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Education at risk

Two congressmen meet to discuss the future of urban education. The conference focused on what they said are the difficulties involved with changing the often negative treatment of special needs children in these districts throughout the state.

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Future of the arts

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Committee addresses budget, officer's remark...

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer
The Springfield Township Committee passed an \$11 million municipal budget in a special meeting Tuesday night. The approval came despite a week-long backdrop of controversy over a Police Department official's remarks.

The committee unanimously passed a 1998 municipal outlay of \$11,279,157.74. Finance Director Mario Sodlak, who presented the budget with two members of the auditing firm Suplee and Cooney, said the new plan has a virtual zero increase in spending from the current one.

"The 1998 budget came out to \$11,245,152.67," said Sodlak, "which means there's an increase of about \$106,000. The increase is close to one property tax point on the average home's assessed value, which is \$100,000, so the budget is close to zero."

Sodlak said the council's readily translate in dollar amount the average

homeowner would see on a quarterly property tax bill. Last year's \$11.279 million, which was a 2.3 percent increase from 1996, came out to a \$45 increase for a home assessed at \$145,000.

Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld said the final tax bills may not be free of increases. The bills also carry levies for the school budget, set for an April 21 election, and for the pending Union County budget.

"All towns are supposed to have their municipal budgets before Trenton by Feb. 15, although none do," said Sodlak. "We are getting closer to that date every year. Part of the reason for the near-zero budget is the high tax collection rate and increased revenue from interest and miscellaneous revenue."

"This budget has been made through bi-partisan cooperation and some brainstorming by the Committee," said Mayor Sy Mullman. "I want to thank them and the township employees for their ideas and hard work."

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Sy Mullman

"There have been budgets in the past where I voted 'No,' feeling there could have been more savings had," said Committeeman William Ruocco. "For once, the taxpayer, who takes 95 percent of the burden, gets a break. I'm voting 'Yes.'"

"This meeting and the workshop last night is for the budget and a personnel matter only," said Mullman. "The personnel is not about what has been in the broadcast media the last week."

Mullman referred to a Police Department recording of a conversation between Capt. Vernon Pedersen and Lt. Ivan Shipow made at headquarters at about 1:30 a.m. March 10. All phone calls to headquarters are recorded 24 hours a day, every day, as a standard operating procedure.

Shipow filed a discrimination suit against the department in Superior Court April 2. A copy of the recording, in which Pedersen supposedly made an anti-Semitic remark against Shipow, was obtained by a daily newspaper and local broadcast crews the same day.

The Police Department also announced the launch of an internal investigation but have otherwise said nothing more. "News crews found individual department members either unavailable for or refraining from comment. The persons approached include Chief William Chisholm, Springfield Officers Association President Sgt. Peter Davis, Pedersen and Shipow."

News units also were regularly asked township elders and clergy for comment as well.

"A television crew called me Thursday and asked me about the incident," said Rabbi Perry Rank of Temple Beth Ahm. "They played the copy of the recording and asked for comment. I gave them my thoughts and told them to see Rev. Jeff Markay of the Springfield Clergy Council."

"The earliest I can comment about the matter is in a press conference Wednesday," said Mullman. "People need to keep in mind that an internal investigation is proceeding. The time and place of the conference will be announced."

The Springfield Clergy Council has slated a press conference at the Emanuel United Methodist Church at 10:45 a.m. today. The Echo Leader will have an update on that conference and Mullman's Wednesday announcement on the Leader's Information Call, 908-686-9898, Selection 7510 for the updates.

CVS plans are still on hold in Springfield

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

"We are off — and stopping," J.D. Mack/Consumer Value Services site plan application's latest progress in the last week.

Developer J.D. Mack and Vincent D'Elia appeared before the Springfield Planning Board April 1. They were following Superior Court Judge John T. Flansky's directive that the plan should begin being heard at the first board meeting.

The planning board told the applicants, however, that they had not received the full site plan application until after the meeting. The board suspended the hearing until May 6. D'Elia said he and his client will

meanwhile consider going to Flansky for another Superior Court hearing. Township Attorney Bruce Bergen, however, said he has seen no papers filed so far.

"I've heard not a word from D'Elia," said Bergen Tuesday night. "I see none any papers filed before Flansky."

The moves are the latest in a 16-month-long effort by Mack to place a CVS Pharmacy at 225 Mountain Ave. Developer Mack filed a variance application before the Township Zoning Board of Adjustment in January, 1997. It was turned down by the adjustment board two months later.

The Development Review Committee declined to recommend a path

for J.D. Mack, citing a need for legal counsel. Last July Mack sued the Township for a lack of due process before Flansky's bench. Flansky ruled that the site plan application must go to the Township Planning Board March 25.

"Flansky directed that the site plan application be placed on the agenda of the first available meeting," said Bergen after Flansky's ruling. "He said that the hearing may start but not necessarily finish at that meeting."

Bergen's remarks became unexpectedly prophetic April 1. The panel, including Mayor Sy Mullman and Board Chairman Richard Colandrea, said they did not receive a full package of information about the site plan until 2:15 p.m. that day. Board Secret-

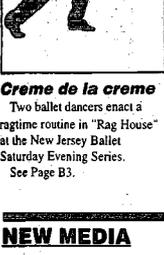
ary Kathleen Estabrook confirmed the delivery time.

"You may swear in your witnesses," said Colandrea. "but you'll have to have them re-appear May 6. We got our packets this afternoon, not 28 or 14 or 10 days before this meeting. It would not be in your client's best interest to have us listen to your application without time for us to give a full review."

"I stand by the chairman's decision," said audience member Tom Gorgia. "I find it amazing that a husband and wife can have their application pass with flying colors while eight members of a corporation are seemingly unable to get their papers in order."

Gorgia referred to Wayne and Karen Maudsley of Maplewood Nurses. They sought and received a variance to place a larger sign in front of their property on Springfield Avenue.

Gorgia is one of the leaders of the Five Counties Association. The association, area residents and some township officials have opposed the CVS on safety and quality of life grounds.



Glen Mortimer

Mortimer nominated to fill council seat

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

Glen Mortimer, who was recently nominated for Borough Council by the Republican Club of Mountianside, has lived in the borough nearly all his life. Now he is looking to give something back to the community that gave him so many opportunities.

With Councilman David Hart retiring at the end of 1998, Mortimer had been nominated to fill the vacant seat.

"I've always had an interest in government," Mortimer said. "I've lived here for so long and I'd be honored to

serve and represent the community that has been so fair to me. Many of the doors that have opened in my life are because of the community and the people of Mountianside."

Mortimer, 35, has lived in town for 33 years, having graduated from Deerfield School in 1976 and Jonathan B. Dayton High School in 1980. Mortimer received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Drew University in 1984. He is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Project Management at George Washington University.

After being employed as a prog-

rammer analyst for Prudential Inc. from 1988 to 1996, Mortimer currently works for IBM Inc. in Pine Brook, as a project manager.

Living in Mountianside, Mortimer said, has been a soothing factor in times of need.

"A few years ago, my mother passed away from cancer and from then on, I've drawn an inspiration from her," he said. "I have wanted ever since to continue to live here in Mountianside and give back to the people, especially my neighbors who supported me and came through for me during a hard time."

Mortimer, who will run in November's election, participates in bike riding fundraisers for Diabetes and the American Cancer Society.

Mayor Robert Vignanti gave his endorsement to Mortimer as a Borough Council candidate.

"I can remember him growing up here in town," Vignanti said with a laugh. "I haven't interacted that much with him recently, but I have read his credentials and they look to be very impressive. I'm sure he would fill the seat very well if given the chance," he said.

Summit man charged in Mountianside drunken driving

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

On March 31, at approximately 3:30 a.m., the Mountianside Police and the Union County Prosecutor's Office charged a Summit man with driving while intoxicated, leaving the scene of an accident, aggravated assault and three other criminal offenses, when he allegedly struck three trees with his Jeep, aimed it aggressively at pedestrians, and ended up pinning a woman beneath the vehicle.

Simon Winegrad, 18, had been watching the NCAA Basketball Championship game at friends' home, but when he tried to drive home

with a blood alcohol level that police say was more than twice the legal limit, he ended up driving up a curb and striking a tree, off New Providence Road.

Police say the suspect, who was driving north on New Providence Road, had approached a curve near Central Avenue, skidded and met the tree head-on.

After the initial collision, Winegrad allegedly told residents who arrived on the scene that he was uninjured and urged them not to call the police.

But one resident, Ted Zawislak, said Winegrad drove towards him in

reverse, using his vehicle as a weapon, after he learned that someone had called 911.

"Zawislak said he was aiming at him," said Acting Police Chief Lt. James DeBelle Jr. "But the driver was so intoxicated, I'm not sure that he knew what he was doing."

After striking a second tree and side-swiping a third, the car allegedly tried to escape from the scene and ended up pinning Sandy Wyglodowski, owner of the property where the incident occurred, underneath his father's 1995 Jeep Cherokee.

Wyglodowski was brought to Overlook hospital, treated for minor inju-

ries, and released within hours.

The suspect reportedly jumped from his vehicle and ran several blocks to Dempsey Road, where police found him hanging on doors, asking for a ride home.

Police say Winegrad, who was found to have a blood alcohol content of 24 percent, stated that he did not even remember where and with whom he watched the basketball game. The legal limit is 10 percent.

Winegrad was detained and charged with DWI, aggravated assault, possession of a weapon — the Jeep — and attempting to leave the scene of an accident. The Mountianside Board

High School student faces the loss of his license, heavy fines and even five years of jail time. He was released on \$10,000 bail.

But the charges of aggravated assault, when being handled by the Union County Prosecutor's Office, may be a "warranted" simple assault.

"In order to convict someone of aggravated assault, there must be some form of injury," said Bergen. "In this case, by the time we were done with all our paperwork, the victim was out of the hospital and on her way to work. It is fortunate for the victim that she wasn't seriously injured."

Mountianside author collects facts about history

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

Best selling Mountianside author and novelist Timothy B. Benford will be lecturing at the Mountianside Public Library on Thursday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. Benford's latest book, "The Ultimate World War II Quiz Book," arrived in Barnes and Noble book stores on April 6.

Now recognized as one of the most popular books about World War II written in the last 30 years, Benford's book has gone back to press more than 12 times at four different publishing houses: Harper & Row, Berkeley, Crown Books and now Barnes

and Noble. But as is the case so many times, Benford's road to success was planned with land mines.

When Benford originally proposed the idea for this book, which is about a collection of historic and nostalgic facts from the war years, he was originally told by a literary agent that it was "the worst idea I've ever heard of."

"It's like they won't talk to you unless you're one of the twelve apostles or Jesus himself," Benford said in jest.

The young author privately solicited publishers, and after being

rejected by a number of companies, Benford eventually garnered interest from a trio of major houses.

"I sent out cover sheets to publishing companies and then I went away on a business trip," Benford said. "When I got back, there were over fifty rejections, but there also were three companies that were seriously interested. I called up that literary agent who originally balked at my idea and we actually ended up having an auction for my book. It has since sold over 55,000 copies in hardcover — not bad for a book nobody wanted."

Now Benford is the author of eight

books, including "Righteous Carnage," the true wartime story about the John List murders in Weirfield, and "Hitler's Daughter," a novel which has been compared to the works of Robert Ludlum and Len Deighton.

"Hitler's Daughter" won the Porgie Award as one of the three best novels of 1983, and in 1990 was made into a movie made for television.

Benford, a former two-term councilman in Mountianside, police commissioner, and legislative aide to then-Assemblyman C. Louis Bassano, retired from politics in 1982. In the ensuing years, he has written six non-

fiction books and two novels. He left a senior vice presidency at one of the five largest public relations firms in America to found Benford Associates Inc., an international public relations company.

Anne Lyscan, Reference Librarian at the Mountianside Free Public Library, said having Benford should be an evening of pure entertainment for the entire family.

"We've had Tim here before and he is full of laughs. He's a walking encyclopedia with a working knowledge of so much history. It should be a great program," she said.

'Mr. Springfield' dead at 79

Promising to protect & serve

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Those who question the impact an individual can make on a community would have those doubts dispelled at Murry Leo Hurwitz's funeral Tuesday afternoon.

Over 200 people who crowded into Menorah Chapels in Union represented a cross-section of Springfielders whose lives were graced by Hurwitz's presence. Attending were members of the Springfield First Aid Squad, police and police auxiliary, Boy Scout Troop 73, Temple Sha'Arei Shalom, Springfield B'Nai B'rith and the Township Committee as well as family and friends.

"We're here to mourn our loss of Murry Hurwitz," said Rabbi Joshua Goldstein before the gathering. "Even though some of us knew his condition turned to the serious stage two weeks ago, we want to hang by his presence as long as we can."

Hurwitz, 79, died at his home Sunday, ending his year-long battle against cancer. The former chemical engineer was better known in the Township as a steadfast first aid squad member and a Scout leader of long standing. Hurwitz, as Goldstein reminded, was also characterized by his quiet demeanor, selflessness and his wise interests.

"In our people's writings, there are 36 key people in heaven who have kept all of the commandments," said Goldstein. "I'm sure, because he rarely made a mistake, that Murry would be one of the 36. I'm also sure that Murry would, in a low but loud voice, protest his nomination."

As the mourners let out a soft laugh, many recalled Hurwitz's life and accomplishments. "Murry joined the Springfield First Aid Squad when he was 70," said squad President Gloria Simpson. "He took on the day shift for 10 years and would work beyond his shift. He never missed a call."

Hurwitz, a chemical engineer, and his wife, Elaine, moved to a home on Meisel Avenue in 1957. His many interests, including Scouting, Judaism and the American Revolution, were passed on to son Mark and daughter Sherry.

"Murry's loss is a great loss for Scouting," said Troop 73 Scoutmaster Gerry Gerbauer. "He had been a merit badge advisor and a troop commander for 27 years. Murry would go up to Camp Winnabago each year and prepare it for camping."

"There are people here who were former Boy Scouts and Hebrew School students of Murry," said Carol Mann of the Jewish Cultural Studies

and School of West Orange. "He taught Judaism with consideration of all of the traditions."

Hurwitz continued his interests after retiring from Apex Chemical in Elizabeth, Retirement, and an automobile accident in 1982 which disabled his wife, led to Murry joining the squad.

"I started to look for something to do with my time," Hurwitz said at his July 24 birthday party. "I was taught to always give something back to the community and I decided to become a trainee."

"Murry is a rare person," said fellow first aider Dan Kalem. "He would make calls whatever the condition. He'd do so unselfishly and without attention to himself."

"Hurwitz's unflinching duty ended, however, when he was diagnosed last April with cancer. Battling the illness took him away from Elaine and the squad. At one point, both Hurwitz were in the same convalescence center in Berkeley Heights.

"Murry stopped by the police station two weeks ago," said Simpson. "He was talking about going back on call to them."

"If there was anyone who could be called 'Mr. Springfield,'" said Mayor Sy Mullanin, "it would be Murry Hurwitz."



Springfield residents Donald Voorhees and Carlo Palumbo are sworn in to the Springfield Township Fire Department at a ceremony March 24 during the Township Council meeting. Voorhees will serve as a firefighter and Palumbo will serve in the fire inspector's office.

Trailer accident causes havoc

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Thousands of commuters were delayed on area highways when a tractor trailer truck jack-knifed on the Route 24 West ramp from Interstate 78 West in Springfield April 1.

The freightline tractor trailer, according to a State Police report, lost control while rounding the 45 mph bend, jack-knifed and struck the center median at about 6 a.m.

When two Springfield fire/squad engines and a township first aid rescue ambulance arrived at about 6:15 a.m., they found the tractor-eaten tire blocking the Route 24 on ramp from 78 East and two left lanes from 78 West. The tractor was heavily damaged along the driver's side wheel.

First responders transported the driver, identified as Reynaldo Ayala, 35, of Salt Lake City, Utah, to Overlook Hospital in Summit. Firefighters helped members of the State Police, the New Jersey Department of Transportation and Florin Towing in separating and towing the tractor. The tractor and work vehicles on scene included two tractor cabs, three NIDOT trucks and three Florin tow trucks.

The startled traffic along Morris Avenue, also known as Route 22 into Millburn, continued after the tractor trailer was removed at 10 a.m. East-bound drivers from 78 waded through a half-mile right lane backup for the junction with Morris, Springfield and Meisel avenues.

Rubbemakers on 24 East in Summit, by contrast, created a mile-long backup into the 78 merge for most of the cleanup. NJ Transit and Lakeland Lines buses on the four and six-lane express lanes started in Hillside 4.25 miles away. The spillback included a half-mile delay for the southbound Garden State Parkway for drivers taking 78 at Exit 142.

Westbound drivers attempting to avoid the incident added to already heavy volume on Route 22 and Morris Avenue. Morris Avenue suffered the worst, with drivers creating double file along 5.75 miles from the Parkway exit in Union to the Millburn-Springfield border.

Area officials and residents said the jam was the worst since a tanker truck burned near the same spot on 78 in February, 1996. As the result of that crash, road speed, 45 mph limit and other warning signs have been placed locally along 78 and 24.

Ayala, according to Overlook officials, was treated for minor injuries and released the same day. He was charged by the State Police with reckless driving.

Hancock nominated by club

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The 102nd annual Public Affairs Day, sponsored by the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs, was held last Friday at the Battleground Country Club, with 365 members and guests in attendance.

The federation, as a volunteer service organization for women, has long been concerned with the needs of our communities, state, and nation, dealing with topics such as domestic violence, child abuse, and general safety.

At the event, Mountaineer resident Carol B. Hancock was nominated for the group's presidency. If elected, she would serve a two-year term ending in 2000.

One of the NJSFWC's primary concerns is the prevention of child abuse. It was reported that in 1996, 72,000 child abuse calls were made in New Jersey alone.

The NJSFWC works alongside groups like The Prevent Child Abuse Agency and the New Jersey National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, both non-profit organizations. The groups are working to change behavioral patterns through programs such as "Healthy Families," "Parents as Teachers," and "Shaken Baby Awareness."

According to Barbara G. Mitchell, Communications Chair for the NJSFWC, substance abuse is at the heart of much of the child abuse that occurs.

"Many of the children who are abused or witness abuse become abusers themselves," Mitchell said. Rehabilitation of the victims and parenting education are also main thrusts of the NJSFWC, and as part of their "Blue Ribbon Campaign" for April's "Child Abuse Prevention Month," they are asking people to wear blue ribbons denoting their concern and support.

Other concerns were expressed at the event by NJSFWC Legislation Resolutions Chairperson Mary Joyce Doyle, who spoke about eliminating land mines and stopping the brutalization of women and children.

Carol Ann Dillon, Director of the New Jersey State Safety Council and member of the NJSFWC, also addressed the assembly.

Dillon reported that accidents are the number one killer of children in the U.S., and that many of these injuries can be prevented through education and awareness. The NJSFWC works with the New Jersey State Safety Council to help provide this education.

Hancock, who has lived in Mountaineer for 37 years, has been a member of the NJSFWC for 38 years. Although she is the only current candidate for the presidency, she stressed that nominations are open from the floor.

"I am looking forward to serving as president, but I must first be officially elected at our convention, which is from May 5 to May 8," Hancock said. "I have been involved with this organization for a very long time and all of the NJSFWC's intentions are always good. We are involved in helping many important causes that often go overlooked," she said.

The NJSFWC, the largest volunteer service organization for women in New Jersey, has a membership of approximately 18,000 women.

The first Public Affairs Day was in 1896, and attended by 300 members. It addressed the establishment of traveling libraries and the preservation of the New Jersey Palisades. Today, as the NJSFWC addresses the issues of domestic violence, child abuse, and safety, one might think that the times may change, but the group's history of concern and service do not.

For more information, call (732) 249-5472 or 1-800-4 NJSFWC

Dance held to battle leukemia

The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America will be running a dance-a-thon at the Woodbridge Mall on Sunday, April 19th, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. This pledge event will be part of the national Big Help campaign advertised by Nickelodeon and McDonald's. The Big Help program began in 1994 as a way to connect kids to their communities through volunteering.

Proceeds from this event will support research to find a cure for leukemia and related cancers. Leukemia is responsible for the death of more children each year than any other disease. Two years ago, there was an effective treatment for this disease, and acute forms usually killed within months. Today, thanks to research, there is a 79-percent survival rate in young patients diagnosed with the most common childhood leukemia.

"The Woodbridge School of Dance in Avenel and FRK High School in Incline have joined with the Leukemia Society of America, marked dance-a-thon, and sent to Leukemia Society, 45 Springfield Ave., Springfield, N.J. 07081.

Children are invited to participate and join the Society's "count-down to a cure" in this fundraising event. Call the Leukemia Society at (973) 576-9559 for more information. Donation checks for the event should be made payable to the Leukemia Society of America, marked dance-a-thon, and sent to: Leukemia Society, 45 Springfield Ave., Springfield, N.J. 07081.

NEWS CLIPS

Safe boating course

Jersey Coast Boating School will conduct a personal watercraft/safe boating course April 20 and 22 from 7:20 to 10 p.m. at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

For information, call (908) 709-7600.

Bill could limit bonding power

Assemblymen Joel Weingarten, Samuel Thompson and Kevin O'Toole introduced legislation March 24 that would curb the bonding power of county improvement authorities.

The legislation, A-1830, would require seven county improvement authorities to obtain the approval from two-thirds of the county's municipalities in order to issue a bond in excess of \$10 million, or 10 percent of the authority's total outstanding debt.

The bill applies to counties that do not have county executives, who by law already have veto power over the actions of improvement authorities. Counties affected by the bill are Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Middlesex, Monmouth, Salem and Union.

Such authorities, today, enjoy unbridled bonding power, regardless of the taxpayer's wishes or knowledge," said Weingarten, R-Essex, Union.

"Should an improvement authority dissolve itself, all its accumulated debt must be picked up by the local property owners in that county. Yet, these same taxpayers today have no voice in making bonding decisions. This legislation will give them some needed 'clout,'" said Thompson, R-Middlesex, Monmouth.

"This legislation requires improvement authorities that wish to incur massive new debt, to receive approval from two-thirds of the municipal governments in their home county before issuing new bonds," said O'Toole, R-Essex, Union. "Since municipal government leaders are directly responsible to their constituents, a form of control will be achieved."

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April reminder

The month of April is traditionally looked upon as the beginning of spring. Both Easter and Passover are celebrated in April this year. It is also the month we celebrate Earth Day. In light of religious holidays and Earth Day, we should look at our environment and ourselves.

Our environment is more fragile than most of us suspect. It is subject to the more obvious pollutants such as air and water, which are the byproducts of industrialization. There is also the noise pollution of low flying jets as they use Newark Airport. Even the cars we drive, the cars that we depend on so much, contribute to befouling the environment.

For instance, take the jack-knifed truck and the ensuing commuter nightmare that transpired April 1 on Route 78 in Springfield. An early morning trailer accident blocked traffic on Routes 78 and 24 not to mention the collateral effects on the nearby Garden State Park and Morris Avenue. The towns of Springfield, Summit, Union and Hillside were all affected. If one stops to think about how much exhaust was expelled while traffic on those highways ground to a halt, you begin to wonder if the internal combustion engine is such a good idea.

Until something better gets developed, fossil fuel driven cars are all we have. We should not let this fact discourage us from caring about the environment.

There are the usual efforts we can make to help. Recycling paper and composting lawn waste is an option for everyone. Driving your car less or only when you have to is also a good idea. Using public transportation and urging your elected representatives to put more funding into public transport is a practical way to work for the environment.

Earth Day, Easter and Passover are all in the month of April and should serve as a reminder that, no matter your religious background, we are in fact the stewards of the planet Earth. We have to live in the modern world, but the modern world can be made livable.

Strong chamber

Two weeks ago, the Union County Chamber of Commerce sponsored its annual Mayor's Dinner, an event intended to bring together the mayors of all 21 municipalities in the county.

We were pleased to see that this year's event, again held at the Westwood in Garwood, resulted in the largest turnout for any of these dinners. We were pleased because the Chamber of Commerce has become a force in Union County and is having a positive effect on the business community.

We were disappointed, though, that Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollivage sent a letter to other mayors prior to the dinner requesting that they boycott the event. It's been no secret that Bollivage did not want Jim Coyle to be elected president of the Chamber of Commerce two years ago and publicly stated that Elizabeth would withdraw from the county chamber if Coyle's election succeeded.

Needless to say, Elizabeth did withdraw, but that action, in addition to his most recent action, the letter, has had no negative impact on the growth of the chamber.

With more than 250 guests at the mayor's dinner, it was a sign that more people are interested in the strength of the Union County Chamber of Commerce and realize its impact on all municipalities.

This year's event was different in that each town was sponsored by a corporation, which purchased a table to salute their mayor. The support that night for the towns and the chamber is one of the reasons why the Union County Chamber of Commerce is the fastest growing chamber in the state.

We commend the chamber and Coyle for their interest in Union County and hope no more political interference gets in their way of strengthening the county's economy.

Our policy on letters and columns

The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity also is open to all officials and employees of the borough and the County of Union.

The Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday at 1291 Suyvesant Ave., Union, NJ 07083.

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John Mashek
Journalist
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Harry Pappas

We all care about the quality of education that we are entitled to and, as parents of a sixth grader at Florence M. Gaudinier School, my wife and I are no different.

For many years, I have listened to complaints from residents, reflecting their concerns over the board's lack of leadership in controlling costs, reducing water spending and the board's lack of open communication with our outstanding teaching professionals, PTA parents and the students themselves. Other complaints involve the board's reluctance to show independence by rubber stamping whatever proposals are handed them.

Last year, Springfield voters took matters into their own hands by electing a new member to the Board of Education, Larry Levine. He is a breath of fresh air in what has been considered a stuffy and non-responsive Board of Education in recent years. What is important in this year's school board election are the voices of the voiceless: our students, parents, professional teaching staff and PTAs. They must be given a larger voice in our board. The board needs to listen and act on their concerns and suggestions.

I have been frustrated that we do not always receive the "entire story" on various issues such as deregionalization. As a candidate, I intend to bring to the Springfield Board of Education my years of experience in government, business and management combined with basic common sense.



Harry Pappas
Challenger

The residents of Springfield deserve better and have the opportunity in 1998 to again reshape their school system, preparing for the 21st century. My platform is simple:

- Put our students and their needs first.
- Give our parents, PTAs, teachers, and students a greater voice in the Board of Education.
- Show greater fiscal responsibility and accountability to all our residents.
- Conduct an in-depth review of all administrative positions, salaries and benefits.
- Work to increase programs and not reduce them.
- Work to reduce class size and not increase them.

Harry Pappas is the deputy director of the Union County Utilities Authority. He is a first-time Board of Education candidate.

Garry Tiss

As a lifetime resident of 43 years in Springfield, I feel more than ever that I still want to work for my town. As for now, I'm an elected school board member, and have been for the last ten years, serving at this time as its president. I have also served as its vice president from 1992 to 1993. This makes my task of running for the school board somewhat easier, as I know the students, teachers and administrators.

I also have two children of my own, Colby, 13, in eighth grade and Ashley, 11, in sixth grade, now attending local area schools that I attended as a child many years ago.

My agenda is not political, and my goal is simple. I just want to help organize the finest school system for our town.

When I was first elected to the board of education, I served in all capacities and on all committees, going to as many as 1,000 meetings which has provided me with a base of experience and understanding of our educational system. This experience has given me the opportunity to work with our administrators and our teachers, in solving many problems facing our schools and community.

The fact that I understand school budgets and how money is spent for education makes me even more aware of our need to help keep taxes low for



Garry Tiss
Incumbent

all residents of Springfield and especially for those who live on a set income. My family has lived here for 43 years making me still more aware of the problems that exist in this town.

I have worked diligently and sincerely, with heart, to do what is right for this job. Now with deregionalization in place, I feel I would like the opportunity to help move this project along to a successful conclusion. For all the years that I have served, I have had but one goal and that is to make our school system one we can all be proud of and give our children a fine education.

Garry Tiss is the executive vice president of Dec-L Industries Inc. He is an incumbent Board of Education candidate.

Linda A. Duke

I have centered my campaign around three major issues. My first goal is to facilitate the assimilation of Jonathan Dayton High School into the Springfield school system. I have served the community of Springfield for over twenty years as an educator, mentor and advisor and I believe that I have a strong understanding of the community's desires and goals. I have maintained high expectations and standards for my students during my teaching career at Dayton and intend to sustain the excellent education students have received there. Based upon my vast experience dealing with high school students and their families, I believe I can ease the transition for a Pre-K to high school district.

Secondly, I am concerned about student performance on state mandated standardized tests, especially those scores reported on the 1992 Early Warning Test. Forty-two percent compliance is not acceptable and although the present administration would like to include the "marginally competent" in this category to increase the competency rate to eighty percent, I believe "marginally competent" is not good enough in the "real world." If elected, I intend to hold the administration accountable for an improvement in these scores to justify their financial compensations averaging \$100,000.

Thirdly, I will seek to ensure that the public is kept apprised of board proceedings and decisions. I feel it is important that the community be made aware of salaries, be alerted to major expenditures and be apprised of key board decisions. I believe no



Linda A. Duke
Challenger

member of the public should have to wait for several days to acquire public information from the board office. I also intend to act as a public relations representative for the Springfield school district to provide the local press with information regarding upcoming events in all the schools, to report student achievement in all areas of accomplishment and to recognize the excellent teaching and programs in evidence in the Springfield schools.

If elected as a board member, I believe I can provide the entire Springfield community with the same energy and enthusiasm I display as a teacher. I hope my professional training, educational insights and life experiences working with the Springfield community will be a welcome addition to the Board of Education.

Linda A. Duke taught at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School for 24 years and now teaches at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark. She is a first-time Board of Education candidate.

Richard B. Falkin

I am a graduate of the Springfield school system, having attended Walton, James Caldwell, Gaudinier and Jonathan Dayton High School. I graduated from Rider University in 1974.

I am 47 years old. My family moved to Springfield when I was four. My wife Judith and I moved back to town in 1980. We have been married for 24 years. We have three children. Jessica, 16, is a sophomore and Jaime, 14, is a freshman, both at Jonathan Dayton High School. Corey, 11, is a sixth grader at Florence M. Gaudinier School.

I serve as chairperson of the Springfield Alliance Against Drugs and Alcohol Abuse. I am a real estate broker, specializing in commercial dealings.

When re-elected to the Board of Education, I will strive to continue to ensure that a quality education, comparable to that in my terms, continue to live in today and what we anticipate the needs of the future to be, will be part of the curriculum for the children of Springfield.

A balance must always be kept between what we the taxpayers of this



Richard B. Falkin
Incumbent

community can afford to give towards education of our children and how those dollars are spent within the school district. For the six years, I have been an active participant by serving on all of the committees that the board is governed by. Each one is important in that all committees interact to form the whole of the Board of Education.

Richard B. Falkin is a real estate broker. He is an incumbent Board of Education candidate.

Do some of our youth hold life so cheaply?

Children killing children has become an all too familiar and chilling cry that's giving us an ominous sign that something is very wrong.

The recent massacre in Arkansas where four little girls and a teacher were shot to death and a dozen or so more were allegedly wounded by two boys, 11 and 13, shows all too graphically that our young people can murder just as cold bloodedly as their older peers do.

It is said that, if the boys committed this obscenity, they should be forgiven because they are so young as to not know what they had committed. There might be some who would forgive, but I don't think there are many, especially in the light that the boys' act destroyed five families and possibly two others...those of the two boys.

Some will say that the two children should not be held responsible because of their youth and did not really know what they were doing. I cannot agree with that theory since both knew enough to don camouflage clothing, were able to round up a virtual arsenal of guns and ammunition and were savvy enough to pull a fire alarm to force the students and teachers out of the school building where they were ambushed by the two youthful suspects.

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

The motives for the shootings are still unknown although there is some theory that the older boy was resentful that a female classmate spurned him, which led to the slaughter.

We ask ourselves why? And we can't come to a consensus. Are we surrounded by too much violence in both movies and television? Do we inadvertently glorify violence because some things that separates the men from the boys? Do the two boys hold life so cheaply that snuffing out a human being is comparable to stepping on an ant? Also, the proliferation of guns, especially into the hands of very young people, does not help. One of the boys' grandfathers admits that the guns used were his. Also, it seems that in Arkansas that if you don't possess a gun by the time you're seven or eight and have not shot a deer, there's something wrong.

Guns in Arkansas seem to have an obsessive appeal to those folks out

there since they treat those weapons so lightly and casually.

It seems incredulous to me that two boys, not even a teen-ager and the other barely in his teens, could so embark on such a nightmarish mission as to destroy their lives and any future they might have had.

Although under Arkansas law, no juvenile can be kept in custody after 18 or 19 years of age, no matter how heinous the crime, the suspects will pay for their acts until the day they die.

Both can expect punishment forever. Even if they are found guilty and sentenced to six or 30 years in a juvenile detention facility, they will be required to constantly look over their shoulders to see who's in back. Their parents could face the prospect of shaming when their neighbors will not speak to either of the parents and will ignore them to the point where they could be driven out of town. Since we know the viciousness of some children, it's possible that one or both of the suspects could be killed

by other juvenile prisoners as a way of getting even. When they get out of detention in their late teens, what do they do? Getting a job, settling down or getting married seems to be remote.

They will be remembered from now to eternity that they were responsible for the murder of five innocent people via a deadly instant of shooting. And what about the children who were wounded? Will they be left with physical or emotional scars for the rest of their lives?

Although the 11-year-old boy knew what he was doing, he is still a little boy. A few hours after he was taken into police custody, he cried for his mama and demanded to go home. Obviously, he did not quite understand the trouble he was in. And as we said before, something is wrong and we can surely look forward to more of the same somewhere else.

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

'Speak out' policy changes

Worral Community Newspapers has amended its policy regarding Speak Out, an opportunity for readers to voice concerns and suggestions to the city. All responses will now remain anonymous.

If you have a question, comment, suggestion, opinion, etc., call our Speak Out line anytime of the day or night.

Concerned about an issue facing the governing body or Board of Education in your town? Is your street in disrepair? Our readers can use our InfoSource hot line to speak out about any issue whether it is a question, comment, suggestion or opinion. That way, by telling us, you can tell everyone in town.

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CANDIDATES



Benito Stravato
Incumbent

Benito Stravato

Nine years ago, I made a commitment to the people of Springfield to serve on the Board of Education and to represent them to the best of my ability by ensuring the highest quality of education, while remaining fiscally responsible to the needs of the taxpayers.

Today, I continue to strive to maintain that goal. Thus, my desire to continue my work with the Springfield Board of Education. The importance of continuity

remains essential to a strong educational foundation to which we have dedicated our efforts. As both a parent of two daughters in the school system, Juliana in the seventh grade at Gaudinier and Maria in the 11th grade at Jonathan Dayton High School, and as a Springfield resident for 22 years, my vested interest is quite clear.

Our district has undergone significant changes over the past several years. My knowledge and experience associated with these changes are of the utmost value to the board. In addition, my background in education and

administration can only enhance our ability to continue to be successful. As a board member, I will continue to strive for and demand nothing short of excellence from our board, administration and staff in the improvement and delivery of quality programs for our children, while remaining receptive to the needs of all members of our community.

Benito Stravato is a teacher in the Rahway School System. He is an incumbent board of education candidate.

We're asking

Should all HIV cases be treated equally?

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

For nearly a decade now, doctors, patients and medical ethics committees have been faced with a question that is at the core of all moral issues in health care. Should it be mandated that all doctors and medical professionals treat HIV infected persons?

The debate is more complex than the Hippocratic Oath that binds all doctors to treating all patients, with the intent to cure them and preserve life. But the Oath itself is open to different interpretations.

Scott Yoder, instructor for the Center of Medical Ethics and Humanities at Michigan State University, said none of the several medical oaths that doctors swear by bind them to treat patients under all circumstances. But since many safety precautions are taken, he said physicians should have a difficult time avoiding the treatment of HIV infected patients.

"Medical professionals will have to argue that the risk is so great as to go beyond their professional duty to undertake the responsibility," Yoder said. "The risk, due to all the precautions taken, may be just as high as it is to contract another disease. It's a very minimal risk," he said.

Yoder also thinks the most recent court case is an example of a legal technicality, rather than a reflection of



Mirabella

the actual ethical issue at hand. This current landmark case involving the treatment of HIV infected patients deals with a dentist in Bangor, Me., who refused to provide treatment to a patient because she was HIV positive.

The debate has taken many different angles. Some doctors have argued that treating an HIV or AIDS infected person threatens their own health, and some have even been allowed to omit these patients from their practice. Some medical professionals have even referred HIV patients to other doctors.

But as the Bangor case is heard in front of the Supreme Court in Washington, the question of whether or not people who have HIV are covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act surfaces as the primary issue that will determine the case's outcome.

The law prohibits discrimination on the basis of "disability" in dentist



Dodge

offices, hospitals, and other places that serve the public. But it also states that if a person poses a significant risk to the health or safety of others, he or she can be denied treatment or services. And as Yoder would argue, this may be difficult to prove.

The accuser dentist in the Bangor case, Sidney Abbott, is part of a nationwide movement challenging providers who balk at treating AIDS patients.

But the defendant, Randon Brangdon, is arguing that he did not leave the defendant without an alternative, and said he would have treated her in a hospital where greater precaution could have been taken. One must wonder if Abbott, who is at the forefront of the movement, was looking to pick a fight.

We asked residents and employees of Mountaineer and Springfield if they felt that doctors should be required to treat HIV infected persons.

"I don't think someone can make a doctor treat a patient," said Joe Mirabella of Springfield. "Even if they did treat them, the quality of treatment would be questionable," he said. "A patient should go to a doctor who wants to treat them, if not, how can they feel comfortable?"

Janet Dodge, of Springfield, agreed.

"I don't think there's enough known about AIDS in certain instances gloves might not protect someone," she said. "But as a patient, if a doctor did not want to treat me, why would I go to him? I think doctors should be able to choose as well."

Michelle Whitman of Mountaineer said someone has to care for HIV infected persons.

"How can you deny someone health care," she asked. "It's bad enough when someone is denied because they don't have insurance, but here the patients have insurance."

Nolan Scott, 12, of Springfield, simply, yet heartily summed up the entire ethics of the issue.

"It would be a kind offer to help people," he said. "That's what doctors are for, right," he said.

Man arrested for driving with suspended license

Mountaineer
A Somerset man was charged with driving while suspended on March 31. At approximately 1:30 p.m., Officer Stephen DeVito stopped a motorist for driving without working lights. The driver, later identified as Dennis Soza, 36, was found to be driving while his license was suspended. The vehicle was also impounded for having no insurance.

On March 31, a Roselle man was charged with driving while suspended. At approximately 10:30 a.m., Officer Donald Amberg stopped a driver for having an unsecured left side door.

The driver, later identified as Richard Vesco, 20, was found to be driving while suspended. An investigation is currently under way, as the computer check revealed that the vehicle was stolen from the New York Police Department. The suspect was released on \$500 bail.

A Hazlet man who was charged with having no name on a commercial vehicle, was found to have an outstanding warrant in his name from the Sevier County. Officer Stephen DeVito arrested Kenneth Vioff, 41, on April 1, at approximately 10:30 p.m. When conducting a computer check, DeVito found that the suspect owed \$131 in outstanding warrants.

Car fire extinguished in movie theater parking lot

Mountaineer
On March 31, the Mountaineer Volunteer Fire Department responded to a car fire in the Loew's Theater parking lot.

At approximately 9 p.m., a South Orange man who had parked his vehicle outside the movie theater, said a woman approached him as he was leaving the theater, and told him that his car was on fire. The victim then stated he ran into the theater and called the fire department.

Several firefighters arrived on the scene, and tended to three other vehicles in the lot that were damaged by the fire. No injuries were reported, although damage was significant to the vehicles. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Springfield
April 1 was no joke to the Springfield Fire Department as they handled 12 calls, from highway accidents to activated alarms, that day. The day began with a call on a lack-

POLICE BLOTTER

Visard was released on \$131 bail and awaits an April court date.

Springfield
What started as a sidewalkop on South Springfield Avenue ended as a driving while intoxicated arrest for a Newark man March 27. A witness saw a northbound Buick fail to stop after scraping the driver's side of a parked Mitsubishi at 6:32 p.m. A Springfield patrol car, responding to the witness' call, apprehended the vehicle minutes later.

The driver, identified as Walter Vashburg, 71, said he was having vision problems and had consumed alcohol before driving. Officers made a breath test and booked the suspect for DWI and leaving the scene of an accident.

The driver of a Lexus RX300, who was parked in a Route 22 West store lot April 2, discovered his driver's side door lock and panel damaged at about 2:15 p.m. He also said his appointment book was removed from the vehicle. A Waverly Avenue homeowner found a pair of 1.5-inch deep tire tracks, from an errant school bus, on his lawn about 15 minutes later.

Police recorded a screen door and moulding damaged when an unknown person attempted to break into a Mountain Avenue home at about 8:30 p.m. that night. A Morris Avenue business man reported a \$4,000 Hewlett-Packard HP1700 laptop computer taken from his second floor office at 12:12 p.m. A Bally's Health Club patron discovered his locker broken into at about 4:20 p.m. and his wallet taken.

The driver of a Nissan said she was hit by white Ford Bronco with Route 22 West at about 11 a.m. April 2. The Bronco left the crash scene, at about milepost 52.8, without exchanging papers. A 1991 Buick parked on Warwick Circle was reported having its ignition lock punched out and a cell phone stolen sometime overnight April 1 or April 2.

A 1980 Chevrolet was the subject of an apparent burglary or criminal mischief while parked in a Morris Avenue garage April 1. The vehicle was found with four punctured tires, quarter-inch-deep cuts in its paint and a damaged glove compartment at 8:37 a.m. A driver of a 1995 Jeep parked on Tower Avenue found his radio equipment, valued at over \$370, missing at 8:05 a.m.

One car stopped and another car

didn't while merging onto Route 22 East. The two vehicles involved in the collision, a Chevy Blazer and a Mercury four-door, came together on the entry from northbound Farm Road at about 3:20 p.m.

The driver of a Saturn SL1 with three passengers backed out of a Mountain Avenue driveway at 7:42 p.m. the same day and rear-ended a Toyota Camry with one passenger north of Nelson Place. The crash resulted in two injuries, including one person taken by the Springfield Fire Aid Squad to Overlook Hospital.

Vehicular theft, regardless of the number of wheels, is vehicular theft. A BMX MongOOSE bicycle, for example, was stolen from a Keeler Street garage at about 5:30 p.m. March 31.

A Ford pickup truck apparently stopped short on southbound Springfield Avenue at about 7:46 a.m. March 31. The stop caused a GMC Yukon and a Ford Taurus to rear-end each other and the pickup before the Main Street intersection.

A 1991 BMW 324i and its cell phone, totalling \$21,500, were reported stolen from a Cornell Parkway parking space at about 4:30 p.m. March 28. It was followed by the report of \$2,000 worth of damage done to a Ford Bronco on Linden Avenue at about 8:25 a.m. March 29.

FIRE BLOTTER

knifed tractor trailer truck on the westbound Interstate 78/Route 24 West ramp at 6:13 a.m. Two fire-rescue trucks handled that crash while a third unit fielded a water condition report in a South Springfield Avenue home at 8:13 a.m. and an activated fire alarm at the Caldwell School at about 9:51 a.m.

The full force returned to headquarters by 10:15 a.m. only to head out to Gaudinier Middle School at 10:42 a.m. and back to Caldwell at about 10:46 a.m. for more alarm calls. One firefighter went to aid the Springfield Fire Aid Squad on a medical assistance call at 11:51 a.m. and all units handled an alarm call from a Route 22 business at 2:03 p.m.

All hands went on a similar alarm call to a Morris Avenue firm at about 3:57 p.m. Residents of a Balmoral Way home reported a burning odor at West ramp at 6:13 a.m. Two fire-rescue trucks stopped in Temple Beth Ahm at

6:43 p.m. and at an Alvin Terrace house at 9:28 p.m.

The long day ended with a two car accident with two injuries on the Route 24 East ramp to 78 East at about 11 p.m.

Activated fire alarms brought all hands to a South Springfield Avenue condominium complex at 6:58 p.m. Saturday and to a Brown Avenue business at 7:45 p.m. They were preceded that day by a water condition in a Hillside Avenue home at 10:48 a.m.

A carbon monoxide detector in a Tree Top Drive home sounded off at 4:35 a.m. Friday. It was followed seven hours later with a fire alarm in the Municipal Building.

between a Buick and a Volvo at the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Main Street at 4:24 p.m. The second involved an accident between a Chevrolet Blazer and a Cadillac on northbound Meisel Avenue, past Wabeno Avenue at 6:23 p.m.

Although no injuries were reported, fire crews absorbed spilled fluids. The Volvo and Cadillac were towed.

The day started with the report of a natural gas leak in a North View Terrace residence at 9:11 a.m. and ended with an air conditioning problem in a Troy Drive apartment complex at about 7:10 p.m. Among other calls, a water condition was found in an Edgewood Avenue residence at 2:19 p.m.

A Route 24 would log one more entry as it was the site of an eastbound one-car crash with an injury at about 1:59 p.m. April 2. All units paid the Sandmeier School a fire alarm call at 2:31 p.m. that day.

Firefighters responded with two auto accident calls on March 30. The first concerned a collision

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Mr. and Mrs. Sean Weinerman

Handler marries Weinerman

Shari Melissa Handler, daughter of Etelle and Jack Handler of Springfield and Sean Lewis Weinerman, son of Ellen and Harry Weinerman of Springfield were married February 14. Rabbi Joshua Goldstein performed the double-ring ceremony at Temple Sha'are Shalom in Springfield, where a reception followed.

The bride, a 1994 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School attended Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. He is the owner of Hoboken Buy-Rite Liquors, a retail liquor warehouse in Hoboken.

Following a honeymoon in Las Vegas and Hawaii, the couple resides in North Plainfield.

Firm made agent for property

Cushman & Wakefield of New Jersey Inc. has been named exclusive agent to market the sale of a 205,000 square-foot industrial property at 50-52 Fadem Road in Springfield. Fran Caccavo, Bill Brown and Jason Goldman of the firm are handling the assignment on behalf of Fisher Scientific, the owner.

The property served as a regional distribution facility for Fisher Scientific and features 63,000 square feet of 30-foot clear ceilings as well as parking

for up to 200 cars. Situated directly off Route 22, 50-52 Fadem Road is located just 20 minutes from Newark International Airport and the ponds, with easy access to the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway.

"The building is suited for a single user and also provides an ideal investment opportunity for conversion to multi-tenant use," Goldman said.

"Available industrial space in

Union County has steadily declined during the past year, and 50-52 Fadem Road's outstanding location makes it an attractive availability in a tight market," he said.

With offices in East Rutherford and Parsippany, Cushman & Wakefield of New Jersey is one of the largest real estate firms serving the state of business in the state. It is part of the larger Cushman & Wakefield organization, an international real estate services firm.

Waste collection days planned

The Union County Utilities Authority will hold a Spring household waste collection day on Saturday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cranford Municipal Swimming Pool, Centennial Avenue, Cranford.

The second Spring event will be held in Springfield at the Municipal Swimming Pool on Morrison Road on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The final event for the Spring will be held in Union at the Department of Public Works Yard on Swanson Road on June 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is no cost to participate; however, pre-registration with the UCUA is mandatory. The disposal of household special waste is open to Union County residents only. Proof of residency is required.

Acceptable household special waste includes oil-based paint and varnishes, pool chemicals, cosmetics and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, caustics, solvents, thinners, ser-

osols cans, asphalt sealers, fire extinguishers, flammable liquids and solids, motor oil, gasoline, motor oil filters, automotive products, batteries, propane tanks, unbroken fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and mercury switches.

Only materials in their original or labeled containers will be accepted. No containers larger than five gallons or empty containers will be accepted. In addition, unidentified materials, explosives, radioactive materials, gas cylinders or materials containing PCB's will not be accepted.

Latex paint will not be collected at Household Special Waste Days. The Authority is sponsoring a separate Latex Paint Collection Day to be held at the Westfield Municipal Swimming

Pool on Scotch Plains Avenue on May 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. At that event, latex paint will be accepted in the original paint can and in containers no larger than five gallons. This event is open to Union County residents. No painting contractors will be permitted. Pre-registration is also required for this event.

All Union County schools will also be able to dispose of their laboratory chemical waste at Household Special Waste Days for a nominal charge. In order to participate, schools must contact the UCUA at least two weeks before an event.

For more information or to register, residents can call the UCUA at (732) 382-9400.

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 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083, or call him at (908) 686-7700 weekdays before 5 p.m.

Center launches awareness drive

The Blood Center of New Jersey is embarking on a public awareness program to increase the number of blood donations made in Union County.

"For five years, the number of people donating blood for our local community hospitals has steadily declined, and we have not been self-sustaining," said Judy Daniels, spokesperson for the blood center.

"We are concerned and asking for help, for new donors to come forward and for those who have donated before to donate more frequently."

The Blood Center is also looking for people willing to help sponsor a blood drive in their place of business, religious organization, or community group.

Blood center officials cite several reasons for the decline, including declining memberships in civic and community groups, the aging of the current donor population, downsizing in larger corporations and the move toward smaller businesses, the unwarranted fear of AIDS, the more complicated donation process, and apathy.

"We believe that if people are made aware of the dangers of not having an adequate blood supply, they will come forward. It is truly up to all of us," said Daniels.

Donors must be 18. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided those over 65 have donated within the last two years, or have a doctor's note. Donors should know their social security number and bring a signed form of identification. People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour waiting period for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning. For those who have traveled outside the United States recently, call the blood center for eligibility criteria.

For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at 1-800-BLOOD NJ (256-6365). For information on planning a blood drive, call 1-800-652-5663, ext. 156.

The following is a list of donor sites in Union County: Wednesday, April 15, Rorden Realty, Corner of Quinby and Elm streets, Westfield, 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Mangel's Realtors, 367 Chestnut St., Union, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 16, Masonic Lafayette Lodge, 1550 Irving St., Rahway, 5 to 9 p.m.; Friday, April 17, First Baptist Church, 92 Hillside Ave., Hillside, 6 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, April 19, St. Michael's Parish, 1212 Kelly St., Union, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Friday, April 24, Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Rd., Union, 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, Union Elks Lodge, 281 Chestnut St., Union, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information or to sign up to donate call 1-800-BLOOD NJ.

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Some motorists may be unaware of the law regarding school buses. Following are guidelines provided by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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OBITUARIES

Murry L. Hurwitz
Murry Leo Hurwitz, 60, of Springfield, active in civic affairs and with the Springfield First Aid Squad, died April 5 at home.

Surviving are two daughters, Constance Smith and Charlotte Grett, and four grandchildren.

Milton Kappstatter
Milton M. Kappstatter, 87, of Monroe Township, formerly of Springfield, died March 30 in the Medical Center at Princeton.

Holocaust remembered
Salo Eina of Springfield will lead the Jewish Cultural School & Society commemoration of the 55th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising as part of his concluding class in "The Jews of Poland" on Thursday, April 16.

Fannie Ricca
Fannie Ricca, 95, of Clark, formerly of Springfield, died March 29 in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

Anthony Mallozzi
Anthony Mallozzi, 95, of Mountaineer died April 1 in the Manor Care Health Services, Mountaineer.

Arturo Ocampo
Arturo Ocampo, 49, of Springfield died April 2 in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

The Rev. T.F. Grogan
The Rev. Thomas Francis Grogan, 57, of Scotch Plains, who served in a Springfield church, died March 29 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Andrew Ackermann
Andrew Ackermann, 91, of Mountaineer died March 30 in the Genesis ElderCare, Westfield.

Rudolph F. Sarich
Rudolph F. Sarich, 77, of Berkeley Township, formerly of Mountaineer, died March 26 in Community Medical Center, Toms River.

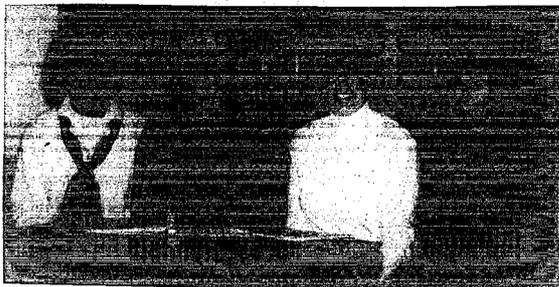
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Planning the fundraiser



Kent Place School parents, faculty, staff members and area alumnae will rock the night away at Spring Fling, the 1998 Kent Place Parent's Association fundraiser to be held April 18. Among the event planners are, left to right, Spring Fling Treasurer Sandra Quail, Co-Chair Geri Allioni, Catering Committee Chair Carol Gianis and Kent Place Parent's Association President Carol D. Rocker. Proceeds from the event benefit the academic, artistic and athletic activities of Kent Place students.

Moss to speak on design

"An Evening with Charlotte Moss," internationally recognized interior designer, will be sponsored by the North Jersey Chapter, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation on

May 13 at 6 p.m. at the Short Hills Hilton, Short Hills. Reception and dinner are followed by lecture and slide presentation by Moss. Moss' work and ideas have

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NEWS CLIPS

Giving campaign

The Summit YWCA has launched its 1998 Annual Giving Campaign. Each year the YWCA solicits its members to contribute to this campaign which supports the YWCA's many community service programs and scholarship funds.

No one is turned away from the YWCA due to an inability to pay. Last year the YWCA awarded scholarships to over 200 individuals for every program an activity at the YWCA.

In addition, the YWCA has many special need programs for those who are challenged physically, mentally or emotionally. These programs immeasurably improve the lives of the participants and their families.

The YWCA also provides after school programs both on-site as well as off site in Summit's Jefferson School. In September 1998, the YWCA will offer after school care at the Franklin School as well. English as a Second Language is taught during the week to hundreds of foreign-born adults who gain greater self-confidence and self-sufficiency.

"Heart-To-Heart" is a cardiac wellness and maintenance program which serves graduates of Overlook Hospital

and other programs. "Step-by-Step" is a unique program for learning disabled teenage girls where they meet and interact socially every week, leading to more self-confidence.

Also each year, YWCA hosts numerous community events, such as "Day of Caring," which is in conjunction with the United Way to foster a sense of accomplishment in physically and mentally disabled children. "Girls Sports Day" is also an annual event for area girls, kindergarten through grade five, who participate in a variety of sports and activities to promote self-esteem through challenge, risk-taking and skill development.

The YWCA welcomes women and men of all ages as well as children to participate in our program and activities. All programs will be held at 79 Maple St., just off of Morris Avenue. For more information, call (908) 273-4242. Full and partial scholarship are available for all YWCA classes and activities.

cleaning as an opportunity to donate unwanted items to its Resale Shop at 478 Morris Ave. An integral part of spring cleaning is deciding which items are no longer necessary and should be discarded. Instead of hauling them out to the curb for pickup, or sending them to the town recycling center, why not donate your items to SAGE's Resale Shop?

According to Joanne Gentile, who manages the Resale Shop, the store is actively seeking donations of furniture, toys and household items. The Resale Shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the shop benefit all of SAGE's programs including Meals-on-Wheels, Spend-a-Day, Home Health Care, Info-Care and Tel-Assurance. For information call (908) 273-5564.

Service offers help

The New Jersey Division of the American Cancer Society has a toll-free 800 number.

To reach this service, call 800-ACS-2345, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Donate unwanted items

SAGE, the not-for-profit eldercare agency located at 50 DeForest Ave., is asking everyone to use their spring

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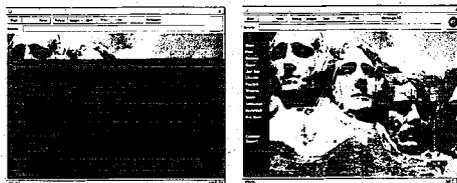
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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH: 7:30 PM
 TENEBRAE WORSHIP

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 April 9, 7:30 p.m.
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 April 12, 10:30 a.m.
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EASTER DAY - APRIL 12
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Holy Thursday Tenebrae Service
 April 9th 7:30pm
 Good Friday April 10th 7:30pm
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 Easter Sunday April 12th
 Sunday School for All Ages 9:45am
 Family Worship 11:00am

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 April 9 - 8:00 PM

Community Good Friday (Union Clergy)
 April 10 - 12:00 to 1:00 PM

Easter Sunday Services
 April 12
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

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HOLY THURSDAY - April 9
 Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m.
 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.
 Night Prayer - 10:45 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 10
 Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m.
 Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 2:00 p.m.
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.
 Living Stations of the Cross - 7:30 p.m. (Led by St. James Youth Group)

HOLY SATURDAY - April 11
 Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m.
 Reconciliation 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.
 The Great Easter Vigil - 7:30 p.m. (The Service of Light begins in the lower parking lot)

EASTER SUNDAY - April 12
 Masses - 7:30 p.m.
 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 12:00 noon

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GOOD FRIDAY, April 10: Self-guided "Stations of the Cross" open from Noon to 6:30; Tenebrae Worship 7:30

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12: Outdoor Sunrise Worship at 6:30; Communion Worship at 8 & 10:30

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Seder Dinner April 9th at 6:30 PM
 27th Annual Crop Walk sponsored by Interfaith Council of Roselle and Roselle Park April 10th. Meet at the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park at 9:00 AM

Good Friday Service April 10th at 8:00 PM
 Easter Breakfast April 12th at 9:30 AM
 Easter Service at 10:30 AM

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Summary of Revenues table with columns for 1998 and 1997, including Surplus, Miscellaneous Revenues, and Delinquent Taxes.

Summary of Appropriations table with columns for 1998 Budget and Final 1997 Budget, including Operating Expenses, Capital Improvements, and Debt Service.

1998 Dedicated Swimming Pool Utility Budget Summary of Revenues table with columns for 1998 and 1997, including Surplus and Miscellaneous Revenues.

Summary of Appropriations table for the swimming pool utility with columns for 1998 Budget and Final 1997 Budget, including Operating Expenses and Capital Improvements.

Balance of Outstanding Debt table with columns for General and Swimming Pool Utility, including Interest, Principal, and Outstanding Balance.

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union on March 17, 1998.

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE: The Municipal Board of Adjustment will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 1998 at 8:00 PM...

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING BOARD: Take notice that the following decisions were made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday, April 8, 1998...

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: TAKE NOTICE: The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on April 9, 1998 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. to receive comments on the application...

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Former Major Leaguers Dave Guttinger and Rich Stued will join Union Catholic head coach coach Paul Reddick for Sportsman's Baseball/Softball Camps this summer.

Camps will be held in Linden June 22-26 and June 29-July 3, in Springfield July 13-17 and July 20-24 and in Scotch Plains Aug. 3-7.

More information may be obtained by calling Reddick at 908-686-0057.

The Union County Senior Softball League is looking for additional players to add to its age 50 and 60 leagues.

Anyone who will be 50- or 60-and-over during 1998 may contact league chairman Tony Muccia at 908-272-3140.

Springtime sports will be blooming at Union County College during the second segment of its "College for Kids" Sports Spectacular program, featuring intensive training in golf, baseball, tennis and soccer for youngsters ages 7-12.

The program will be held on Saturdays, April 18 through May 9.

To accommodate youngsters and their parents, the college has scheduled the courses so that students can participate in classes in all four sports throughout the day.

Here's a look at the four sports offered:

Golf, 9-10 a.m.: Instruction on golf skills and strategies will be provided. Participants will learn to enhance their level of play through practice, with driving and putting and perfect their skills to control the angle and path of tee shots and putts.

Baseball, 10:15-11:15: Participants will be afforded the opportunity to practice throwing, catching, bunting, fielding and running. Participants will learn to perfect their eye-hand coordination and increase their overall baseball knowledge.

Tennis, 11:30-12:30: Participants will get to practice the forehand, backhand and two-handed backstroke and will also be able to perfect their ability to volley and serve.

Soccer, 12:45-1:45 p.m.: Participants will practice dribbling, passing, shooting and heading. They will also learn to perfect their ability to control the ball and initiate plays.

Call 908-709-7600 for more information.

The fourth annual NISCA/NISIAA Wrestling Coaches Clinic will take place Friday, May 15 at the Rutgers University College Avenue Gymnasium.

Featured speakers include coaches Gene Mills of Syracuse and Mike Rosetti of Phillipsburg High School.

Techniques that will be discussed include front headlock, single leg finishes, half-nelson series and runs and pins.

Pre-registration prices range from \$25 to \$55, pending membership fees. On-site registration prices range from \$35 to \$65. The price includes all lunches, luncheon and clinic materials. The pre-registration deadline is Friday, May 8.

Checks may be made payable to: NISCA/NISIAA Wrestling Clinic and mailed to: NISCA P.O. Box 487, Route 130 N., Robbinsville, N.J. 08691, attention: Eileen Finizio.

The New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association and the Soccer Coaches Association of New Jersey has announced the scheduling of a Soccer Coaches Clinic to be held Saturday, April 25 at Toms River North High School in Toms River.

The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with registration opening at 8:30. This clinic is designed to meet the needs of varsity, assistant and recreational coaches.

Pre-registration fees are \$25, \$35 and \$55 depending on NISCA membership status. On-site registration fees are \$35, \$45 and \$65.

Featured clinicians include: Steve John, St. Joseph High School, Metuchen; "Goalkeeper."

More information may be obtained by calling Eileen Finizio at the NISIAA office in Robbinsville at 609-259-2776.

Dayton players are eager to display their talents on field

Della Pia: Goal is to build successful program

By Joe Rogezino
 Staff Writer

The night before the start of the season, Dayton High School head softball coach Lou Della Pia and his assistants sat down with each player to discuss individual goals and expectations. One thing was made clear to each player: if you're not producing or making an effort, it's down to the junior varsity you go.

Make no mistake, Della Pia, spearheading a program that is not regionalized with Kenilworth for the first time in several years, wants to get the most out of his players. The player meetings weren't designed as a harsh scare tactic.

"It's not a punishment, but a way to motivate the kids," Della Pia said about the system of promoting and demoting players.

The players took Della Pia's message to heart, asking questions and showing the kind of eagerness that coaches like to see.

"They were very receptive," said Della Pia, whose assistant coaches are former Dayton players Clayton Trivett and Jason Mullman. "They realized what they need to do to improve and what areas they need to improve in."

The Bulldogs have plenty of motivation this season, a squad made up entirely of Springfield residents.

"I think the kids were finally happy that they have their own school with their own team," Della Pia commented. "I think they're excited about that."

The Bulldogs picked up their first win in their season-opener, prevailing 5-4 in a thrilling fashion over Oratory Prep last Thursday in Springfield. Senior Eric Fishman, the point guard of Dayton's Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division championship baseball team, struck the Bulldogs' three-run rally, sixth-inning rally when he stole home.

Fishman, the ace of the pitching staff, struggled on the mound at the start of the game as the Bulldogs fell behind 2-0. The left-hander then settled down and got stronger, which helped Dayton claw its way back in the game, said Della Pia.

Junior Garrett Weise (6-3, 190 pounds) is the Bulldogs' No. 2 hurler, followed by sophomore Nate Derner, who has a bright future, Della Pia noted.

H.S. Baseball

"He's got quite an arsenal of pitches," Della Pia said of Derner. "He's got good control, good velocity and an excellent curve and change, which is unusual for a kid that age. His work ethic is also excellent."

Freshman Mike Arnold and James Carriello will also see time on the mound on the varsity level. Arnold and Carriello, who is a converted outfielder, are penciled in as the backup catcher and shortstop. Della Pia has confidence in their ability to do the job when called upon, especially on the hill.

"They have a lot of potential," Della Pia said. "The ability is there and it is just waiting to come out. They both have strong arms and are very knowledgeable about the game."

Sophomore Adam Slater and junior Dan Carbons share time at catcher. Sophomores Brian Berger is the first baseman, while junior Matt DellMauro is the second baseman. DellMauro is the team's leadoff hitter, his good speed, evidenced by his two stolen bases in the opener.

"He's solid," Della Pia said. "Even though he's not a captain, he should be considered a captain. He's that good."

At third base, sophomore Jesse Strubbe poses a solid arm and is sound defensively.

Junior Chris Fischer is the team's

jack of all trades, playing anywhere in the field, including on the mound. Fischer and Fishman, the co-captains, have shown the necessary things in fulfilling their leadership roles.

"What I like about our captains is that they lead by example," Della Pia said. "The players are really following behind these two guys."

Other players include senior pitcher/outfielder Rich Lou, sophomore rightfielder/designated hitter David Wyche and sophomore outfielder Lorenzo Williams.

If there's one major strength on the team, it's speed. Against Oratory, the Bulldogs swiped eight bases.

"That's something we're not afraid to do," Della Pia said about his team's strategy to steal bases. "We're going to be a very aggressive team."

With a young squad, Della Pia is excited about the future of Dayton baseball.

"Our ultimate goal is to not just build a winning team this year, but to build a successful program throughout Springfield," he said. "This is definitely the foundation."

The Bulldogs, though, are just content about getting the new program off the ground.

"Our goal this year is to make the states and we feel confident that we will," Della Pia said. "We're very disciplined and I think that's going to be the key to our success. We're going to play an exciting brand of baseball."

Dayton tied St. Mary's of Elizabeth 2-2 in MVC-Valley Division action at Wernicke Park in Roselle last Friday, the game called after seven innings because of darkness.

The Bulldogs suffered their first loss of the season last Saturday when they were defeated at non-conference for Millburn 11-0.

Dayton took a 1-1-1 record into yesterday's scheduled game at Bound Brook. The Bulldogs are scheduled to host Middlesex today at 3:45.

Dayton softball team scores plentiful in its home-opener

The Dayton High School softball team evaded its record at 1-1 by routing St. Mary's of Elizabeth 3-1 in its home-opener last Friday in Springfield.

Dayton was defeated by Mount St. Mary's 11-0 the day before in Watchung. Its first two contests Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division affairs.

In the win against St. Mary's, senior shortstop Tracey Saladino was a perfect 5-for-5. She belted a two-run homer and drove in six runs.

Rachel Tice and Alexis Frank belted solo home runs for Dayton. Winning pitcher Nancy Kuller hurled a five-inning two-hitter, striking out eight and not allowing a walk.

Defending UCT champion GL softball off to 3-0 start. The Governor Livingston softball team improved to 3-0 with a 6-5 win over Watchung Hills Sat. in Warren.

The defending Union County Tournament champions received an RBI-triple from Vicky Guida in the first inning. Guida bunting out four hits and driving in two runs total.

Cantagallo, Hansen belt HR's for GL baseball.

The Governor Livingston baseball team won its first game of the year after two losses, defeating Hanover Park 10-6 in Millburn Tournament action last Saturday.

Mark Cantagallo was 4-for-5 with a triple and three singles and Jeff Smith knocked in two runs for GL.

Cantagallo and teammate Hank Hazzam belted home runs for GL in its 12-4 loss at home to Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division foe Immaculata last Thursday.

Hanzo blasted a two-run homer and Cantagallo connected on a solo shot.

Dayton wins MVC meet shot put title.

The Dayton boys' track and field team of Chris Loeffler, Mike Lee and Justin Azran won the shot put title at the Mountain Valley Track championships held last week.

Loeffler, Lee and Azran combined for a throw of 126.2.

GL won the boys' team long jump behind Bill Stieling and Rob Campora at 38-5 and the team pole vault behind Campora and P.J. Jones 24-0.

Springfield's Miller stars on court, in field.

Springfield's Jeff Miller scored seven points for the North, in its 114-93 loss to the South in this year's annual North-South All-Star Basketball Game held at Rutgers Sunday.

Miller then belted a three-run homer Monday to spark the undefeated St. Hill Prep baseball team to a 9-7 win over Morrisston in West Orange.



Springfield resident Ross Kravetz had an outstanding season for the Cranford Hockey Club Pee Wee team. Kravetz scored four goals and assisted on 30 others for 34 points, leading all defenders on the team in that category.

Locals score an excellent season

Anderson, Kravetz, Berger star

Springfield residents Ross Kravetz and Brett Berger and Mountainside resident Ryan Anderson each had outstanding seasons for the Cranford Hockey Club Pee Wee team.

Cranford finished the 1997-98 season with a 16-28-9 record. The club distinguished itself with a first-place finish in the King of Prussia Tournament, second-place finish in the Anco Invitational Tournament and a tie for third place in the Can-Am International Tournament.

Youth Ice Hockey

Kravetz and Berger were associate captains for the Cranford team and Anderson completed his first year with the program.

Kravetz scored four goals and assisted on 30 others for 34 points, leading all defenders on the team in that category.

Berger scored 12 goals and had 17 assists for 29 points and was given the task of checking the opponents' best player game in and game out.

Anderson was asked to play defense for the first time in his young hockey career and he responded well to the challenge. Anderson scored one goal and assisted on nine others for 1 points, his powerful slap shot from the point often leading to tip-in goals.

Mountainside Youth Baseball Dinner and Auction April 25

Mountainside Youth Baseball will be conducting its Second Annual Opening Day Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 25 at 4 p.m. at the Deerfield School cafeteria.

This year's dinner will be hosted by the Outback Steakhouse of Springfield. Promoter Ed Young will donate the food for the entire event to support youth baseball in Mountainside.

Each pre-paid meal will receive free admission to the auction, which will begin at 6 p.m.

Hundreds of prizes have been donated, including a television, VCR, gift certificates and sporting event tickets.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Meal options include chicken sandwich \$3, steak sandwich \$3, ceasar salad \$2 and soda \$1. Dessert, coffee and tea will be available at no extra charge.

Dinner menus, available at the Deerfield School Rd. Mountainside 07092 before April 17. Checks may be made payable to: Mountainside Youth Baseball. The form with check in envelope may be left in the Deerfield School office as well.

Strength, Conditioning Coaches Clinic May 17

The New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association has announced the scheduling of a Strength and Conditioning Coaches Clinic to be held Sunday, May 17 at the Rutgers University Weight Room, Hale Center in Piscataway.

The clinic will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration commencing at 8. This clinic is designed to meet the needs of varsity, assistant and recreational coaches.

Pre-registration fees are \$25, \$35 and \$55 depending on NISCA membership status. On-site registration fees are \$35, \$45 and \$65.

Teaching techniques for multi joint lifts from 9-10 a.m., will be Skip Fuller, strength and conditioning coach, Rutgers University. Rutgers had football coach Terry Shea will offer an introduction.

Speed development will be discussed from 10:11 a.m. by Bill Partis of Sports Conditioning Institute.

Nutrition and supplementation for high school athletes will be the topic Heidi Skolnik, MS CDN, will be talking about from 11 a.m. to noon. Skolnik is the nutritionist for the New York Giants football team and works for Nutrition Consulting.

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