored Baird Study, an 83-pags scientific document produced by-Professor James Baird of Rugera University provides a detailed scientific revrospective and future plan to maintain a healthy reservation. This in-depth study clearly exposes the lies and gross negligence that is currently destroying our once priscurrently destroying our once pris-tinely maintained Watchung Reserva-tion. For comoboration of these facts, tion. For corroboration of these facts, The Summit Library has an available copy of "The Ecology of the Watch-ung Reservation - A description of the biotic communities and recommenda-tions for their management prepared at the request of the Union County Park Commission."

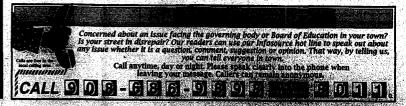
Park Commission."

I implore all concerned residents to call the Union County Precholders Board and tell them to stop the Watchung doer slaughter now. The Union County Precholders can easily return our law to its original form, which for 100 years clearly and wisely prohibited hunting in Union County.

Lucy Blazo is a resident of dountainside.

#### View Point results

In our last installment of View Point, readers answered the question "Is the media to blame for exaggerating the current White House scandal?" by responding 100 percent in favor and 0 percent against.



# Runaway dumpster carts damage two cars

A pair of runaway dumpster carts damaged two automobiles parked in the General Greene Shopping Center Feb. 2. Agrording to police reports, an Arace Brothers garbage truck and a White Brothers carting truck were about to pick up the two dumsters when they rolled sway at about 945. am. One dumpster severity damaged a.m. One dumpster severly damaged the passenger door of a 1990 Eagle while the other smashed the right rear window Mercury. and a door of a 1993

• Route 22 East in the area of Lawrence Avenue and the Lido Diner U-Turn was the scene of two auto accidents in five days. The first crash occured at about 8:40 p.m. Friday when a Dodge driver said she was cut off in the left tane by a mid-sized mar-oon Nissan that sped off. The resultoon Nissan that sped off. The result-ing collision put the Dodge on a tow hook and its driver in her doctor's

A Dodge Shadow driver was a victim in the section of Route 22 Feb.

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2. Police reported that two cars ahead of the driver suddenly swerved to avoid a tire on the road at about 7:22 p.m. With no time to turn, she ran into the tire and damaged her car's undercarriage.

undercarriage.

\* Two Route 22 stores reported theft or damage on Feb. 4. Bob's Stores recorded two pair of Timber-land boots, were valued at \$250 were shoplifted at about 6 p.m. Employees arriving for work at Computer City found holes and dents in a 30-foot area of the store's outer wall.

area of the store's other wan.

A Summir resident went on an expensive shopping trip Feb. 3. She arrived at the local Wendy's on the Short Hills side of Morris Tumpike at about 12:30 p.m. when she realized she had left her handbag in a shopping carl at the Shop-Rite parking lot. By the time she speed back to the super-

market, her handbag, including credit and Social Security cards, and driv-er's license, was gone.

Autoland wants a pair of dealer license plates back from two out-of-

license plates back from two out-of-state chivers right now. The dealer lent one plate to a North Miami Beach man, identified as Robert Shelley, for a weck on Aug. 18 and another plate to a Staten Island man, identified as William T. Maloney, for a day July 25.

The courtesy plates have not been returned. The dealer's security director filed a report charging Shelley and Maloney with possessing stolen property Feb. 3.

erty Feb. 3.

• Two out-of-town men reported themselves as auto theft victims that day while parked at a Fadem Road factory. A Jersey City man said his car radio was taken white an Elizabeth man said his tool box was stolen from his vehicle. Both cars had their passenger-side windows smashed.

• An Oakhurst man also said his car was broken into while parked at the

Morris Tumpike Shop-Rite at about 3 p.m. the same day. Taken were a sev-eral beverage kegs, a set of maps and an employee identification card. • A Cadillac Allante driver said be

A Cadillac Allante driver said he was appproaching a 25 mph curve on Riverside Drive Dec. 3 when his brakes failed. The Cadillac ran over the curb and hit a wall bordering a Riverside Drive home at about 3 p.m. The driver was unharmed and the car

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• A GMC Bell Adlantic van made
an unwanted connection on the northbound Springfield Avenue ramp from
Route 7B Eas Feb. 2. The GMC driver said he thought a Chevrote Lumina,
had merged and not stopped before
the run-in at about 10:22 a.m.

• The driver of a Chrysler from
Texas said the Subaru ahead of her
made a similar move from westbound
Morris Avenue onto Mountain
Avenue at about 9 a.m. The Chrysler
had to be towed while the Subaru
driver said she was headed to see her
doctor.

# Transformer fire addressed

The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department responded to a number of calls this week, but only some were for fires.

 On Sunday, firefighters responded to what Fire Chief Marc Franciosa called a transformer fire in the industrial section of Route 22 West. No one was injured and no significant damage was done to the area, Franciosa said.

On Saturday, several firemen responded to a false alarm in a resi-dential area on New Providence Road, According to the report, dirt

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in the smoke detector caused the alarm to go off.

• On Thursday, Tiremen extinguished a fire on the side of New Providence Road. Franciosa said the fire consisted of several burning cardboard boxes.

• On Feb. 3, several firefighters responded to a call from the Medbridge Nursing Home. Chief Franciosa said an alarm had been activated by accident in the attic of the building.



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# We're asking

# What do you think about the fraud arrest?

Staff Writer

Recontly, an Irvington man wasarrested in one of the largest fraud
cases in Union County history.

Eusebio Anthony Mendoza, 47,
will be tharged with mail, wire, and
credit card fraud, as well as flasifying identities. During four years of
criminal activity be targeted many
area to wes, including
Mountainside.

Police allege Mendoza created
Dogus bank accounts in both the

bogus bank accounts in both the Summit and Fleet Banks, located in Mountainside. He opened the accounts using false identification and transferred almost \$300,000 in

and transferred almost \$300,000 in funds to other false accounts. Mountainside police said Mendoza's checks are popping updover Union County, and that some local businesses have lost money from the scheme. Investigations by the FBI, local police and the U.S. Postal Inspector found that Mendoza worked out of his own home for several years. He

allegedly used state-of-the-art imaging equipment to falsify social-security cards and other documentation needed to open bank and credit accounts. Mendoza also would target local doctors and lawyers, using their Américan Express card numbers to steal from their, police said. Some may wonder how a convicted criminal, who served time in a federal correctional facility on similar fraud charges, can be released to commit the same crimes, but on a larger scale, for four years without getting caught. But the U.S. judicial system-believes very much in giving criminals a second chance. When they have paid their debts to society-criminals are allowed the opportunity to show they have reformed themselves. In some cases, this works. In others, as was the case with Mendoza, the system backfires.

We asked residents and workers of the Mountainside area how they



Kempf Wells felt or if they were affected by the

Mendoza crimes.

Willis Wells, a 37-year resident of the borough and owner of Wells Plumbing Inc., said this type of fraud happens often, it just, goes unnoticed. "Many times businesses to be checks, etc.," he said. "I think they should make resittiution—he should go to jail for a very long time."

Helene Kempf, a resident for 16 years, said the knew nothing about the crimes. "It show how seasily someone caib he," she said. "I knew nothing about it. Maybe the people

he vicilized didn't know either until it was too late."

Many Johnson though Mendoza and other fraud offenders should, be locked up for life. "I'm glad 1 never cashed any of his checks," she said. "He should be put away so this doesn't happen sgain. We're talking about a major sum of money here — this isn't pocket change."

Kenny Shatzer, a Westfield worker, said-white-collar criminals are just as detrimental to society as other offenders. "The people that embezzle large sums of money and steal from everyday people are bigger problems than the people who commit other, crimes," he said. "The main reason people commit societies of financial hard-ship," Shatzer said. "When you have a family aid all these plans and all these expenses, and you look to see that all you worked for

nave a tarnity and all these plans and all those expenses, and you look to see that all you worked for is gone, and your bank account is empity, you get depressed pretty quickly. This guy is basically ruining lives," he said.

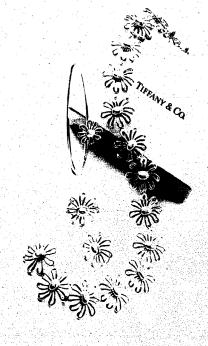


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Meetings are held at the Johnson
Community Center, 2 Wahaut St.,
Summit. Pre-registration is required.
The next session will run from Feb. 18
through March 18. Registration has
begun.

#### New Releases

Fiction: Martin Amis, "Night Train;" Amanda Cross, "The Puzzled Heart," John Grisham, "The Street Leywer," Lauric King, "The Moor," and Dorivity Sayers, 'Thrones, Dominations," Nonfiction:

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Warner's Complete Book of Wedding
Showers;" Jan Yager, "Friendshifts,"
and David Yount, "Spirtual
Simplicity"

"Elizabeth R.;" "The English

Reeves Reed appoints

Patient;" "Hamlet;" "Kolva," and "Traveller."

Traveller."
This is a selected list of new titles received by the library. Other recent titles can be found in the new book area. For more information, ask a librarian for assistance. The Summit Proce Public Library is located at 7 Maple St. Library hours: Monday to Thursday from 9 am. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 am. to 530 p.m. The telephone number is (908) 273-0350.

#### Springfield trustees

The Springfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees advises that the meeting dates for 1998 are as fol-lows: Feb. 12, March 12, Apri 9, May 14, June 11, July 9 (if necessary), Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, 1999. No regular meetings are held in July and August unless necessary. The free Internet classes offered by

The free internat classes oftered by the library have been so popular that all the classes are full and have waiting lists. The library plans to offer more classes, as yet unscheduled, in 1998, in the meantime, if patrons are 1998, in the meantme, it patrons are interested in learning Internet search-ing skills, the reference staff will show them the self-instructing inter-active Internet tutorials available on the World Wide Web. Some familiarithe World Wide Web. Some familiarity with using a 'mouse' is required to use these tutorials. If you have Internet access at home, the library staff can give you the web addresses for these lessons. The library also has videos, magazines, and books about the Internet which can be checked out. se call or stop by the refere for details. (908) 233-0115

#### Mountainside trustees

The Mountainside Public Library will be holding meetings of its Board of Trustees on the following dates: 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 meeting room at 7:30 p.m.

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on the following Tuesdays at noonfeb. 24, "The Owl and the Pussy
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April 7, "Funny Lady": April 21,
"The Prince of Tidse"; May 5, "The
Mirror Has Two Paces."

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#### Literacy volunteers

Literacy Volunteers of America, Union County Affiliate, has released its new 1998 winter schedule for its new 1998 winter schedule for training tutors. English as a Second training tutors, English as a Second Language workshops are being offered at Mountainside Library, Constitution Pizza, March 3 and 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and at Elmora Library, W. Grand Street, Elizabeth, Library, W. Grand Street, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 fro m 10 a.m

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Daehnke served previously as land-scape supervisor for the Bergen County Parks Department.

County Parks Department.
"My horticultural experience occurred in, and my interests are focused on New Jerney. Jam especially pleased to join the Reves-Reed, where the plant collections represent examples of successful gardening in this area of the state." Daehnke said.

An adjunct professor in horticulture at Bergen County Community College, he obtained his B.S. in ornamental horticulture from Delaware Valley College.

experience to develop a web page, "Horiguy," answering queries from gardeners in the northeast. Further, he gardeners in the northeast. Further, he was co-creator and continues as a host on a radio show on WOHT-AM in northern New Jersey. "The Gardening Grours." In the 1980s, he owned and managed Double-D Landseape and Destign in Rarmsey-Also a lecturer, he is a conservation committee member of the Association of Zoological Mostriculture.

Horticulture.

Revess-Reed Board President
Robin Reed said, "As the arboretum
looks forward to celebrating its 25th
antiversary in 1999, we are fortunate
to have a director who will continue to
advance our message of environmental stewardship, oducation and historical significance."

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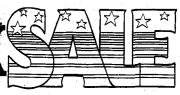
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## STUDENT UPDATE

Bowdoin College
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Bowdoin College, Brunswick
Maine, has amounced that Mark F.
Sieffer, one of 24 students from New
Jersey, has been named to the Dean's
List on the basis of his scholvastic
achievement during the fall semester
of the 1997-98 academic year.
Students who in a given semester
receive grades of A or B in four fulcredit courses are placed on the
Dean's List for that semester. Students who receive all As in those
courses are named to the Dean's List
with Honors.

#### **Bloomburg University**

BIOOMBUTY University students Shannon L. Keller of Mountainside and Heather T. Domed to Springfield, were named to the Dean's List for the first senseter of the 1997-98 seadern cyear. To qualify for this eastjernic honor, a student must earn a quality point averlage of 3.5 or higher, based on 4.0, during the semester.

#### University of Delaware

The University of Delaware has mounced its Dean's List for the Fall

announced its Dean's List for the Fall 1997 semester including the follow-ing residents of Springfield. David Scott Greenberg, a senior in the College of Business & Economies majoring in marketing: Christine Lynn Johannsen, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science majoring

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in communication interest; Amy Michelle Kirsch, a junior in the College of Business & Economics majoring in marketing; Robin O'Brien, a senior in the College of Business and Economics majorian senior in the College of Business and Economics majoring in operations management: Christine Lynn Saliceti, a senior in the College of Human Resources, Education, and Public Pol-icy majoring in hotel, restaurant and institutional management; Michael David Gelfond, a senior in the Col-lege of Art and Science majoring in political science.

time students with grade point averages of 3.33 or above, on a 4.0 scale, for the semester. Named to the Dean's List are full-

#### Curry College

Rachel Goldfale of Dogwood Ter-race in Springfield has been named to the Dean's List for the 1997 fall sembster. Rachel is a junior majoring in sociology. Curry College is a co-educational,

#### Correction policy

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, please write Tom Canavan, editor, 1291 Suyvesani Ave, Union, 07083, or call him at 686-7700 week-

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#### Delbarton

The following Delbarton students have been named to the Headmaster's List for the 1997 fall term. Highest Honors Grade 11: Dennis Tupper, Springfield.

Grade 11: Dennis Tupper, Springfield. High Honors Grade 10: Joseph Andrasko, Springfield. Grade 9: Jason, Sayanlar, Springfield.

# Attention churches and social clubs

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

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#### Black named director of **YMCA**

The Summit Area YMCA Board of Trustees is pleased to announce Bruce Black as Executive Director of the Summit YMCA branch facility at 67 Maple St., Summit.

Since starting in January, Mr. Black has jumped right late that of running a very boay YMCA. With major expansion plans underway and over 8,500 program members, he is responsible for overseiing programs that include aquatica, preschool programs, youth poorts and leagues, summer camps, family programs, community outreachs services, teen programs with a fliness center. His staff of over 100 employes includes professional program directors, building maintenance staff, full and part-time support staff, and over 400 voluniteers.

Black is also responsible for work-Black is also responsible for work-

ing with the all-volunteer board of the Summit Area YMCA, and with Tim Weidman, who was promoted to pre-ident of the Summit Area YMCA association after a recent reorganiza-tion. The association influences two branches located in Summit and Berk-eley Heights. A third branch, to be located in Springfield, will opening in

located in Springfield, will opening in tate 1998.

Black grew up in Woodbridge and brings with him eight years' experience as executive director of the St. Charles County YMCA in St. Louis, and three years prior experience as Associate Director of the West County, Missouri, YMCA. He said this knowledge and leadership in rounting a branch operation similar to that of the Surmuit YMCA will be an advantage in meeting the YMCA's growth and the needs of the communitative which is serves.

"I am impressed with the wide variety of programs we offer from sports and aquatics to our many outreach and teen services." Black said. "My goal is to make sure that what we do and what we say in offering quality programs meets the needs of people in our community. Our members and participants should know that the YMCA is a safe, fun place for themselves and their families."

He pointed out that the Summit YMCA is a great facility. "As the construction progresses and new facilities are opened, we want to make it an even better family facility that sllows us to carry out or mission of character development — promoting the positive values of earing, honesty, respect, and responsibility through programs that build spirit, mind, and body."

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Board meetings

Board meetings

The Summit School District's 1998-99 student elements and next year's achool budget will be topics for public discussion at the Board of Education's workshop meeting tonight at 9 pm. in the library of the Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Ave.

The Summit Board of Education has added a special meeting to its tentative budget calendar to increase the proporturally for public commentary on the 1998-99 school budget.

The meeting, at which discussion of the budget will be open to the public, will be held of Teuday, Peb. 24, at 8 p.m. in the Summit Middle School library. There is possibility that the board may vote on a preliminary budget at the meeting following the public discussion. If a that time the public discussion. If a that time the public discussion is necessary, a vote on the preliminary budget will be effected until discussion is necessary, a vote on the preliminary budget will be effected until discussions.

board members feel additional discus-ion is necessary, a voice on the proli-minary budget will be deterred until the regular Board of Education men-tions are supported by the support of the graph of the support of the support of the district must submit a preli-minary budget to the state, through the county superintendent's offer public dis-tractions of the superintendent's offer public dis-cussion during mediage scheduled in March and will still be open for possi-

ble revisions before the board adopts a final budget March 19.

A firm date has not yet been set for the Board of School Estimate meeting at which time the final budget will be approved. School Business Adminiat which time the final budget will be approved. School Business Admini-strator Harold Kessler said that according to law, the Board of School Estimate may hold public hearings on the budget during the last week in March.

the bugget during the last week in March.

Following is an updated tentative calendar of budget meetings:
Today: State aid and cap information expected to be received from the state. A Board of Education workshop meeting will be held in the Summit Middle School birary beginning at 8 p.m. at which time the state aid and eap information will be discussed. Public input on the budget will be cought. Following the receipt of state information, the board has less than three weeks to formulate and adopt a preliminary budget for a March 4 submission to the state.

Feb. 24: Special meeting for public budget discussion at 8 p.m. in the Summit Middle School birary. Possible board approval of preliminary budget.

ble board approbudget.
Feb. 26: Board of Education Regular Meeting at Brayton School, 8 p.m.
Public discussion of budget. If the
board does not approve a preliminary

budget at the Feb. 24 meeting, a final vote must be made at this meeting since this is the last time the board will meet before the March 4 submission deadline.

ion deadline.

March 4: preliminary budget due to late through county superintendent's

March 12: Board of Education Workshop Meeting at the Board Meeting Room, Summit Middle School, 8 p.m. The budget will be

discussed.

March 17: This is being considered as a possible meeting date for additional budget discussion, if necessary prior to adoption of a final budget

prior to adoption of a final budget.

In addition, the budget process
is used to budget process
is used to facing in preparing
next year's budget are the logics of a
TV-36 production airing through the
end of February. Superintendent of
Schools Michael Knowlton, School
Business Administrator Harold Kester and Virginia Jordan, former Board
of Education president and current
chair of the board's Operations Comnittee, met recently with TV-36 host
Beth Pincus to discuss the budget.

The obove will air on EA. S. 41.5 '10.

The show will air on Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m.; Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m.; Feb. 17 at 5 p.m.; Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m.; Feb. 24 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., and Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

#### Cultural animals



Mrs. Ginsberg's second grade class at the Sandmeier School celebrate the Year of the Tiger by joining in a Chinese feast and creating some traditional New Year's decorations. From left are Carrie Ann Bertschy, Vincent Inneo, Nicole Milano, Carissa Clark, Petey Coviello, Jacob Weerasinghe, Alleen Gardner, Justin Chiu and Darion Dean.



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wife of three-term Springfield mayor
to 1979, died Feb. 2 in the Medical
Center of Osean County, Brick
Born in Newark, Mrs. Stokes lived
in Irvington and Springfield before
moving to Howell Township in 1986.
She maintained a second home in
Lake Worth, Pla. Mrs. Stokes was
bookkeeper for Genotino & Merchida
Advertising, Mountainside, for three
years and retired in 1986. Prior to that,
we worked in the same capacity of
Keyses-Martin advertising agency in
Springfield for 10 years.
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Mrs. Stokes was a member of the Seymour Feldman Leukemia Associn and B'nai B'rith, both of Springation and B mai B rish, both of Spring field. She had served as president of the Surrey Downs Social Committee of Howell Township. Mrs. Stokes also was a line dance teacher in How-ell Township and Lake Worth. Surviving are a son, Philip; a daughter, Dale Hartman; a brother. Sanford Dreskin, and three grandchildren.

#### Richard Fennel

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Richard Fennel. 88, of Mountainside died Feb. 4 at home:

Born in Roslyn, Long Island, Mr.
Fennel lived in Rosslle Park before moving to Mountainside in 1969. He was an accountant for the Pot Authority—of New York and New Jersey and retired in 1979. Early large and the Mountains of the Mountains with the New York and New Jersey and retired in 1979. Early Countries until 1968. He graddated from Pace College, New York.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred: a son, Richard E. Sr., and three grandchildren.

grandchildren.

#### Karl E. Laute

Karl E. Ludue
Karl E. Ludue of Springfield died
Peb. 3 in Overlook Hoopital, SummitBorn in Germany, Mr. Lutue came
to the United States in 1965 and lived
in Springfield since 1983. He was an
executive chef at the Chamicler, Short
Hills, for 20 years and retired in 1990.
Santving are his wife, Olga, and
two brothers, Hans H, and Wolfgang.

#### C. M. Schumacher

Charlotte M. Schumacher, 84, of North Plainfield, formerly of Springfield, died Feb. 4 in Muhl

field, died Feb. 4 in Muntenberg Keg-bonal Medical Center, Plainfield.

Bom in New York City, Mrs. Schu-macher lived in Springfield before moving to North Plainfield in 1995. She was a secretary many years ago. Surviving are a son, J. Allen, and two grandchildren.

#### Mary A. Perker

Mary A. Perker, 77, of Springfield died Feb. 4 in the Cornell Hall Conva-

lescent Center, Union.

Born in Irvington, Mrs. Perker-lived in Union before moving to Springfield 35 years ago. She was a volunteer for many years at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

riospital, Summit. Surviving are her husband, George R.; two daughters, Marianne Stefanik and Suzame Springer, a brother, John Makovec; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

#### Joseph Juliano

The science of teamwork

Joseph Juliano, 83, of Springfield died Feb. 6 in Overlook Hospital,

Born in South Orange, Mr. Juliano lived in Gillette before moving to Springfield 12 years ago. He was a general construction contractor and operated Juliano Brothers in Gillette from 1930 to 1976 when he retired. Surviving are a son, Daniel; two daughters, Colleen McMahon and Georgians Haas; two sisters, Jose-phine Donatiello and Louise Mahre; a brother, Anthony, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren

#### Leona Scheiber

Leona Scheiber, 90, of Mountain-side, formerly of Union, died Feb. 8 in the Maxor Care Nursing Home,

the Manor Care Nursing Home, Mountainside.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Scheiber lived in Union before moving to Mountainside in 1993. She was a line supervisor for Charmis, a candy manufacturer, in Bloomfield for 30 years. Mrs. Scheiber retired in 1970. Surviving are a daughter, Evelyn Christic a sisten, Lillian Byrne; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

#### Lee Goldberg

Lee Goldberg, 89, of Springfield, rmerly of Hillside, died Feb. 7 at

home. Im low York City, Mrs. Gold-berg lived in Newark, Hillside and Millburn before moving to Spring-field last year. Surviving are a daughter, Elaine Bohrod; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

#### **DEATH NOTICES**

Mountainside On-line



Representatives from the Tech Committee and the PTA check out the computer lab. Pictured at Deerfield School are Vice Principal Mike Sulciffe, Technology committee members Linda Condrillo, Jeff Goldstein, Susan Menaker, Bill Hopkins, and PTA Parent Education Representative Mary Faella. Camera-shy or missing from photo are the other forces behind the event, Reuben Chan, Laura Alpert, Dr. Gerard Schaller, Randy Palmer, Debbi Steinberg, Michelle Norris, Tom Schrank, Rohlt Modi, and Frank Geiger.

#### **NEWS CLIPS**

#### 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 caperionce, lifeguards which requires lifeguard, CPR and First Ald certifica-tion, and front death-pervasion house. integuard, CPK and FIRST AND Certifica-tion, and front desk/recreation house staff, and maintenance. Call the Springfield Recreation Department at (978) 912-2227 or stop by the office to pick up an application. The recrea-tion department is in the Sarah Bailey Center, 30 Church Mal),

#### Computer room open

Computer room open
The computer lab in Room 16 at
Jonathan Dayton High School is open
to the public on Wednesdays from 6
to 9 pm. The computer lab provides
high-speed access to the Internet word
processing program; full-text datab-tess with health, business and
general-interent magazines, and a
Blabod seamer. Macintosh and PC
computers are available. A media specialist and a computer schnician will
supervise the lab. Children not yet in
seventh grade age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.
Computer lab users will be required to
sign the Springfield School District's
sign the Springfield School District's sign the Springfield School District's acceptable use policy.

#### Post office seeks help

Local authorities and the public can help the Postal Service deliver the mail as timely and safely as possible this winter.

The Postal Service emphasized the need for ice and snow removal from walkways as an aid to preventing slips and falls that result in injuries to letter carriers and messengers. Other winter weather hazards that impede mail delivery, according to the Postal Ser-vice, are ice and snow on streets, roads, driveways, stairways and procedure.

porches.

Local road authorities and postal customers are requested by the Postal Service to keep public and private approaches to residences and mail-boxes clear during the winter and approaches.

approaches to residences and mail-boxes clear during the winter months. The Postal Service expresses great appreciation for the cooperation of all communities in reducing winter safe-ty hazards.

#### Volunteers needed

Volunteers needed

The Sharing Network, a non-profit
organization responsible for recovering organs and tissue for transplantation in New Irespy, is looking for volunteers. Those who have had trajanplants, are awdiing transplants, families of donors, or anyone interested in volunteering for a life-saving
cause may volunteer to assist in the
public education efforts. Such prociets would include speaking at public education efforts. Such projects would include speaking at businesses, churches, civic organizations, schools, and participating in various events and health fairs. Free training is provided. For more infor-mation, call The Sharing Network at (973) 379-4535, extension 3336.

#### **Networking Opportunities**

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The Center's Single Paren's Support
Network and Social Activity Network
will be meeting Friday, Feb. 20, to
plan spring programs and activities,
following a pottuck suppers at the Center office, 31 Woodland Avenue in
Summit: Please bring a dish serving
six to eight people, and your best
ideas to share. The event is free and
open to all area women, but please
call the appropriate contact person
listed below to let the center know
how many people will be attending
and what you plan to bring.
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The Single Parent Network offers single mohers the chance to grain mutual support, exchange ideas, and participate in social activities. Children are welcome at the polluke supper and are invited to bring a favorite game to share while the adults plan for the months ahead. Please RSVP to Cardyn Guiterrea 4 (1098) 737-337. The Social Activities Network has raditionally organized a broad range of activities for women in our area, from movie nights, to theater, to his

from movie nights, to theater, to his-ing. If you would like to join this plan-ning session, please call either Trista Pollard at (908) 322-6416.

# Teachers from Deerfield School attend a two-day course on integrating cooperative learning, such a teamwork, into the science curriculum. The course, sponsored by the Consortium for Educational Equity at Rutgers University, tooused on basic concepts in environmental studies, such as resource conservation and environmental change. Pictured, left to right, are teachers Christine Ward, Gall Anderson, Joan Zimmermann, Nancy Roche, Lee Kline, and Patrical Dunne.

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# **SPORTS**

Fax and mail deadline Monday morning at 9 for sports copy to be considered for publication

#### LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The New Jersey State In tic Athletic Association State Interacho clation (NJSIA lastic Athletic Association (NISIA-A) and the New Jersey Scholastic Coachea Association (NISCA) have scheduled outstanding coach-se clinics for wrestling, boys' and girls' tennis and golf. Here's an extended look at the thems. allinies.

Wrestling
This fourth annual clinic

take place Friday, May 15 at Rus-gers University's New Brunswick campus in the College Avenue gymnasium.

gymnasium.
It will go from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
with registration scheduled to begin
at 8 a.m.
Fre-registration fees are \$25, \$35
and \$353 and on-site \$35, \$45 and
\$555, depending on whether NISCA
membership is desired.
The above fees include all clinic
presentations, luncheon and clinic
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Constant selected to speak on cortain topics include Mike Rosetti of Phillipsburg High School, Gene Mills of Syracuse. Domninic DiGiosachino of East Strustburg, Jerry Tabbacchino of Southern Regional High School and Mike Lamb of Gloucester County College.

College.

The clinic will conclude with an NISIAA Update Summary and Review of Rule Changes

Boys' and Girls' Tennis This second annual clinic will

ake place Saturday, March 7 at The College of New Jersey. It will go f rom 9 a.m. to 3:15 .m., with registration opening at 8

am.

Pre-registration fees are \$25, \$35 and \$55 and on-site \$35, \$45 and \$55. depending on whether NISCA membership is desired.

The above fees include all clinic presentations, luncheon and clinic presentations, luncheon and clinic presentations.

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Topics to be discussed by various United States Termis Association staff members and New Jersey high school coaches include: USTA and Schools — Working Together.

Prills for Aggressive Doubles, Should New Jersey Have a State Doubles Championship? and Group Drills for Player Development.

Attendes are encouraged to puricipate in on-court activities. Tennis attire and racket is recommended or suggested.

Golf

This annual clinic will take place

This annual clinic will take place Sunday, March I at NJSIAA Head-quarters and Miry Run Country Club in Robbinsville.

It will go from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration opening at 8:15

am.
Pre-registration fees are \$25, \$35
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One topic includes — Strategies for Teaching the Swing, Another topic to be discussed will be — Rules and Interpretations.
From 12-45 to 3 p.m. (weather permitting) Walter Syring, Excurve Director of NJ. Section POA and other POA Pros will demonstrate—Teaching the Fundamentals of Golf.

ring clubs.

More information about any of outstanding clinics may ined by calling Emic Finiz NISIAA at 609-259-2776.



Springfield Senior Minutemen basketball leading scorer Matt Paz, left, goes up for a jump shot in a game earlier this year against New Providence. The 8th grade squad easily defeated Madison 60-26 Feb. 3 in Madison and then won again at home against Milburn 58-44 Feb. 4. Springfield began the week at 9-9.

# **Springfield Minutemen teams** defeat Madison and Millburn Senior and Junior squads outstanding

The Springfield Senior Minutemen basketball team (8th ade) easily defeated Madison 60-26 Feb. 3 in Madison. Leading scorer Matt Paz paced Springfield again with a

nine-point effort.

Also scoring were Andre Callender and Billy Chambers
with eight points, Chase Freundlich seven, Brian Birch six,
Woody Woodfuff five, Chris Sarraeino four, Mo Abdelatiz three and Adam Cohen, Alex Belous, Paul Zawerczuk,
Carl Nazaire and Joe Albiez two.

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Springfield and was then defeated by Wayne 50-35 last Saturday night in Wayne. Springfield began the week at 9-9. In the win against Millburn, Abdelaziz scored a career-

In the win against Millburn, Abdelaziz scored a carer-hiph 20 points. It was reported that Callender played his first game with the Senior Minutemen team against Millburn and scored eight points and grabbed three rebounds. Yet, it was previ-ously reported that Callender scored eight points the day before in Springfield's win over Madison.

Springfield scored eight consecutive points to take control after the game was fied at 36-36 after three quarters.

Paz scored 17, Albiez seven and Michael Jaffe and

Chambers three.

Paz hit for double figures again in the next game when he scored 21 against Wayne.

Springfield's Junior Minutemen baskeiball team (7th grade) was defeated by Wayne last Sautrday as its sevengame winning streak came to an end.

Springfield had previously defeated Millburn 41-40 and Madison 45-27.

n 45-27.

The Millburn game was decided in the final seconds hen Callender sank two clutch free throws.

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Springfield played excellent defense in both wins and vs. Madison controlled the game from start to end.

Also playing well for Springfield were Michael Nittolo.

Dean Chencharik, Yury Portugal, Nick Perretti, David Levine, Frank Miceli, Kevin Dash, Donald Volkert, Leo Ferrine, Michael Tiss, Jordon Gerber, Jesse Weatherstor and Dominik Bak.



Justin Woodruff, No. 13, attempts to take the ball away from an opposing player during Springfield's 58-37 win over New Providence.

# Dayton still in race for Valley Div. title

Buildogs play tomorrow, Tuesday

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor
The Dayton Regional High School boys' basketball team began the week alone in first place in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference.
The Bulldogs were scheduled to play at Rosselle Park in a key conference clash Tuesday right and will conclude their regular season with Valley Division road games at New Providence tomorrow night at 7 and at Manville Tuesday might at 7 dish i Dezasy was...

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The standings as they appeared in The Star-Ledger Tuesday were incorrect.

The top four teams in the Valley Division looked like this prior to Tuesday's

The lop four learns in the Valley divided tooks are use prior to Leadury 2 games:

1-Dayton (13-5, 11-2), 2-St. Mary's (13-5, 11-3), 3-Roselle Park (12-4, 10-3), 4-Middleser (11-5, 10-4), 4-Middleser (11-5, 10-4), 4-Middleser (11-5, 10-4), 4-Middleser at Oratory,
Dayton began the week with a two-game winning streak, having defeated Bound Brook 70-46 Feb. 3 and Oratory 78-53 last Friday, both home victories. Chris Salvaso and Terrence Franchis scored 19 bonus, Cirus Loeffler 13 and Eric Fishman eight in the win against Bound Brook.
Loeffler scored 22 points, Status scored 14 and grabbed 11 rebounds and Franklin scored 12 in the victory over Oratory.

Dayton also qualified for the state playoffs in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1, other top teams in the section including Clark Ridge, Roselle Park, Verona and Bloomfield Tech.

Ciris' fall twice

Girls' fall twice

Dayton's girls' team was defeated twice last week, first dropping a \$4-31 decision at Bound Brook Feb. 3 before falling at Oak Kholl 68-19 Fridsy, Linda Agostinelli scored nine points and Tracey Saladino seven against Bound Brook.

Bound Brook.

Maria Stravato scored 11 points against Oak Knoll.

Dayton has regular season games scheduled at home against New Providence tomorrow night at 7 and against Marville Tuesday afternoon at 4.

The Union County Tournament seeding meetings were to take place last night with St. Patrick's on the boys' side and Elizabeth on the girls' side — both the defending champions — expected to get the top seeds.

# Wrestlers to tangle this weekend in UCT

By Joe Ragoizino

Staff Writer

For high school wrestlers and coaches throughout the uras, the beat time of the season has finally arrived. It's what everyone involved has worked for ever since the season began back in late December. Induced, there's nothing more treatment time begins with the 23rd armsal Union County Mentaling Tournament sponsored by the Ution County Interscholastic Athletic Contennee.

This year's event will commence This year's event will commence

tomorrow night and conclude Satur-day afternoon at the Dunn Sport Cenin Elizabeth.

ter in Elizabeth.

"This is a good stepping stone for the Districts," said Brearley coach Brian Luciani, whose team — a co-opil-worth and Dayson in Springfield will make its first county tournament appearance in several years, following the re-opening of the school this year. "If you lose, the date is to work on a game plan for the Districts."

Brearley, which has three wins to

game plan for the Districts."

Its credit his season, has a number of competitors who could make a serious mat a placing. They include freshman Joe Ruggerio (103, 10-4), sophomore Attila Vigilant (145, 8-4), junior Michael Harms (heavyweight, 8-8), and senior Jon Zika (171, 1142). ""I think they could place in the top four," said Luciani, who guided the Irvington program before coming in Brearley. "Things have to go their way. They can't make mistakes and have to do the right things."

If we're in the middle third, that

will be a good showing for us," added

The schedule for tomorrow will ommence with the pre-preliminary

and preliminary rounds starting at 5 p.m., followed by the quarterfinals at 7:30 and the consolation preliminary round at 9.

The semifinals and consolation quarterfinals will kick off Saturday's competition promptly at 10 a.m., fol-lowed by the consolation semifinals at 11:30. The consolation semifinals for 3rd, 5th and 7th places will be con-tested at 2 p.m. and the awards pre-sentation will follow at 3. The 14 championship bouts will be contested starting at 3:45.

#### Springfield Rec seeking girls for softball Instructional League

The Springfield Recreation 1998 Girls Softball Program is seeking girls in grades 2 and 3 for its Instructional

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# Springfield Rec Girls' Basketball

Feb. 15 1:15: St. Johns (Red) vs. Scion Hall (White)
2:15: UCLA (Gold) vs. North Caroli-na (Lt. Blue)
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Johns (Red) 2:15: Scion Hall (White) vs. UCLA

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#### **EVENTS**

#### Deerfield fashion show

Deerfield fashion show
The Mountainside P.T.A is spooring their IZI hansual fashion show.
The fashion show is originated by the
parents and teachers of Deerfield
shool. All of the proceeds from this
oven igo directly to Deerfield school
cultural enrichment programs. In the
past, the fashion show has provided
dusd's or special cultural programs at
The Lincoln Arts Center, and other
cultural and cloudcational programs.
The fashion show will be held
March 19 from 6 to 10 p.m. at
L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside. Denations towards this civent
will be greatly appreciated. Please
drop off contributions or send them

School Deerfield Central Avenue and School Drive Mountainside, N.J. 07092

#### 'Ladies' meeting

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The Ladies Venening Group of the
First Presbysterian Church in Springfield will hold their regular monthly
meeting Feb. 18 air 7:30 pm. in the
Parish House on Church Mall. After
ventions ted by Charlotte Pierson,
Trudy Lindenfelser will lead the business portion of the meeting. Plans with
be discussed for the annual Pasta Dinnor to be held in March. A program
will follow. All Tadies of the church
are invited to attend. Refreshments
will be served by Dora Speicher and
the hospitality committee.

#### Trailside programs

The Trailside Nature and Science Center planetarium is presenting "A Collection of Cold Constellations." Collection of Cold Constellations; Sunday and Feb. 22 at 2 pm. The chilly winter season is the time of the year in see many beautiful constella-tions. We will explore Orion and his dogs, Taurus, and Germlin, and find out when and where planets are visi-ble. Each family will get a winter star map to take home. Admission is 33 per person, \$2.55 for, seniors. For children 6 and up. Also on Sunday, the center is presenting "Beavers," as side show about the natural history of the center is presenting "Beavers," a slide show about the natural history of the beaver by John Blackmore, natur-alist, at 2 p.m. You'll find out what good parents beavers are and discover their engineering skills benefit wildlife.

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"Lotine & Potions," from 12:45 to 21:15 ioin us for a fun, hands-on program as we make a yummy bail mor winter-chapped lips and some soothing skin cream. Create high-quality, all-natural products for yourself and your family. Take home recipes and samples, Per-registration is required. For grades four and to Coff." (eas). 12.52 per person.

For grades four and up. Fee: \$12 per person.

"Sugangs Off" from 1 to 2 pm;
Come see a fine that traces the process of turning sap into syrup. Take a look at the equipment you'd need to collect sap. Learn to identify a sugar maple tree and take part in a taste test. For all ages. Fee: \$2 per person.

The center is presenting the following programs on Tuesday: "The Great Hormad Owl" from 2:15 to 3:45 pm;
Learn about life of this freer predator of the Waschung Reservation. We'll take a walk to a nowl roots and search for only pellets that contain remandar it is animal meast. Hear a lape of the owle; call so you can listen for it at home at night. For grades 1 and up- fee: \$3.50 per person.

"Rock n' Roll Rocket," from 1:15 to 12 pm; join Rochey the Rocket of

to 12 p.m.: Join Rodney the Rocket on board the Rock & Roll Rocket as he tours the planets and beyond. Hear the story about Mr. Moonrocks' capture by astronauts. Look for aliens and story account in moviness survivos survivos survivos survivos atronautos to the Planet Song. For ages children four and up accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$3 per person.

"Taffy Pull," from 11 a.m. to noon:
An old-fashioned candy-making

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids
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"Make and Take Crafts," from 1 to 9 pm. Coolitious program in the visitor center lobby. For families, all ages. Fee: \$1 to \$2 for each craft project.

"Gerolits and Hamstern," from 1 to 2 pm.: Learn about the lifestyles and care and feeding of these two popular test. Find out which is right for your family, For grades 1 and up. Fee: \$2 per person.

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"Birds in Winter," from 2:15 to
3:45 p.m.: Find out about the birds 345 p.m.: Find out about the birds who spend the winter in our back-yards. Some are visitors from the north, others only stay when there are lot of acorns, and others are year-round residents. We'll learn how to identify backyard birds, observe some at the feeder and take a walk to search for those who abun feeding stations. for those who shun feeding stations. For all ages. Fee: \$3.50 per person.

#### Leukemia Society

The Leukemia Society of Ameri-ca's monthly support group is sche-duled to meet on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., at the Northern New Jersey Chapter office, 45 Springfield Avenue, Springfield

Chapter office, 45 Springfield Avenue, Springfield Avenue, Springfield. The group is designed to meet the needs of patients, their families, and riends affected by Leukemia and its related cancers — Lymphoma, Muttiple Mycloma, and Hodgkin's Diseaso. Discussions focus upon the emotional, psychological, and experiential aspects of these diseases. While offering both support and specific education, the group does not offer medical care, advice, or psychotherapy.

It is ted by facilitators Kaltheen Crowley, MSW, and Donna Rossi, RN, who invite all members of the RN, who invite all members of the RN, who invite all members and related diseases to take advantage of this free Leukemia Society service.

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Time to party

Above, Mrs. Guido's second grade class at James Caldwell School in Springfield celebrates a "liesta" with dancing and singing. Below, the class — and teacher — take a break.

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