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THIS WEEK

NEWS

A new plan

Airplane noise opponents in New Jersey have suddenly found several new fronts open up at Newark International Airport. Increased air traffic noise could have more causes than previously thought. See Page B1.

Deafult is best?

The Union County Utilities Authority is in danger of defaulting on its \$283 million in bonds. But incinerator opponents are saying that this might not be a bad thing. These incinerators are facing reduced business thanks to a Supreme Court decision. Page B1.

THE ARTS



Inventors Kalley Wheaton, Nicole Ehrardt and Rebecca Paskow demonstrate their tray with integral book holder at Deerfield School's Invention Convention last week.

Isn't it romantic?

Kean students Hope Weinstein and Emilio Hernandez star in new production through Sunday. See Page B3.

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Springfield school bud marks 2.63 percent jump

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education unveiled a tentative \$19,254 million budget for the 1998-99 school year Monday night. The budget, which is subject to board, state and voter approval, reflects about a 2.63 percent increase over the current year's outlay.

"We're facing a very difficult budget for the upcoming year," said Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland. "It's the first time in my 12

years here that I had to lay off people. There was \$1.5 million to be trimmed, and that meant looking at which programs and staff will have to go."

Friedland and other board officials said there would be 13 fewer people on their payroll, among other efficiencies. Although the budget kept within the rate of inflation, the increase came out to a 4.7 percent increase in the school tax rate on homeowners.

"The increase comes out to \$1.51 per \$100 on the tax rate," said School Business Administrator Ellen Ball.

"For a typical house in Springfield, the cost would translate to about \$80."

Friedland and Ball outlined causes for the increases and efficiencies in their hour-long presentation. The bulk of the budget is to come from a \$16.041 million tax levy on the township, an increase of \$755,000. Other anticipated income includes \$945,000 in state aid and \$446,000 in tuition from out-of-town students.

"Our state aid is down about \$100,000," said Ball.

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Mountainside board OKs \$7-M plan

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education approved a tentative school budget for 1998-99 that totals \$7,992,904, a total that reaches the 3 percent cap allowed by the state over last year's budget.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller announced the tentative budget, which was developed by input from Deerfield staff, administration and board members. Schaller said there were two primary focuses: educational programs and developing and maintaining the resources to sustain these programs.

If approved by the board, the new budget would allocate \$197,735 for technological education. "In accordance with New Jersey's Action Plan for Educational Technology, we must provide all students with the resources to become literate in this pertinent field," Schaller said. Expenses include plans to place what Schaller called "classrooms" of computers in each classroom for grades three, six and eight.

Deerfield will be adding two part-time instructors, contributing approximately \$60,000 to the budget. A computer specialist will be employed, as well as a specialist added to help diagnose and instruct students who might

not necessarily have a learning disability; that may be having difficulty at a particular time. This, Schaller said, would be done to help students increase their Early Warning Test scores.

The EWT scores are a major concern of parents and staff alike, said Schaller, and the majority of the board-fuels the classroom teachers cannot handle the special needs of challenged students alone. Deerfield's math scores on the EWT were 13th in Union County, among the 21 municipalities.

The initial budget also sets aside \$350,000 for the renovation of the Deerfield roof and \$146,000 to improve the baseball fields behind Deerfield. The science labs, gymnasium floor, Industrial Arts facilities, blacktop, and other facilities improvements were listed at a total cost of about \$50,000.

The majority of the budget includes school supplies, uniforms, salaries and benefits, as well as utilities. The budget is subject to final vote and approval by the board, as well as the Union County Superintendent of Schools. A public hearing will be held March 24 at 8 p.m. when the board is expected to vote on the budget.

The board also voted to allow

Mountainside Youth Baseball to spend \$10,000 of its own money to improve a baseball field that is owned by the Board of Education.

More than 30 concerned parents and Mountainside Youth Baseball representatives were crowded the Deerfield School library to try to find a place for eighth-graders and "Pony Leaguers" to play baseball this spring.

With the season less than two months away, the Board of Education and the baseball representatives have been trying since last November to find a way to make sure the season gets under way. The field that was used last year was deemed unsafe, and several visiting teams refused to play on it.

The board voted to allow Youth Baseball to use \$10,000 of its own money to improve the field by Mountainside Borough Hall, which is actually on Board of Education property. With not enough time to renovate the old field, both sides could delay, no longer and had to move forward.

Vice President of Youth Baseball John Donley said the group is grateful, but still needs to act quickly to make the field playable. "This is still a bit of a mess, but we will work to get this done. We have to do this right now," he said.

Gag order issued in DeVino hearing

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The pretrial hearings regarding the State vs. Springfield resident Ralph DeVino case have continued, but their results may not be known until at least Monday.

According to DeVino attorney David Binno Thursday, Superior Court Judge Ross Anzaldi has placed a gag order on the proceedings.

"Judge Anzaldi put a gag order on both sides Feb. 10. Binno said, 'I therefore cannot comment on the hearing until the judge decides to lift it.'"

At issue is the propriety of audio and video surveillance tapes the Union County Special Prosecutor's Office had made of DeVino Jan. 30 and Feb. 3, 1997. The tapes allegedly show him arranging a bribe with a developer in a closed Springfield bakery.

The unit arrested DeVino after the second taped session on bribery charges. At the time of the arrest, DeVino was on the Township Zoning Board of Adjustment and was serving as a Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority commissioner. A grand jury indicted him on charges of asking for and accepting half of a \$15,000 bribe May 23.

DeVino eventually fell both posts to fight the charges and for the reasons. Treatments for cancer have delayed trial arrangements twice in the last four months.

The case has been further delayed by personal changes. Anzaldi and state attorney Monique Lambert were called in when two other criminal trials became prolonged. John Trarsi and Thomas Inslerbauer were respectively the original judge and prosecutor.

Binno said the trial is to enter jury selection Monday with opening arguments to follow.

Jitney service explored

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield's bid for commuter jitney service money may have some unintended competition from Summit.

The Township Committee has filed a grant with New Jersey Transit to start a minibuss service connecting Springfield with railroad stations in Summit and Millburn. Township Committee Rep. Hirschfeld is seeking a \$50,000 operating challenge grant from NJ Transit.

The Suburban Chambers of Commerce has also filed a grant proposal with New Jersey Transit to revive a minibuss system throughout Summit. Chamber President Joe Steiner said the system may be expanded to adjacent localities, including Mountainside and Springfield.

"The proposed budget we enclosed is one we've developed for a 'Summit Only' operation," said Steiner before the Summit Common Council Feb. 9. "We're in contact with some of the other local municipalities to determine their interest in providing a Park and Ride facility from which we'd provide service. We will not submit such a proposal, however, unless we get authorization from other towns."

Proposals from Springfield and Summit are filed under NJ Transit's Morris and Essex Line Funder System Challenge Grant Program. The program is designed to alleviate parking

shortages along the commuter rail line.

NJ Transit has opened the grant program to about 33 towns which have or are close to stations along the line. The authority has said, however, it will award only five grants this year.

Hirschfeld has advocated a jitney service along the lines of Maplewood's minibuss system. He has pursued the grant due to the reduction of non-resident commuter parking spaces in Millburn and Summit.

"If the chamber has approached officials in Mountainside and Summit, however, they are not aware of it. 'Unless there's a letter in the last day on my desk, I don't know the chamber's idea,' said Mountainside Mayor Bob Vigilanti. "It's a concept worth looking into but I've heard more complaints from commuters about parking spaces in town. Our temporary lots are full for riders taking the buses along Route 22."

"It sounds like Summit is pursuing the same grant as we are," said Hirschfeld. "Since there are five grants available, I'd like to have talked with the mayors of Maplewood, Millburn and Summit to coordinate our services."

"I have heard from realtors who say our property values are down because we don't have a jitney," said Mayor Sy Mulligan. "We have questions on where to stop, who will ride and who'll pay for it when the grant is finished in a year."

Deerfield celebrates Invention Convention

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

Deerfield School in Mountainside held its sixth annual "Science Fair and Invention Convention" on Feb. 19. Students in grades kindergarten to seven submitted science projects to be judged by local scientists and engineers from companies such as Lucent Technology, Bell Communications Research, Merck Research Labs, and Exxon Chemical Company.

The program was open to all Deerfield students, but according to Julie Goerlich, one of the coordinators, the eighth-graders didn't seem to take an interest. "We didn't get any eighth-grade applicants at all," she said.

The program was designed by Goerlich along with Elaine Pass, both of whom are members of the administrative staff at Deerfield. Also helping coordinate the program were Pat Kobas, Helene Motterwell, Lou-Ann Deeny and Julia Wallman. Several parents of Deerfield students also helped coordinate the program.

The science fair was actually two (two under the same gymnasium roof). Of the 63 exhibits on display, 35 involved scientific phenomenon and the rest belonged to the invention group.

One of the phenomenon category exhibits was "Large Geiger's 'Do Worms Sense a Light?' Geiger, a second-grade student, placed earthworms on a wet towel and shone flashlight beams to determine if the slightest creatures can detect light.

"My brother plays with earthworms and it was easier to make a science experiment around them," Geiger said. "I used a wet towel under them because they like a wet surface."

The display featured a hypothesis statement, pictures of Geiger at home conducting the experiment, and a page of results. Since the fair's rules prohibit displaying live creatures, Geiger replaced the worms on the tray with gum candy ones.

"The experiment proves worms sense light even if they don't have eyes," Geiger said. "I don't mind working with the worms."

Nicole Ehrardt, Rebecca Paskow and Kalley Wheaton sat across the gym from Geiger, and took turns sitting in a bathtub. The three seventh-graders displayed a safety shelf bathtub tray they had created.

"The idea started with Rebecca's mom," said Wheaton. "She com-

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Hart announces retirement plans

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

After six years on the Borough Council and 18 years of public service in Mountainside, Councilman David M. Hart has announced he will not be seeking re-election.

Hart, who moved to the borough from Westfield 48 years ago, first became active in the community through education. He was the principal of Deerfield School throughout the 1960s and served as the Mountainside representative to the Union County Regional High School Board of Education from 1979-91. In 1992, Hart was elected for his first of three two-year terms on Borough Council.

Hart was also involved with several local organizations, including the Mountainside Boy Scouts, where he served as Scoutmaster for several years. He was also very active in Mountainside Little League, the local VFW chapter, the Lions Club, and the Mountainside Music Association. He has also served for the past six years as a state delegate to the New Jersey Trout Unlimited, a fishing organization.

After his tenure at Deerfield School, Hart served as a middle school principal in Clark Township for 25 years. Before he became a principal, Hart taught middle school sci-

ence. Hart went on to become a professor of science at what is now Kean University in Union, where he taught a science methods course.

Hart, who was council president in 1996, said he enjoyed his time on Borough Council and the school boards. "I have loved working with the people of this and the neighboring communities and I take great pride in my own community," he said.

"I feel very privileged to have worked with such a professional group on the Borough Council," Hart said. "It has been a very effective time for us."

Mayor Bob Vigilanti commented on the pending loss of one of his colleagues, publicly announcing Hart's retirement during last Tuesday's Borough Council meeting. "After 18 years of public office, I can say that although we did not agree on everything, Councilman Hart will be missed very much by this governing body. His leaving will leave a void on this council, although David will surely enjoy his retirement and his plans to travel," Vigilanti said.

Hart plans to spend much of his new free time fly-fishing, or like to fly-fish in Montana, Canada and the Bahamas," Hart said. "I do this every year, and now I will spend more time



David Hart

on the boat — and with my family," he said.

Hart earned a bachelor of arts degree in science education and a master's degree in administration and supervision from Montclair State College. There are two annual scholarship awards given in his name. The David M. Hart annual science award is a \$1,000 scholarship given to a Westfield student who demonstrates "extraordinary interest in environmental science." The "Silver Trout Award" is given in recognition of "distinguished service to the enhancement, preservation and restoration of cold water fisheries."

Hart lives in Mountainside with his wife, Marilyn. The couple has three children, two sons and one daughter. They also have six grandchildren.

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Invention Convention celebrated

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planned that she kept losing the book she was reading while in the bathtub. The trio developed a tray with an integral book holder, which fits over the tub. Next to the tray and tub was a display outlining the development and testing of the device.

"We had an exhibit two years ago but not at last year's fair," said Pakow. "We like working on a problem together."

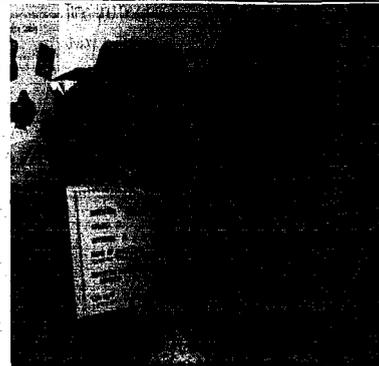
"The Science Fair and the Invention Convention are two separate exhibitions," Fass said. "The invention part is linked to the State Invention Technology Exhibition, which is held for local prize winners."

SITE is to be held later in the school year. While all the Deerfield kindergarten to seventh grades were welcomed to compete in the invention section, the science fair was limited to second through seventh grades.

"We felt that all school children can be creative and grasp basic scientific concepts in the invention part," Fass said.

"I like the science fair," said former Superintendent of Schools Leonard Bazzano. "It's an opportunity for children to show their creativity."

The following is a list of the winners. SITE winners in the Invention Convention go on to the regional finals.



Student Victoria Vitale sits beside her tissue box garbage hat.

• Science Fair:
Grade two: Trevor Hain and Lee Hinman; Robert Goan, Gwendolyn Perrin.

Grade three: Melissa Montagna, Lauren Arrigoni and Nora Kinney, Thomas Amalle and Brian Wywart, Daniel Berger.

Grade four: Tess Perrin, Christopher Chan.

Grade five: Lindsey Thomas.

Grade six: Marissa DeAnna.

Grade seven: Stephen Kress and Michael Mageglio.

• Invention Convention:
Kindergarten: Michelle Harperster
Grade one: Ellen Kaplan (SITE Regional Winner), Christopher Whyte.
Grade two: Sasha Lipton.

Grade four: Joelin Thu (SITE Regional Winner), Lisa Rossi.
Grade five: Jessica Pastkow and Molly Schmidt, Sarah Piscitelli (SITE Regional Winner).

Grade seven: Rebecca Pastkow, Kaitly Wharton and Nicole Earhardt (SITE Regional Winners).

School budget sees 2.63 percent jump

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\$50,000, which is about the same rate which other comparable school districts are getting," said Friedland. "It has to do with changes in the funding formula and it may be changed again by the Governor's office. The tuition is less than last year as we have fewer students coming from other towns."

Another \$500,000 in revenue would come from facility rental, adult and summer school fees and surplus from the regional high school district asset distribution.

The school system anticipates

enrollment of 1,825 students, an increase of about 4 percent. There also has been an increase in special service schooling.

"We have had several families moving into the district whose children couldn't be educated in our regular program," said Ball. "It means increased costs in special services for children attending programs out of the

district. Some students can cost up to \$50,000 to educate."

Other increases are found in transportation and contractual agreements with faculty and staff.

The board has scheduled a special public hearing on the tentative budget at Gaudinier Middle School Monday at 2 p.m. A final hearing is set for March 23 before sending it to the state Department of Education for review.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

• 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 more than 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 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 Freehold 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:

"The Yellow Bird," "This Property Condemned," "Talk To Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen," "Portrait 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.

Coming events

March 6
• The Westfield Board of Health will conduct a free diabetes screening on Friday, March 6, 4 to 6 p.m. at the CVS Pharmacy, 210 South Avenue West, Westfield. The Board of Health serves Mountaineer residents.

March 14
• The Garwood Board of Health will conduct a Health Day from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Garwood Municipal Building, 403 South Ave., Garwood. The program will offer an extensive blood screening, consisting of a SMAC 26, CBC and HDL. Pre-registration for the blood test is mandatory and will be in hand conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 425 East Broad St., Westfield. Call 789-4070 for more information.

March 19
• The Mountaineer PTA is sponsoring its 12th annual fashion show. The fashion show is originated by the parents and teachers of Deerfield School. All proceeds from the event go directly to Deerfield School's cultural enrichment programs. In the past, the fashion show has provided funds for special cultural programs at The Lincoln Arts Center, and other cultural and educational programs.

The fashion show will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountaineer. Donations toward the event are appreciated. Drop off contributions or send them to: The Deerfield School, Central Avenue and School Drive, Mountaineer, 07092.

Ongoing throughout February
• Explore the art and spirit of the people of Kenya, Africa, and of local students, with a visit to the exhibition sponsored by Hayes Imports and the Westfield public schools at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, throughout the month of February.

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Deposits FDIC insured to \$100,000

Committee awards \$1.5-M contract for newest garbage collection bid

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield residents will see new faces taking their garbage away as of Monday morning. The Township Committee voted to approve a five-year, \$1,510 million contract with Manella Usa Sanitation of California Tuesday night.

Manella Usa was the lowest bidder of those presented to the township on Feb. 12. They will haul household garbage to the Union County Utilities Authority incinerator in Rahway for the next 58 months. The new contractor succeeds White Brothers of Plainfield.

"The Township Committee has been hard at work in cost cutting," said Mayor Sy Mullman. "By setting a 58-month contract, we will save \$174,000. When we present our municipal budget March 10, the public will see what we have done."

"I think the Township Committee has done a great job with this contract," said former Committeeman Herbert Slot. "They should be congratulated."

"We're pleased to be serving a community like Springfield, said Manella Usa spokesman Dick Fahey. "We have contracts with Fair Lawn, Hoboken and North Caldwell, but not in Union County before."

The new garbage contract is separate from the township's present recycling arrangement with Atlantic Recycling Technology Systems of Linden. It also does not affect the township's contract with the UCUA.

"The approval was not unanimous, however, as Committeeman William Ruocco abstained."

"I think the contract is a good value for the community," said Ruocco. "My concern is about the legality of some of the contract's conditions."

Ruocco announced later in the meeting that the UCUA has signed the anticipated 25-year lease agreement with Ogdén-Martin to operate the Rahway incinerator. Springfield was the first Union County municipality to sign a voluntary hauling agreement with the UCUA in concert with the utility's lease to Ogdén-Martin.

The committee wholeheartedly rat-

ified a Regional Contribution Agreement with Linden regarding the township's Mount Laurel housing obligation. Springfield will turn over eight housing units and \$160,000 to Linden to build. The township is allowed to reduce some of its 134 low- and moderate-income dwellings allocated by making RCA contracts with other localities.

"This will not cost the taxpayer one cent," said Township Attorney Bruce Bergen. "A developer has agreed to pay the township the equivalent of eight units and we turn that money over to Linden so they can build those units on their property. This agreement has been approved by the state Council on Affordable Housing."

The township elders also approved repair and maintenance contracts for facilities at the Municipal Park. An overall allocation of between \$114,000 and \$150,000 is to be spent on upgrading the wading pool, replacing the filter system and improvements on the main pool itself.

The cost of the township returning insufficiently funded checks has increased.

Sensitivity to disability



Mrs. Trueger's third and fourth grade 'Discovery' classes, held at James Caldwell School in Springfield, are in the midst of a unit on 'Sensitivity and Awareness to Disabilities.' In their course of study of blindness and visual impairment, these gifted and talented students met with Nick Setteducato, a student of signing, who taught them this language. Pictured are Laura Duffy, Caitlin Curtis, Ryan Sabsky and Mr. Setteducato.

Historical Society presents letter from George Washington

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The memory of George Washington's life and times appeared to be alive and well in Springfield Sunday. One of his letters, written days before the Battle of Springfield, was seen by what the township's historical society considers a record crowd at the Cannon Ball House that afternoon.

"We have at least 35 names on today's guest book," said local historian Michael Yesenko. "I and two other tour guides have been so busy, however, that I don't think everyone here has signed on."

"The Cannon Ball House is really open to the public twice a year," said Springfield Historical Society President Margaret Bandrowski. "We've held an open house to honor George Washington's birthday since the society was formed and another open house before Christmas."

The historical society has been keeper of the Cannon Ball House for

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— Margaret Bandrowski
Society President

the last five decades. It served as Washington's headquarters and a hospital before and during the Battle of Springfield in June 1780.

Yesenko and other guides took visitors through the two-story structure on a two-fold tour. On one hand, they display the household furnishings and conditions of a Revolutionary War era household. On the other hand, the tours show the society's latest restoration developments.

"In the past year, we have repaired and replaced the baseboards around the foundation," said Bandrowski. "The kitchen floor has been replaced.

The window sills and holes in the wall upstairs have been replaced and patched, although one hole has been covered with a construction display."

Bandrowski and other society officials present said another restoration effort is developing in the back yard. They, with the assistance of the Springfield Garden Club and a grant from Shell Oil, are going to plant a Colonial era garden on the site of a temporary parking lot.

The tour's endpoint and centerpiece is Washington's one page letter to New York Gov. De Witt Clinton.

Dated June 18, 1780, Washington was raising against the New Jersey Legislature's attempt to set up a separate militia.

While Yesenko and fellow historian Howard Wiseman took turns explaining the letter's background, members of Springfield Boy Scout Troop 75 took shifts as an honor guard.

"The society first asked us to be an honor guard last year," said Scoutmaster Gerry Garbauer. "It's a good exposure for our troop as they get a better sense of how important Springfield is in the Revolutionary War. Maybe it's a part of the schooling today, but I think more people are having a greater appreciation of history."

"There's a rising sense of patriotism," said Yesenko. "People are tired of going to Presidents Day sales and want a greater meaning to the holiday. It helps to have the open house held

today on what would have been Washington's 266th birthday."

"There used to be Lincoln's Birthday, a state holiday, and Washington's Birthday, every Feb. 11 and 22," said Wiseman. "That changed in the 1960s when President Lyndon Johnson moved the holidays to a Friday or a Monday for a three-day weekend. Now we have a Presidents Day and the importance of Lincoln and Washington have been lost."

"My mom and I found the Cannon Ball House while on the Union County Four Centuries in a Weekend house

tour," said John Daniel Pravia. "I learned a lot about how people lived and worked in Washington's time."

"This is a great display," said Denise Kus, who took her three sons along. "We learned how long Washington took in writing that letter."

The historical society opens the Cannon Ball House periodically. Write to 133 Short Hills Ave., Springfield, 07081 for details.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

A need for voucher

Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti will receive a guaranteed \$200 per month and council members will receive a guaranteed \$100 per month as reimbursement for expenses they incur while acting in an official capacity representing the borough.

Because the mayor and council members volunteer their time in their elected positions, we don't argue that they deserve compensation for out-of-pocket expenses they incur while representing Mountainside. We do argue, however, with the ordinance — and how it is designed — to pay these officials.

The council passed an ordinance two weeks ago that authorizes the borough treasurer to automatically pay the mayor and council the \$200 and \$100 sums each month — and nobody has to submit a voucher to get their money.

We expected more from a governing body that has shown professionalism and maturity in its decision making for many years.

Elected officials in Mountainside have a right to be compensated when they attend events if they are spending money out of their own pockets. Not even the Democrats in town are arguing that point. They, as well as we, would like to see some kind of accountability among the mayor and council to show they are receiving dollar amounts to which they are entitled — nothing more, nothing less.

Most of the council are businessmen who would not guarantee an employee a salary in the private sector because that employee may call in sick too many times and not be entitled to the pay. And in the private sector, an absentee form is required to be submitted to a payroll department if a salaried employee calls in sick.

It's simply a measure of accountability, and that's all we're asking from the mayor and council.

We urge the council to amend the ordinance to state that the mayor and council members will be reimbursed for costs incurred while representing the borough in an official capacity — for non-political events — upon submission of a request for payment, with receipts attached. The council and mayor can also set a maximum per month if they choose.

While we're not saying there is anything suspicious about the ordinance and the council's desire to be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses, the amendment that we propose will go a long way toward holding our elected officials more accountable to the public.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 688-8898, and enter Selection 8000. Use our InfoSource hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



Now is the time to run

To the residents who have criticized the Board of Education during the past year, raise your hand. Now all of you who have your hands up have an opportunity to something about it. Run for the board yourselves.

The deadline for filing for the 1998 Board of Education election is Monday. That's less than a week away. Petitions are available in the board secretary's office.

Surely there must be some residents in the community who are interested in taking the school district to new heights — and leading it into the 21st century.

Now is the time for all residents who criticize the board about spending practices, contracts and quality of education to stand up for what they believe and run for the school board.

Instead of sitting back, leave the safety of your home as an armchair quarterback and take the field. The district is facing a multitude of challenges and energetic people with innovative ideas need to step forward.

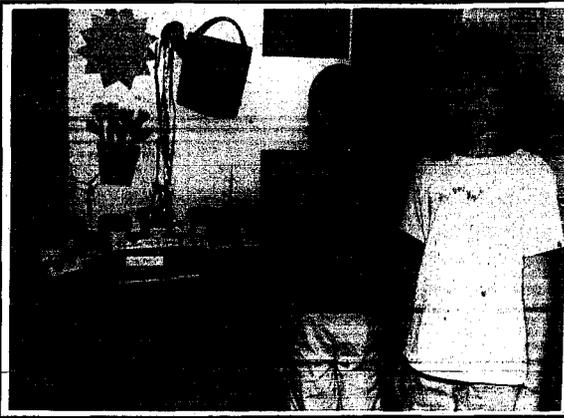
If you are one of those people, the school board and township need you. Your time is running out.

Correction policy

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Gen. John M. Shalikashvili
chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff 1995



ANOTHER INVENTION — Deerfield School students displayed their talents last week during the annual Invention Convention, a science project in which the entire student body gets involved. Here, these students show off their skills at their booth detailing how plants grow.

Gone are the days when life was simple

As I See It

By Norman Rouscher
Correspondent

When is the last time you spoke to your bank or credit card company for information and was able to talk to a honest-to-goodness human voice?

The chances are nil. For some reason, many corporations have the idea that everyone is in possession of a touch-tone phone because the "operator" tells the caller if you want "bookkeeping," press one, "if you want accounts payable, press two," and so on, ad nauseum. What's frustrating is the fact that not all people have touch-tone phones. I have one, but I don't let on because I've found that not answering to the "push one, push two" routine, you get faster service if you wait it out and get your very own human operator.

I'm told these modern phone systems can do anything, except maybe mix a dry martini, or get you a date with Sharon Stone. I'm sure many of us can well remember the days when you would call your favorite bank, department store, credit card company and speak with a bonafide human being instead of being instructed in "push one," "push two," etc.

I can easily remember getting to my bank's president by simply asking for Mr. So and So's office, please. And behold, within seconds, Mr. So and So would be on the line. If you knew Mr. So and So well, you'd probably

be on a first name basis. What infuriates me is the frustration one can encounter if none of the "menu buttons" works and you are left with no one to talk to. If the call is important, this can become a source of panic. "What do I do now? I can't find a real live human being to speak with." However, if you make believe you only have a rotary phone, some nice live operator will come on the line and attempt to help you. But life is not that simple. Modern high-tech phone equipment has built-in glitches such as being cut off just as your thought problem might be solved. You swallow and realize that you are back to square one and you have to start all over again.

Automatic phone systems are great and are supposed to save time and money — if all goes according to the plans the inventor envisioned.

How much more friendly things were when you could reach a real, live operator, state your business and be

connected with just the right person to help you. No doubt with the volume of business most companies have to contend with, these instruments of a bygone time are now archaic and have found a final refuge in the scrap-heap of outdated business machines.

What successful company doesn't have a fax, a copying machine, a very high-tech communication system and a web-page on the Internet. Do you know which, if any, companies use typewriters anymore? If you do, the company will probably still be using quill pens and carbon copy paper.

In the fast-paced world we live in, time has become so precious that if you can save as little as three seconds, you are doing well. Many of these machines do save time, some many more than three seconds at a time, some less. But since time is so precious, instruments have to be so designed so as to keep the business of business going at all thrills.

But where do we stop, or at least, slow down, to enjoy the time we are saving? If Henry Ford hadn't developed the assembly line to put his cars together in the early part of this century, someone would have developed it on his or her own. It was too simple a concept to go uninvited.

There is no doubt that science and

technology have only scraped the tip of the iceberg when it comes to more inventions, more research and more refinements on the technology we already have.

If you think about it, there isn't much we don't have. We can land men on the moon, we can send unmanned rockets to Mars, we can build a tunnel under the English Channel, we can develop computers which can scan millions of bytes a second and we can clone sheep and perhaps humans. What more do we want? Plenty.

We would like to have physical labor abolished in favor of machines. We would like to push buttons to cook our dinners, make our beds, clean our houses, drive our cars, take out the garbage and plow out driveways and front walks, leaving us with nothing to do. What, then, would we do with all the time we've saved?

Remember the days when you'd pick up a telephone and say, "Gladys, would you hook me up with Dorothy?" And within a few seconds we'd have Dorothy. Those days are no doubt gone.

Norman Rouscher, a former newspaper publisher in Summit, is an active member of the Summit community.

Ice man, scissor grinder graced our streets

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

Every once in a while, a group of "old-timers" gets together and the conversation turns around to "remember when" and a string of memories returns to everyone's mind. One thing we have not seen for many years is the ice-man, who used to drive through the streets in his horse-drawn wagon loaded with large blocks of ice. This, of course, was before there was a refrigerator in every kitchen, and instead of the food being stored in a lower compartment, and was cooled by the air from above.

These ice-boxes were usually made of oak wood that was highly polished with a varnish finish, and the hinges and latches were nickel-plated and shone like silver. The top compartment was lined with galvanized sheet metal, and that was where the block of ice was placed. Milk and butter might be put in this compartment also, where they would be kept cold, but most of the food was stored in a lower compartment, and was cooled by the air from above.

As the block of ice absorbed the heat from the food and cooled the air in the box, it slowly melted and turned back into water. A drain tube in the ice compartment carried this water down to a pan resting on the floor beneath the ice-box, and the pan had to be emptied every day before the water overflowed and ran out onto the floor. This task might be left to a young person of the house, and we be into him if he neglected his duty. There were some people who were lucky enough to have the drain tube connected to a cellar drain, and did not have this chore.

It was the ice-man's business to deliver a new block of ice as often as needed, but by the end of the 1930s,

most families had acquired electric refrigerators, and the ice-man soon disappeared from our street. This was rather disappointing to some of the children who used to get chips of ice to suck on from the wagon in the summertime. An ice tube from the refrigerator wasn't quite the same.

Another tradesman not seen lately was the scissor grinder, who traveled the streets on foot carrying his treadle-powered grinding machine and ringing a bell to announce his presence in the neighborhood. This was an opportunity for the lady of the house to gather her kitchen knives and sewing scissors and take them out to the wagon to have them sharpened.

When he had a customer, the man would rest his machine on the ground and sit on the small seat attached to it, so he could use his foot to power the wheel while he used both hands to guide the knives and scissors against the spinning grinding wheel. A series of belts and pulleys caused that wheel to turn very rapidly, and a stream of brilliant sparks flew from it as the knives received a new, sharp edge. When his work was completed, the man was paid, and after slinging his light-weight machine on his back, he would move on to the next customer.

The present system of recycling some materials has brought about a change in the way these items are collected. Years ago, there was the junk-

man, or the ragman, who came around with his horse and wagon to gather whatever scrap metal or rags no longer needed in the home. He also had bells on the wagon to announce his presence, along with a rather mournful cry of "Rags," that drifted through the neighborhood. Although the junkman was quite happy to accept the discarded items as a gift, he could be persuaded to pay a few cents for some material, as he would sell it to the mill to be reworked.

Progress has eliminated some other things that used to be quite common around town. In Roselle, not only has the steam locomotive disappeared, but so has the entire railroad that helped create Roselle in the beginning. Some of us still refer to certain road-building machines as "steam-rollers" and "steam shovels," but they are only found in museums or in private collections. Their modern counterparts are all diesel-powered and no longer need an engineer to operate them.

Mixing also is the old steam pumper of the fire department. These machines of a century ago were drawn by two or three horses, who knew their jobs as well as the firemen, and were ready to go at the sound of the

fire alarm. There is a well-known painting of such a fire engine being driven on Broad Street in Elizabeth, and while the engine and horses are long gone, the building shown in the background is still standing.

There is one piece of equipment that used to be present in most houses, but is now only a show piece, and that is an old, antique spinning wheel. It is true that there are some people who still use them, but fortunately that is because they want to, and not because they have to use them. As in many craft shows, hand spun and hand knitted sweaters may be on the display, and if the crafter brought the wheel and uses it, there is always a crowd of spectators around her.

Spinning wheels are made almost entirely of wood, with just a few bits of metal and leather. They can easily be taken apart for transportation as there are no glued joints except in the wheel itself, and they can be reassembled in a short time. A treadle provides the power, and a three-legged stool is a likely accompaniment for the spinner.

William Frolich is a resident of Roselle and member of the Union County Historical Society.

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We're asking Would it be worth a war with Iraqi?

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

After months of talks with the United States and United Nations diplomats, Iraq's Saddam Hussein has seemingly agreed to a deal that would allow for a peaceful solution to the recent crisis in the Middle East.

At press time, it had been reported that an agreement had been reached between U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Hussein. The deal would allow unlimited, unarmed U.N. inspection of Iraqi weapons facilities.

Many speculate that the threat of force by the United States enticed Hussein to accept the deal. A key question whether or not we should honor the often unpredictable leader's verbal commitment.

In a recent "CNN Town Meeting," former U.S. foreign diplomats and congressmen debated everything from the role of the United Nations in the situation to the amount of force put forth by the hold him in our custody," South added. "We are afraid of terrorism, but we have to act. People also



Dan House

have to understand that his son is just as bad or worse, so killing Saddam won't do a thing. I am just afraid he will not honor this recent agreement."

Martha Smith of Springfield agreed, but for different reasons. "I'm not sure you can trust someone, anyone, with a questionable mental capacity," she said. "I think we should be very thorough in making a final decision. He is very unpredictable."

"It could be a very crucial decision," said Smith. "Remember what Nostradamus said — a charismatic Middle Eastern leader will contri-



Jennifer DiTiani

bute to the end of the world before the year 2000."

Priscilla Rodman disagreed. "If this agreement will avoid war, we should trust him. I think peace should be the ultimate concern. I doubt Hussein is going to just bomb the world. We should keep our noses out of the situation and get away from this George Washington, International Police Officer stuff," she said.

Dan House and Jennifer DiTiani were non-committal. "I'm not really sure we should do," House said. "I haven't followed the recent developments

of this weekend, but I hope something positive does come out of these talks."

"I'm not sure either," DiTiani said. "But I trust President Clinton will make the best decision. United States to come up with a peaceful solution. The group even analyzed Hussein's psyche. However, the main concern was whether or not an agreement — any agreement with Hussein — would be binding.

We asked residents and workers of Mountaintop and Springfield if they thought the United States should trust Iraq's leader.

Gerard Souza of Mountaintop said the United States and United Nations should take notes from the past.

"History shows Hussein isn't a man of his word," he said. "After the Gulf War, there were certain agreements, and look now at what he has said to them. He is right back in the thick of controversy."

"Instead of sending 8,000 troops, they should send in a crack under-cover team of 20 to 25 people to

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Firefighters respond to Route 24 accident

FIRE BLOTTER

Springfield

Springfield and Summit's Fire departments teamed up to combat a one-car and tractor-trailer accident on Route 24 East Feb. 17. Springfield responded a call at about 9:30 a.m. of a car wedged under a jack-knifed gasoline tanker truck and arrived minutes later.

Springfield firefighters called on a Summit engine to provide a foam hose line in case of any fuel spills. The tanker's contents didn't spill, however, as it held little fuel. Both engines, the State Police, the Department of Transportation, and the Springfield First Aid Squad assisted in releasing the entrapped car's driver.

Springfield paid a nearby call on Interstate 78 East for a one-car crash with two injuries at about 9:54 p.m. Friday.

All units responded to an activated alarm call from a Morris

apartment building at about 6:43 p.m. Friday. An engine unit assisted residents locked out of their Mountain Avenue apartments about three hours earlier.

A second all-units call in as many days brought the squad to a Morris Avenue business at about 10:54 p.m. Feb. 19. An activated carbon monoxide detector sent a truck to a Maple Avenue home at about 8:55 p.m. Feb. 18.

Fire, police and first aid squads descended on the intersection of Morris and Maple avenues on a two-car accident call at about 11:04 p.m. Feb. 17. An Isuzu Trooper, headed north on Maple Avenue, collided with an eastbound Dodge Intrepid at about 10:53 p.m., putting the Trooper on its driver's side and sending the Intrepid

into the northwest corner's traffic light/pole.

Police and fire personnel uprighted the vehicles and extricated their occupants. Springfield first aiders took the Intrepid's driver and passenger to Overlook Hospital while their Millburn colleagues transported the Trooper motorist to St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. Police stayed on the scene until a NIDDOT crew came to replace the felled pole.

The Feb. 17 blotter was rounded out by a medical assistance call from a Cotter Avenue home at about 5:48 p.m. and an all-hands fire alarm call to a South Springfield Avenue business at about 1:11 a.m.

Three more all-units calls were taken by Township firefighters on Feb. 16. The first came in at about 2:24 a.m. by a fire alarm sound from a South Springfield Avenue business. A similar alarm came from a Brown Avenue firm at about 9:55 p.m. and

the final alarm came from a South Springfield Avenue apartment complex about two hours later.

Mountaintop
The Mountaintop Volunteer Fire Department responded to two calls this past week. Both saw no one injured and no damage to the properties.

On Feb. 17, several firefighters responded to a call from a resident on Coles Avenue. A carbon monoxide detector alarm had been set off.

Fire Chief Marc Franciosa said there had been large amounts of carbon monoxide in the house as a result of a backed up fireplace flue. Firefighters repaired the flue and fire injuries or major smoke inhalation was reported.

On Feb. 19, an activated smoke detector brought several firefighters to a residence on Rolling Rock Road. Franciosa said it was a false alarm and that no damage or injuries occurred.

Alder bid farewell to borough police

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

As of Sunday, after serving as Mountaintop chief of police for the past 17 years and for 31 years on the borough police force, William Alder will officially step down.

Alder became the Mountaintop chief of police after having been a patrolman in the borough for 12 years. Only 20 months after he was promoted to sergeant, he was named chief of police after his predecessor, Edward J. Mullin, resigned because of health reasons.

"There was an examination, and there were many applicants. I was fortunate enough to place first and be named chief of police," Alder said. "The rest has been a great experience."

Alder said his most memorable

experience while in Mountaintop happened more than 10 years ago when he impersonated a victim to help recover stolen U.S. Savings Bonds. "I don't remember the year exactly, but I most certainly remember the case," he said.

"It was a decoy to help recover stolen bonds — we had to meet the thieves at Penn Station in Newark," Alder said. "I can still remember when the suspect asked me if I was their man — essentially the victim. He believed me and a signal was given. Arrests were made immediately," he said. The arrests made headlines everywhere.

Throughout the years, Alder said he has seen much change. "I've seen training improve at all levels. More officers have continued their formal education. There have also been

improvements to the law — as was the case with domestic violence," he said.

"Years ago, whether or not an arrest would occur was up to the victims," Alder said. "Many felt intimidated and would back off and then there would be repeat offenses. But now we can make an arrest as soon as we see the violation, regardless of what the victim says. All these are positive events that have taken place during my tenure in Mountaintop."

But Alder plans to keep working after he leaves the borough — having difficulty retiring in full at the ripe age of 56. "I will be the director of Public Safety for the Union County College campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield," he said. "I have to keep busy."

Alder received an associate's



William Alder

degree in law enforcement from Union County College. He went on to earn a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice and a master of arts degree in public administration from Rutgers University.

STUDENT UPDATE

Pingry honors

The following local students earned academic accolades for their efforts at The Pingry School Middle and Upper Schools in Marinville for the first semester.

Grade Seven
Springfield: Nicholas DeAngelis; Mountaintop: Jason Kurtz

Grade Eight
Springfield: William Weidman; Ashley Kurz

Grade 10
Springfield: Sean Stephen Ciallo and Grace Nix

Grade 11
Springfield: Seth Donrky, Barrie Suednick and Lindsey Whalen; Mountaintop: Priya Swaminathan.

FDU dean's honors

The following students made the honors list and dean's list for their academic efforts at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Medison Campus.

Honors
Springfield: Jonathan Barvo, Adam Brooker, Regina Cawber, Malgorzata Nowowiec, Donna Kojay and David Kessler.

Dean's List
Springfield: Phao Dang, Christopher Loggia and Jean Saunders.

Dean's list

Springfield: Peter Stokes.

Summit: Stacey Paduano, Kimberly Beck and Paul Cox.

Two are finalists

Michael Vogel and Jeffrey Smith, seniors at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, have met the requirements for finalist standing in the 1998 National Merit Scholarship Program, a distinction that places them in a group representing less than 1 percent of U.S. high school graduating seniors.

They are entitled to be considered for one of 2,200 National Merit \$2,000 Scholarships that will be offered on a state representative basis. Scholarship winners will be notified in March and April.

Two on dean's list

Two Mountaintop women were among 1,337 Bloomsburg University students named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 1997-98 academic year.

To qualify for this academic honor, a student must earn a quality point average of 3.5 or higher based on 4.0 during the semester.

Bloomsburg University is one of 14 universities in Pennsylvania's State

System of Higher Education. The university offers its 7,300 students the opportunity to pursue one of 63 bachelor's or 18 master's degrees.

Brandee M. Aylward, a senior who lives on Beechwood Court, and Shannon L. Keller, a senior from Stony Brook Lane, earned a 4.0 average.

Residents on dean's list

Nineteen Union County residents were among the Jersey City State College students named to the Dean's List for the 1997 fall semester; it was announced by Marco Cirincione, dean of students.

Students on the Dean's List attained a semester average of 3.5 or higher.

Police extricate woman from car

Springfield
Springfield Police, fire and first aid units extricated a driver from a United Parcel Service truck after a mishap on Route 22 East at about 9:20 a.m. Feb. 16. The driver was about to enter the Computer City lot by Dundar Road when she skidded, struck a curb and her Ford truck landed on the driver's side.

Police assessed the driver's condition, cordoned off the accident scene and called for the Springfield Fire Department and the First Aid Squad.

Firefighters freed the driver by cutting through the roof, and first aiders drove her to the University of Medicine and Dentistry Hospital in Newark. The driver, identified as Betty Pittman, 38, of Plainfield, was treated for bumps and bruises.

Mountaintop
The Mountaintop Police Department reported no activity for the week.

Jersey City State College, a public liberal arts college with an enrollment of 8,500 undergraduate and graduate students, is located in Jersey City, N.J.

Area residents named to the list are Haydee Chaves of Summit, and Greg Smith of Springfield.

Drew dean's list

The following students made the dean's list for their academic efforts at Drew University College of Liberal Arts.

Mountaintop: Kimberly R. Giordano.

Springfield: Jessica Anne Johnson, Melody Sayer, Bryan Scott Zanitsnik.

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Stroke damage can be minimized with prompt medical attention

A stroke, medically known as a cerebral vascular accident, could be termed a type of brain attack. This occurs when a blood vessel that supplies a part of the brain causes death of neurons (nerve cells) within a few minutes. This is followed by swelling of surrounding neurons that are at risk of cell death if the blood supply is not re-established. Depending on the part of the brain affected by the CVA/stroke, there may be a loss of normal neurologic function.

CVA or strokes are the third most common cause of death in the United States. It is the most common cause of disability of all conditions in adults.

There are two types of strokes:
1. Ischemic — This is caused by blockage of an artery in the brain causing loss of the blood supply to neurons (nerve cells) and subsequently cell death.

2. Hemorrhagic — This is due to bleeding within the brain or outside the brain and its coverings.

Ischemic strokes make up about 80 percent and hemorrhagic about 20 percent of strokes.

Risks factor for a CVA/stroke include:

1. Hypertension or high blood pressure
2. Smoking
3. Diabetes

Medical Tips

By Dr. Eric Munoz

4. Atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beats
5. Previous CVA/stroke
6. Any combination of the above.

Unlike a heart attack which presents as chest pain, a stroke can be painless. This has led individuals experiencing a CVA/stroke to delay in calling 9-1-1 for emergency medical assistance. Unfortunately, a delay in treatment generally means loss of more nerve cells.

Symptoms of a CVA/stroke include:

1. Weakness or paralysis on one side of the body.
2. Numbness or loss of sensation on one side of the body.
3. Confusion with speech or inability to speak normally.
4. A sudden onset of loss of balance or dizziness.
5. Sudden loss of vision in one eye.

There are two main forms of treatment of a CVA/stroke:

1. Medical — This condition is best

prevented. Risk factor reduction such as smoking cessation, control of high blood pressure and compliance with medications are very important. Medications that thin the blood such as aspirin, ticlopidine or warfarin can be used in an acute CVA or stroke. The Food and Drug Administration approved a clot busting drug "TPA" for certain patients which was shown to be best when used under three hours.

These medications each have different side effects that may be severe and indications for usage are variable. Each stroke case has to be individualized as to which treatment is the best to prevent recurrence of a stroke.

2. Surgical — The procedure is called a "Carotid Endarterectomy." This is done in selected patients that have significantly blocked carotid arteries. It involves shelling out the abnormal plaque in the carotid artery in the neck, so that the blockage is removed. The advantage is that it is better than medical treatment in some patients in preventing stroke recurrence. This depends on the surgeon's skill with the procedure. Disadvantage includes

minor or major strokes during or after surgery.

3. Rehabilitation — A stroke is the most common cause of disability in adults in the United States. This includes speech therapy, occupational therapy (assistance in coping with activities of daily living) and physiotherapy (assistance in compensating for physical deficits).

Tips on CVA/Stroke Prevention:
1. Smoking increases the risk of a stroke because the blood is thickened and atherosclerosis is accelerated. Depending on the amount smoked, cessation can reduce the risk to that of a nonsmoker.

2. Hypertension or high blood pressure causes small blood vessels in the brain to thicken (thereby decreasing blood flow), eventually the blood vessel is so narrow that it closes off completely. If it closes off in a critical area in the brain, it can cause weakness on one side of the body, dizziness or slurred speech. Adequate control of blood pressure, less than 140/80, can help prevent a stroke.

3. If there is an irregular heart beat,

e.g., arterial fibrillation, preventing uncontrolled fast heart rates combined with blood thinners (anticoagulants) has shown to have significant benefit in certain patients to prevent strokes.

4. A prior stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA) has a risk of recurrence: regular medical check ups, anticoagulants and risk factor reduction prevent recurrence.

5. Unlike heart disease, high cholesterol does not have a direct correlation with strokes. However, elevated cholesterol is associated with heart disease which is a major risk factor for stroke.

There are certain other treatments available at New Jersey Hospitals for an acute CVA or stroke, in addition to conventional stroke stroke therapy. These medications and treatment have to be initiated rapidly, generally within four hours of the onset of a CVA.

1. TPA — In a recent publication, Dec. 16, 1995, of the New England Journal of Medicine, it was shown that if a clot busting drug as given within three hours of the onset, the morbidity and disability of a stroke

was decreased by 30 percent. Side effects of this medication include a hemorrhage into the stroke, which can be fatal. The incidence of this complication was about 7 percent.

2. Fosfophytasin — This medication is similar to the one given to epileptics for seizure control. It is supposed to stabilize the nerve cells around the CVA/stroke so that the size of the damage is limited.

3. Dextroamphetamine — Laboratory experiments have shown that rats with an artificially induced stroke, do better with this medication combined with rehabilitation treatment than rehabilitation alone. Further study is needed.

The best treatment of a CVA/stroke is to prevent it. If necessary seek medical attention promptly, and the damage and disability from this disorder can be minimized.

Dr. Eric Munoz, a surgeon, is chief medical officer of UMDNJ-University Hospital, and is a Common Council member in Summit.

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Any parent will attest that it's a tough job — probably the toughest — so it's natural to wonder — Am I doing the right thing? Am I making a positive impact on my child?

There is one area in which it has been proven that parents can make a significant positive impact: the prevention of the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse, a program of the Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network, recently conducted a survey of county students in grades 5 through 12. The results mirror survey data at state and national levels. Their conclusion states: "Children are less likely to use or abuse ATOD if their parents are clearly opposed to their use. Conversely, if parents do not send a clear message regarding the use and abuse of these substances, students are more inclined to use them. There is also a high correlation between the increase in percentage of students who spend less time with their parents and an increase in marijuana use."

You have the power to help your child make healthy choices. County residents who attended a Coalition Dialogue Night, which is an opportunity for adults and teens to talk frankly about issues of concern, heard this long before the survey results were released. During the session, an astute Westfield youth pointed out that there is too much "soft parenting." He and other teens informed the adults that parents give mixed messages about alcohol, that they don't spend enough time with their kids, that parents seem to get angry at the system when their kids are caught drinking or drugging, rather than deal with their children's problems. It seems that teens need parents in their lives more than they would even nor-

Making A Difference

By Substance Abuse Coalition

It is really hard to admit. Use your power to support your teens by making time for them. Let them know that drugs and illegal use of alcohol — under 21 — is unacceptable in your home. Analyze your own behavior for the mixed messages you may be sending. Form a parent networking group to share information and parenting techniques. If your town hosts a Dialogue Night, make an effort to attend.

But prevention in the home actually begins long before the teen years. According to Frances Miceli, a 25-year veteran in the field of addiction who works in the Prevention Services Unit, Division of Addiction at the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, the three things all addicts have in common — besides the disease of addiction — are:

- They never learned decision-making skills;
- They never learned how to communicate their feelings; and
- They haven't learned that there are consequences for their actions.

You can begin by wielding your parental power from the time your child is young by fostering these vital life skills. Said Miceli, "These are the tools that help children survive."

There is so much you can do as a parent, but so little time to seek resources and learn new "tricks of the trade." With this in mind, the Coalition is offering a speaker series, "The Power of Positive Parenting," for parents of children of all ages. The PPP will begin on March 12 with a program on Conflict Resolution/Anger Management. On April 8, the topic is "What Should I Tell My Child About Drinking?," a new program developed by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency. "Your Child's Safety on the Information Highway" will take place on May 13. Finally, a half-day program complete with lunch, useful parenting resources and more top-rate presenters is in the works for September.

You may be thinking, Parenting Classes? That's ridiculous. Humankind has been raising children for years without classes. But look at it this way — if you have a job, you would certainly avail yourself of professional training to keep yourself sharp and at the forefront of your field. Why not do the same for your family? After all, today's drugs are different; they're more potent, more addictive and life-threatening. The time to begin family prevention is now, regardless of the age of your child. Parenting programs give fresh insights and offer new, effective strategies for dealing with the ever-changing challenges that children present.

If you would like more information about PPP or wish to register for programs, call the Coalition at (908) 686-6644. If the dates of these programs are inconvenient, consider calling your local Municipal Alliance, the volunteer organization in your town that is dedicated solely to prevention in your community, to find out if they are offering parenting programs or support.

As you fine tune your parenting skills, you may find your confidence rising, your children responding positively, and an increase in those invaluable benefits that make it all worthwhile.

The Union County Coalition is a three-year project funded by the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention with the Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network as the lead agency. The Coalition is designed to increase and enhance the prevention efforts and programs in Union County. The Coalition has established a number of task forces to link prevention with each sector of the community — business, criminal justice, schools, parents, health care and youth.

Fashion show set

The Mountaineer PTA will sponsor a fashion show and dinner at L'Affaire Restaurant, Route 22, Mountaineer, on March 19 at 6 p.m. Fashions are by Syne of Westfield and Willow Street of Summit. Tickets are \$27 per person and the cut off date for reservations is March 5. Call 233-6796 for more information.



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Kenneth J. Scowen

Kenneth J. Scowen, 71, of Springfield, an engineer, died Feb. 18 in John F. Kennedy Medical Center, Edison.

Born in London, England, Mr. Scowen lived in Canada and Birmingham, Mich., before moving to Springfield in 1970. He began his career as an engineer with several large companies in England, where he was involved in items ranging from nuclear power station machinery, naval warship machinery, automobiles and automotive equipment. In 1956, Mr. Scowen was an engineer for Avro Aircraft Co., Toronto, Canada, designing fully integrated flying control systems for jet aircraft. After that, he was an engineering executive in the Central Engineering Division of Chrysler Corp., Detroit. Then he became chief engineer for Signal Siat Corp. of New Jersey, where he was responsible for developing automo-

Heather Peterson, two sisters, Sheila Barrell and Pam Harrison, and four grandchildren.

Rev. G.J. Mc Garry

The Rev. Gerald J. Mc Garry, 86, retired as a priest with the Archdiocese of Newark, died Feb. 18 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Wharton, Father McGarry was ordained in 1934 and assigned to St. Andrew's Church, Westwood, where he served as assistant pastor until he was transferred to St. Paul of the Cross Church, Jersey City, as assistant pastor. Father Mc Garry was appointed founding pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountain-side, in 1958. He retired in 1978. Surviving are a sister, Rita M. Hogan, and a brother, William J.

Rosemarie Maul

Rosemarie Maul, 71, of Springfield, a retired registered nurse, died Feb. 18 in the Manor Care Health Services, Mountainside.

Born in Hackettstown, Mrs. Maul lived in Lancaster, Pa., before moving to Springfield 17 years ago. She was employed by St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, for 14 years and retired three years ago. Mrs. Maul was a graduate of the Overlook Hospital School of Nursing. She attended Seion Hall University.

Surviving are five sons, Robert W., Christopher B., William M., Thomas P. and Jonathan P.; two daughters, Kathleen Gianella and Patrice S.; two brothers, Murray R. and William F. Koonz; a sister, Frances P. Lee; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ann McNany

Ann McNany, 68, of Springfield, a registered nurse, died Feb. 20 in the Genesis Elder Care, Westfield.

Born in Morristown, Mrs. McNany lived in Upper St. Clair, Pa., before moving to Springfield many years ago. She worked in the operating and emergency rooms of Overlook Hospital, Summit, for 12 years and retired in 1991. Before that, Mrs. McNany worked at Fair Oaks Hospital, Summit, for many years. She was a graduate of All Souls Hospital School of Nursing in Morristown. Mrs. McNany was a member of the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad and the Women of Irish Heritage in West Orange. She was a former member of the Mothers Guild and Senior Citizens, both of St. James Church, Springfield.

Surviving are three sons, Edward J., Brian M. and Michael O.; a daughter, Rita M.; a sister, M. Lois Bauer; a brother, W. Jack Murphy Sr., and five grandchildren.

Ruth Lambeck

Ruth Lambeck, 89, of Springfield died Feb. 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Austria, Mrs. Lambeck lived in Newark and Irvington before moving to Springfield 18 years ago. She was a home health aide for Churil, East Orange, for 15 years before retiring 20 years ago. Mrs. Lambeck was a member of the Senior League of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

Surviving are a son, Herbert; a daughter, Arlene Stein; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

live materials. In 1974, Mr. Scowen became proprietor of Wegco Inc., Mountainside, a design and manufacturing consulting firm. He graduated in 1944 from the Action Technical College of London University, Great Britain. Mr. Scowen served in the Royal Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the Rotary Club, Springfield, serving as a president for two terms, a Paul Harris Fellow in 1988 and from 1994 to 1995, he was a representative of District 7510. Mr. Scowen was active with the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield as an elder and then as a deacon.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; two daughters, Carol-Ann Osaser and Yvette Pederson; a stepdaughter,

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Learning the hoops



From left, Coaches Carol Worswick, Paul Mirabelli, Paul Garber, Doug Timmer, Keith Turner, Frank Rubino and Karen Vlachakis will teach basketball basics to undergarmenters as part of a new program from the Mountainside Recreation Department.

Recreation Department sets programs

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer
The Mountainside Board of Recreation Commissioners met last Thursday for their final official meeting. The borough will be forming a Department of Recreation by March in accordance with an ordinance passed by the council. The board announced some upcoming programs and made three appointments for 1998.
In March, Mountainside Recreation will sponsor coaching clinics for prospective youths in little league and softball teams.
"The clinics are mandatory sessions that all potential coaches are required to attend," said Recreation Secretary Sandy Burdge. "Not only do we make sure our coaches attend the clinics, but it is a requirement of the New Jersey Youth Sports Educational Association," she said.
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Assistant borough treasurer named

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer
During the Mountainside Borough Council meeting last Tuesday, an assistant borough treasurer was appointed, paving the way for construction fees to be increased to the state-mandated minimum, and several members of the public questioned an ordinance that would reimburse council members for non-political related expenses.
Wendy Walstein was appointed assistant treasurer with a probationary period of 90 days. Walstein's salary will be \$26,000. She will serve as an assistant to Borough Treasurer Michelle Swisher and will be responsible for borough payroll, accounts payable, and employee benefits.
The council passed an ordinance that will increase parking fines to the state-mandated \$30 per violation. The previous fine had been \$20.
Certain construction, licensing and other building sub-code fees were also raised to the state minimum of \$46. Therefore, if a resident wishes to make an addition or other change to their household that falls under this category, a permit costing this minimum fee, mandated by the State of New Jersey, would be required. Residents should check with the borough to see if a certain change falls under this category.
The council passed an ordinance that will automatically reimburse both the mayor and council members, \$200 and \$100 each month, respectively.
After consulting a bipartisan group consisting of two prominent local Democrats, Mayor Robert Vigilanti said he made a decision based purely on their recommendation.
Schwartzes celebrate 60 years
Eleanor and Jack Schwartz of Pembroke Pines, Fla., formerly of Union and Springfield, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 20. Mrs. Schwartz is the former Eleanor Goldman of Newark.
Mrs. Schwartz is a member of the Congregation B'nai Ahavath Shalom, formerly Congregation Beth Shalom, Union. She is a lifetime member of Hadassah and a member of GORT. Her husband is a member of Congregation B'nai Ahavath Shalom, Union, and has previously served on its board of directors. In 1980, he was honored as the synagogue's "Man of the Year." He also is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Masada Chapter 51. Before retiring, he was vice president/treasurer of Columbia Lumber & Millwork Inc., Springfield, and was vice president of Springfield Trucking.
The Schwartzes are the parents of Idelle and Leonard Margulovs of Salem, Mass.; Barbara Jacobs of Madison and Steven and Leslie Schwartz of Scotch Plains. They have six grandchildren.

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Local road authorities and postal carriers are requested by the Postal Service to keep public and private approaches to residences and mailboxes clear during the winter months.
The Postal Service expresses great appreciation for the cooperation of all communities in reducing winter safety hazards.
Attention churches
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: Matthew Korade, managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

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We're now ready for the Union County Tournament championship games this Saturday at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabethtown, the girls' at 1 p.m. and the boys at 3 p.m. The semifinals were scheduled to be played Tuesday night and last night at Dunn.

BOYS' PRELIMINARY ROUND
 Saturday, Feb. 14
 At Battin, Eliz.
 Elizabethtown 46, GL 35
 Summit 60, Oratory 43
 Roselle Park 78, Brearley 40
 Monday, Feb. 16
 At Battin, Eliz.
 Hillside 75, Johnson 22
 Westfield 51, Union Catholic 28
 New Providence beat Rahway

FIRST ROUND
 Tuesday, Feb. 17
 At Dunn Center, Eliz.
 St. Mary's 59, Dayton 49
 St. Patrick's 80, Elizabethtown 51
 At Cranford
 Roselle Cath. 44, Roselle Park 42
 Plainfield 57, Summit 56
 Wednesday, Feb. 18
 At Dunn Center, Eliz.
 Union 75, New Providence 49
 Scotch Plains 64, Cranford 59
 At Rahway
 Linden 49, Hillside 44
 Roselle 79, Hillside 53

QUARTERFINALS
 Friday, Feb. 20
 At Dunn Center, Eliz.
 Roselle Cath. 85, Plainfield 77
 St. Patrick's 75, St. Mary's 48
 Saturday, Feb. 21
 At Dunn Center, Eliz.
 Roselle 65, Linden 37
 Union 58, Scotch Plains 28

SEMIFINALS
 Tuesday, Feb. 24
 At Dunn Center, Eliz.
 5-Roselle Cath. vs. 1-St. Pat's
 Wednesday, Feb. 25
 At Dunn Center, Eliz.
 3-Roselle vs. 2-Union

FINAL
 At Dunn Center, Eliz.
 Saturday, Feb. 26
 RCSP vs. Roselle (Union, 3:00)

GIRLS' PRELIMINARY ROUND
 Saturday, Feb. 14
 At Rahway
 Roselle 45, New Providence 38
 Scotch Plains 43, Lincoln 34
 Johnson beat Brearley
 Linden beat Dayton

FIRST ROUND
 Monday, Feb. 16
 At Cranford
 Plainfield 46, Roselle Park 28
 Oak Knoll 61, Johnson 43
 At Rahway
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 Roselle Catholic 45, Roselle 20
 At Roselle Catholic
 Cranford 37, GL 32
 Elizabethtown 40, Scotch Plains 22
 At Union Catholic
 Summit 54, Union 41
 Union Catholic 41, Linden 16

QUARTERFINALS
 Thursday, Feb. 19
 At Rahway
 Hillside 48, Roselle Catholic 43
 Oak Knoll 65, Plainfield 34
 At Dunn Center, Eliz.
 Union Catholic 43, Summit 42
 Elizabethtown 33, Cranford 26

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 Saturday, Feb. 28
 Hill/OK vs. UC/Eliz., 1:00

Reaching top of the Valley

Dayton captures first MVC divisional championship since 1983-84 season

By Joe Rogozino
 Staff Writer
 Dayton High School boys' basketball coach Bill Berger can vividly recall the first time he met some of his current seniors. It was three years ago in the Cranford Summer League when the current Dayton coaching job was vacant.

Bulldog alum Andy Huber (Class of 1992) was serving as a volunteer coach while the school was searching for a permanent head man. That's when Chris Loeffler, Eric Fishman, Chris Salvo, Giancarlo and Ralph Saracino approached him about joining the summer league. Berger, who was contemplating going after the Dayton job, went to all their games to see what kind of players they were.

"When I saw them during that summer, I knew this was the group I wanted to get involved with," Berger recalled. "They had a lot of potential and I liked their attitudes."

Berger was eventually hired the following September and Huber became his first assistant. And, together, Berger and those players developed a strong bond that became good enough to go on and capture the school's first divisional title in 14 years.

The Bulldogs (16-6) emerged with the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division championship in what was considered one of the most heated races ever, compiling a league mark of 14-2. St. Mary's was second at 13-3, followed by Middletown at 12-4, Roselle Park at 10-5 and Bound Brook at 9-6. Roselle Park still has to host Bound Brook.

"This is a just a great championship because this was probably the most competitive year in the conference in a long while," Berger said. "There were five teams that could have won it."

It was especially sweet because the Bulldogs won their first Valley Division game of the season, a one-point setback to St. Mary's 49-48 back on Jan. 6 in Elizabethtown.

"We knew that another loss or two, and the way the conference turned out to be, that our backs were against the wall," Berger said. "They really did it."

The turning point in the Bulldogs' season came in the second meeting against St. Mary's at home. The Bulldogs, trailing by five points with less than a minute remaining, pulled off a stunning win, capped by Loeffler's improbable four-point play. Needing a try to tie the game, Loeffler drained a shot from beyond the arc and was fouled in the process. He made the subsequent free-throw and the Bulldogs won 43-42 Jan. 27 in Springfield, avenging that tough early season loss.

St. Mary's was so rattled from that loss that it fell in its next game to Middletown. The St. Mary's loss to Middletown proved to be crucial, because Dayton suffered a one-point loss to Middletown in Dayton's next game 43-42. Had St. Mary's beat Middletown, St. Mary's would have had a shot at a share of the league title, Berger believed.

"As it turned out, that was the big swing for us," Berger said. "After the loss to Middletown, Dayton reeled off a four-game winning streak, coming out on top against Bound Brook (70-46), Oratory (78-53), Roselle Park (50-39) and New Provi-

dence (56-43). The latter two games were on the road in which the Bulldogs rallied from halftime deficits.

The win over Roselle Park was especially gratifying. Last season, the divisional title came down to Dayton and Roselle Park. The more experienced Panthers beat the Bulldogs in their second meeting to clinch the championship. Roselle Park had one loss in the division, while Dayton had two.

Boys' Basketball

The Bulldogs finished last season with a 16-6 overall mark. Knowing that his team was going to be the squad with a more experienced lineup, Berger said this to his team at the end of last season: "I told them, 'what goes around, comes around.'"

Sure enough, the Bulldogs used their experience to their advantage in capturing the championship.

"Our dreams turned into reality," said Berger, whose team beat Manville.

A special campaign for Dayton Bulldogs

The Dayton High School boys' basketball team will attempt to make a run in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs at the NJSLAA Tournament commencing next week.

Dayton has a 16-6 record, the same mark it finished with last year, but managed to win the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division title for the first time since 1984.

The Bulldogs, who were situated in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 last year and defeated at home by Hanover Park 59-58 in the sectional quarterfinals, finished second in the Valley last year by one game to Roselle Park (13-1 to 12-2).

Dayton was the only team to defeat Roselle Park in Valley Division competition last year, beating the Panthers 39-32 in Roselle Park. Dayton's two losses were at home to Roselle Park and at St. Mary's.

Dayton won the Valley Division this year with a 16-2 record, splitting with St. Mary's (two one-point games) and Middletown.

St. Mary's finished second with a 13-3 record (losses to Dayton, Middletown and Roselle Park) and Middletown finished third at 12-4 (losses to St. Mary's, Dayton, New Providence and Bound Brook). Roselle Park was 10-5 in the division with a game still to be played at home against Bound Brook. The Panthers suffered Valley losses twice to Dayton (both times decisively), twice to Middletown and once to St. Mary's.

As many as nine teams earned berths in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 this year: 1-Olen Ridge, 2-Vernon, 3-Roselle Park, 4-Bloomfield, 5-Dayton, 6-North Warren, 7-Newark Science (defending champion), 8-Kinnelon, 9-New Providence.

New Providence will play at Kinnelon Monday and then the four quarterfinal-round games will take place Wednesday: 9-New Providence/8-Kinnelon winner at 1-Glen Ridge, 7-Science at 2-Vernon, 6-North Warren at 3-Roselle Park and 5-Dayton at 4-Bloomfield Tech.

The semifinals will take place at Glen Ridge and at Verona Friday, March 6 and the final is scheduled for Monday, March 9 at Millburn at 7 p.m. Here's a look at how Dayton has performed so far this year:

Dec. 19 Dayton 54, N. Plain 45 (H)
 Dec. 26 Dayton 82, Princeton 35 (A)
 Dec. 27 Parsippany 86, Dayton 65 (A)
 Dec. 29 Ridge 49, Dayton 33 (A)
 Jan. 8 Dayton 69, Brearley 39 (H)
 Jan. 9 Dayton 56, Middletown 31 (H)
 Jan. 13 Dayton 62, B. Brook 50 (A)
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 Jan. 19 Dayton 63, Ros. Park 29 (H)
 Jan. 20 Dayton 30, New Prov. 28 (H)
 Jan. 22 Dayton 56, Manville 29 (H)
 Jan. 23 N. Plain 46, Dayton 35 (A)
 Jan. 27 Dayton 43, St. Mary's 42 (H)
 Jan. 29 Dayton 70, Brearley 44 (A)
 Jan. 30 Middletown 43, Dayton 42 (A)
 Feb. 3 Dayton 70, B. Brook 46 (H)
 Feb. 6 Dayton 78, Oratory 53 (H)
 Feb. 10 Dayton 50, Ros. Park 39 (A)
 Feb. 13 Dayton 50, New Prov. 43 (A)
 Feb. 17 St. Mary's 59, Dayton 49 (A)
 Feb. 19 Dayton 75, Manville 47 (A)

Record: 16-6
 MVC-Valley: 14-2, champs
 Home: 9-0
 Away: 7-6

to 75-47 last Thursday in Manville to officially clinch the Valley Division crown. "The kids believed in each other and they worked very hard to make their dreams come true. These kids have hard-working and I can't say enough about their commitment and how they were able to win this championship."

Indeed, it was a special season for the seniors, particularly Loeffler, who not only helped the team win the title, but eclipsed 1,000 points in his career during the season.

Loeffler, the team's leading scorer, is averaging in the low 20s. He hit for 25 points in two consecutive wins over Oratory and Roselle Park and then two games later hit for 26 in a win over Manville.

Fishman was the engineer of the team and emerged as one of the premier point guards in the conference, Berger said. Forward Giancarlo Saracino was "the heart and soul of the team and one of the greatest kids I've ever coached," said Berger, who has coached 18 years overall, spanning stints at Irvington and Union Catholic as well. Forwards Salvo and Ralph Saracino, Giancarlo's cousin, were also big contributors, especially on defense and in the rebounding department.

Fishman scored 13 points and dished out 15 assists in a win over Brearley and Salvo, the team's second-leading scorer, poured in 13 points and grabbed 18 rebounds in the huge home victory over St. Mary's.



Dayton Regional High School senior Eric Fishman is one of the premier point guards in the Mountain Valley Conference and his play this year helped spark the Bulldogs to the Valley Division championship.



Dayton Regional High School standout Chris Salvo has provided the Bulldogs with great scoring and rebounding ability.

Springfield hoop tourney Sunday

Springfield's annual Basketball Tournament will take place Sunday at the Outdoor Soccer gymnasium.

Springfield's Senior and Junior Minuteman basketball teams will be in action. Times and teams will be determined tonight at the Springfield Recreation Center.

More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 912-2226.

North-South All-Star hoops set for April 5 at Rutgers

The New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association (NJSCA), Reebok and Sneaker Stadium are pleased to announce that the 1988 Annual North-South All-Star Basketball Game will be played at the Rutgers Athletic Center on Sunday, April 5.

The girls' game will take place at 2 p.m. and the boys' game will begin at 4 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased for \$5 by contacting the New Jersey State Scholastic Athletic Association office at 609-249-2776 or from any of the participating coaches and players along with the door at Rutgers.

Local coaches involved include Elizabeth's Al Thompson as one of the North boys' coaches. Elizabeth's Bob Frestone will serve as one of the North girls' coaches. Both have led teams to state championships.

Max Paz paced all scorers with 21-point performance. Andre Callender had eight points. Mo Abdoulais four, Joe Abbie three and Billy Chambers two. Springfield's Junior Minuteman team played hard, but was defeated by Maplewood 60-53.

Mike Nitello scored 16 points and Callender and Nick Parretti had 14. Others who contributed were Dean Cienchicki, Yuri Furgal, Don Volkert, David Levine, Frank Nicoli, Kevin Dax, Dominik Bak, Jesse Weatherston, Michael Tis, Leo Ferrino, Jordan Gerber and Daniel Scott.

— J.R. Parachini

Springfield Rec Dep. looking for women softball players

The Springfield Recreation Department is looking for participants, ages 21 and older, to compete in a Summer Women's Softball League.

Springfield Rec Girls' Basketball

MARCH 1
 1:15: Seton Hall (White) vs. North Carolina (Lt. Blue)
 2:15: St. Johns (Red) vs. UCLA (Gold)
 MARCH 9
 AT CALDWELL
 6:00: Seton Hall (White) vs. St. Johns (Red)
 7:00: North Carolina (Lt. Blue) vs. UCLA (Gold)

Interested teams or individuals may contact the recreation department at 973-912-2227.

