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# Committee mulls use of bus grant

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee is learning that sometimes obtaining a feeder bus grant is the easy part.

They began grappling with the hard details about running a rush hour jitney service during their workshop session Monday night. Springfield received a 23-passenger minibus and a \$50,000 operating grant from New Jersey Transit to feed the authority's nearby Morris and Essex railroad stations.

Exactly how to go about delivering Springfield's commuters, however, is to be worked out by the town. They will receive advice and a second-year \$50,000 grant from NJ Transit.

"Deputy Mayor Greg Clarke and I have met with NJ Transit last week," said Committee member Roy Hirschfeld. "We went over what we can and can't do. The bus is ours for about three years, for example, which we can use for ourselves between rush hours."

Springfield was one of five towns awarded to alleviate parking shortages along the Morris and Essex Line. It, like fellow awardee West Orange, does not have direct access to

the popular commuter rail service. The township's geography further contributes to what Hirschfeld calls a "bizarre situation."

"On one hand, we have residents who are within walking distance of Millburn station," said Mayor Sy Mullman. "On the other hand, we have residents by Route 22 who are 2.5 miles away. How do we serve our people?"

Hirschfeld suggested using the stops and routes in his submitted application as a basis. The requests of the 160 survey respondents, also part of the application, are also to be considered.

"Destination is another variable. It has been long thought that the Springfield jitney would feed Summit and Millburn stations. A Newark Star Ledger article erroneously published Maplewood as a destination, however, and Clarke is suggesting Short Hills as an alternative."

"I did some measuring on a map the other day," said Clarke. "The distance to Short Hills station is equal or slightly less than to Summit or Millburn."

The Township Committee hopes to have the details worked out for a Sep-

tember starting date. Mullman and the Committee, meanwhile, set a date for the Chisholm School time capsule opening for 8:30 p.m. June 9 at the Municipal Building front lawn.

"We wanted to open the time capsule after the Memorial Day Parade but it got rained out," said Mullman. "It will be part of our Township Committee public meeting that night, along with the annual School Government Day."

Clarke said the date was chosen to meet the Chisholm School's rehabilitation schedule. The school, to become a community center this fall, is named after World War One casualty Raymond Chisholm. The opening also coincides with the transfer of a WWI plaque on the Municipal Building.

"Springfield honored its WWI veterans with a flagpole and a plaque of names," said Clarke. "There's a sign which referred to the plaque as being on the front of the Municipal Building. The front and rear of the building changed during a remodeling in the 1950s, however, but the plaque stayed where it was."

# College offers advanced placement courses

The Union County Tech Prep/ School-to-Careers Opportunities Initiative is preparing area public high school students with the skills necessary for careers by offering them advanced placement courses at Union County College in selected subject areas. On May 1, the college, a post-secondary member of the Tech Prep/ School-to-Careers Consortium, signed articulation agreements with superintendents from 15 Union County Public School districts.

According to Ivan Rubin, director of the Tech Prep/School-to-Careers Opportunities Initiative, such training will afford students a "seamless" curriculum so that they will experience a smooth learning transition from the high school to related studies on the post-secondary level. The agreements are tailored individually for each participating school district.

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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.

**Tuesday**

- The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, Central Avenue and School Drive.
- "Success Coaching," will be the subject for discussion at the Resource Center for Women 7:30 to 9 p.m. The registration deadline is June 5. If you need help strategizing about personal and professional goals, this workshop will help break down the steps of the process and begin to create an action plan for getting where you want to go. The fee is \$12 for center members; \$15 for non-members. To register, call the center at (908) 273-7255.

**Coming events**  
June 14

- The Springfield Public Schools' Department of Performing, Practical and Visual Arts, will host the Singing Boys of Pennsylvania at 5 p.m. in the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorium, Mountainside Avenue. These 26 young singers, led by Bernard Sabala, will provide music and entertainment. This regionally based ensemble gives about 100 concerts a year. The singers have been as far as Japan and Europe. These boys, ages 10 to 14, are well trained and versatile. In addition to singing, they also dance to the tune of some of their selections. The program for this performance contains classical-folk songs such as "Shenandoah," "Old Joe Clark" and "Beautiful Dreamer." There will be four different renditions of "Ave Maria" as interpreted by such known composers as Franz Schubert and Zoltan Kodaly. Featured will be a medley of international folk music. Tickets are available at all Springfield public schools or by calling (973) 376-1025, Ext. 4239, for reservations.

**June 15**

- The Springfield Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room.
- The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, Central Avenue and School Drive.

**June 29**

- The Springfield Board of Education will meet in special session at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

**July 15**

- The Springfield Garden Club is sponsoring a contest to find the tree in town with the largest circumference (measured 3 feet off the ground). Send entries to Springfield Garden Club, P.O. Box 970, Springfield, 07081. In case of duplicate entries, the earliest postmark will win the floral prize.
- Pool membership registration is being accepted for all previous members and new members. Registration is taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. If anyone did not receive a form for pool membership or day camp, they may call (973) 912-2227 or pick one up at the office.

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Students at James Caldwell School in Springfield participated in a science fair recently. Above left, Caroline Egnatuk stands by her "Fruit-powered Clock. Above, Emily DeGuidice stands behind her "Capillary Action Demonstration." Left, Judy Zimmerman, assistant superintendent of schools, examines Lauren Bernstein's project, "Butterfly Growth and Water Engineering."



### Resident nets \$1,100 in contest

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer  
Thomas Burgess of Mountaineer received the honor of "Jeopardy Champion" after competing in a three-week contest based on the television game show and sponsored by WOR Radio on May 18.  
Burgess, a borough employee, had sent in a postcard and was selected by the radio station as a final round contestant to answer three additional questions after coming up with the correct "Final Jeopardy" answer from the previous night's televised game show.  
After selecting "Geography" as the category of his choice, Burgess answered three questions correctly and was awarded the grand prize of

\$1,100 on the air for listeners across the state to hear. With more than 100,000 postcards received, he was one of only three contestants to have answered all of the questions correctly.  
Burgess, an administrative assistant at Borough Hall who is well known in town, said he was subsequently flooded with phone calls from hometown fans.  
"We want to send him to California and make him a contestant," one resident said. "We're proud to have him represent Mountaineer."  
Valerie Saunders of the Mountaineer Zoning Board said the day after Burgess' radio conversation aired on WOR, the borough's quiz-whiz walked with a swagger.

"All I know is that on that morning, he walked into the office with a smile from ear to ear," Saunders said. "I told him that since he had won, the least he could do was to buy us all lunch," she said.  
"I have been watching 'Jeopardy!' since the mid-1960s, when Art Fleming, the original host, was doing the show," Burgess said. "It was a fine experience to have been a part of this contest, and to be able to answer the questions," he said.  
But although Burgess may have hit the big time with his "Jeopardy!" stint, he showed his true character more than a decade ago, when he became a local hero more subtly. Burgess saved his sister's life in 1987 by giving her a bone-marrow donation.

## Rotary Club, Police Department seek bicycles for charity group

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer  
Pedals for Progress, the Springfield Rotary Club and the Springfield Police Department are asking people to bring out their bicycles Saturday.  
The three groups, with permission of the township's Board of Education, will hold a bike rodeo and collection in the Gaudineer Middle School parking lots between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Youngsters can run their bicycles through a skills course in the back lot, the parents can donate surplus bicycles up front and together all can learn some aspects of rider safety.  
The joint event was the collective brainchild of Rotary member Michael Marantz, Springfield Police Corporal Don Dausser and Pedals founder David Schweidenback.  
"The rodeo idea came first," said Marantz. "It was something last done five years ago and the Rotary felt such an event would promote greater bicycle safety. Pedals for Progress entered

the picture when we had a representative speak at one of our lunches." Marantz said the collection fits in the Rotary spirit of local and global assistance. Recent efforts by the Springfield group includes sorting packages May 26 and developing a land mine disposal campaign in the third world.  
"The last rodeo was held at the Gaudineer School by its PTA," said Dausser. "The school is centrally located in town and the riders we're trying to reach is around middle school age."  
Dausser and Marantz have designed a five-stage circuit for rodeo participants. The stages include a bike inspection and several skills courses.  
"I've been speaking and working with Rotary clubs the last year," said Schweidenback. "Their work with the collections has been outstanding. In the same season, I've gone from nine collection dates to 28 and we've

received 2,000 bikes so far this year."  
Schweidenback started Pedals for Progress from his High Bridge home about 10 years ago. Donated bicycles are shipped to steady areas of the world, where riders can ease their transportation woes and expand their local economy.  
Pedals collections kicked off with a debut in Mountaineer April 4 and made an annual stop in Summit May 9. With the Kenilworth collection made on Saturday, however, the inaugural Springfield round is the last one in Union County.  
Rodeo participants are to register at Police Headquarters, Gaudineer and at the lot. The Millburn Bike Shop will have required helmets for sale and will make free bike adjustments. All participants will receive water bottles and t-shirts while supplies last and the AAA of North Jersey will furnish safety fliers. Call Marantz at (973) 467-4422 for details.

## CVS Pharmacy hearing adjourned

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer  
The Springfield Planning Board received a month's respite from the J.D. Mack/ CVS Pharmacy site application public hearing last night.  
The board went over their scheduled hearings over other site plans and variances. J.D. Mack Attorney Vincent D'Elia, however, called for an adjournment the day before.  
"We got the request for adjournment Tuesday morning," said a board staff member. "They needed more time to prepare and file the documents requested by the board."  
The postponement to July 1 breaks a cycle between the board and the applicant. In the last two months, planners and architects for J.D. Mack and CVS would supply revised drawings to the board. The applicant originally submitted the revisions, only to deliver them nine or less days before the scheduled hearing.  
After rejecting the first set for lack of timeliness, the board would request changes. The applicant then went back to the drawing board for compliance and resubmission.

"I'm beginning to think that the applicant is having the board design the application," said Five Corners Association leader Tom Gorgia. "By doing that, the applicant can go to Superior Court Judge John Pisanyski and say, 'See, we're complying with their guidelines.' The board shouldn't be in the design business."  
Gorgia, the association, area merchants and at least a few township officials are opposed to J.D. Mack bringing a CVS to the Mountain Avenue neighborhood. Opponents say the 10,000 square foot store, to occupy 225 Mountain Ave., would increase automotive traffic. The additional traffic, they say, would present a safety hazard to pedestrians and school children in addition to other quality of life problems.

Pisanyski was called in to rule on a procedural dispute between the township and J.D. Mack in March. He ruled that the application hearing be scheduled without undue delay.  
Had J.D. Mack and CVS not had their revisions ready by last night, say Planning Board sources, they could have faced penalties for the delay.  
The Planning Board did hold a special meeting May 27 — but for a proposed Sears Hardware store on the corner of Fadem Road and Route 22 East. A major sticking point over the use of outdoor displays on the building emerged, which was resolved by having the exhibits of lawn mowers or fertilizer bags kept behind display windows. Work on the former Muzak office and vending machine warehouse is to start over the summer.

### Cancer Society unit seeks volunteers

The Union County unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its Road-to-Recovery Program.  
Contact Carolyn Fabrizio, service director, at (908) 354-7373 for additional information on joining the lifesaving crew of volunteer drivers.

## STUDENT UPDATE

### Maul earns honors

Barbara Maul of Springfield was named to the honor roll at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station for the third quarter of the 1997-98 academic year.  
Maul is in grade 10. She maintained a B average with no grade lower than a B in all subjects for the quarter.

### Schneider participates

Jessica Schneider of Mountaineer, a Union College class of 1998 psychology major, recently participated in the college's Steinmetz Symposium on student creative, scholarly and research achievements.  
Schneider, a resident of South Fork Road, is a 1994 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

### Schneider presented

The Effects of Musical Tempo on the Academic Performance of ADHD and Non-ADHD Children.  
The symposium is named for Charles Proteus Steinmetz, professor and head of electrical engineering and applied physics at Union from 1902 to 1923. Steinmetz, a world famous scientist, was known as the "Electrical Wizard" of General Electric.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## Live for now, but value the future

It's prom and graduation season, and with it comes the familiar admonition warning students against drinking and driving.

Demolished cars have been placed in front of most high schools throughout the country as a reminder of what can happen when students drive under the influence after a night of celebrating what should be only one of many important milestones in their lives. For those who do not heed the warnings, they are told, it could be their last celebration.

Those efforts are noble and necessary, but familiar slogans and wrecked cars can't take the place of a deeper dialogue with students about what it really means to take chances with their lives. By nature, many 17- and 18-year-olds don't conceive of their mortality as most adults do. That's probably why adults get the reputation of being staid and stodgy the older they get — they are realizing more and more, by way of experience, that anything can happen to them or those they love at anytime. The Grim Reaper is an equal opportunity snatcher. As a result, adults tend to be more careful, more responsible and more respectful of the random power of the world around them.

Those who have not experienced that power have no reason to fear it. Most teens still live under their parents' guidance and protection, free to pursue their studies, or the latest guy or girl who attracts their eye, living life from day to day. While that's a wonderful way to cut down on much of the unnecessary anxiety with which adults wrestle, it doesn't usually lead to wise or careful choices. Teens are still trying to figure out life through trial and error. That's why some end up among the statistics every prom and graduation season, no matter how many warnings they are given.

Parents, teachers and community leaders need to be aware of young people's tendency to live only for the moment. While they are repeating the typical slogans, and planning alcohol- and drug-free events, time also should be taken for a talk about the value of life, and how teens will eventually come to sense their precarious existence. Adults know that there are even better times to come after high school celebrations. They need to let young people know, through their own stories, why they should care about growing older, and why they should look forward to becoming stodgy, staid adults.

## Time will tell

Only time will tell just how much the latest attempt at auto insurance reform will actually help drivers in the Garden State. We will always have one of the highest rates in the nation simply because we're the most densely populated state.

This reform has its merits. It slashes rates by 15 percent for all drivers, which is something we all wanted — lower rates, period. However, how long before the insurance companies propose to increase rates?

In addition, the bill created a new position for a fraud prosecutor to track down insurance cheats and that should, theoretically, reduce costs in the long run by reducing the incidence of fraud. But this reform still seems to pit urban drivers against suburban drivers. It should be interesting to see what happens in 2000 when the caps that essentially hold down rates in urban areas are eliminated and the geographic map is redrawn. That's one aspect of reform that is missing from this latest legislation which citizens seem to want. Rates will continue to be based more on where a person lives rather than that person's driving record.

The latest piece of legislation created to deal with auto insurance reform was spurred not by the need to reform the system, which had been obvious for years, but by the narrow margin of victory by Christine Whitman in last year's gubernatorial election. It seems that might be the best way to get the attention of elected officials these days — get them worried about their job security. Car insurance was a topic of concern among motorists long before Whitman was in the governor's mansion, yet it took a nail-biter of an election before any serious discussions in the Legislature took place.

It wasn't until after the election that Whitman created a special task force to deal with auto insurance reform. With auto insurance taken care of, at least for a little while, perhaps now the state can attack school funding reform with the same vigor.

As car insurance was the agenda in last year's gubernatorial election, school funding reform will certainly be in the forefront during the next major election. It is a topic that is continually gaining momentum among citizens and looks like it will be the next galvanizing issue in coming elections.



**A CLEANER PARK** — Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr., joined Scouts from Troop 23 of Elizabeth picking up litter in the Watchung Reservation. Union County's largest park is now a nicer place to visit thanks to more than 100 volunteers who spent a recent Saturday picking up litter during the annual spring clean-up. The volunteers collected more than 600 pounds of recyclables and 550 pounds of garbage.

## What do we do with anti-social adolescents?

### As I See It

By Norman Rauscher  
Correspondent

The question is not why Kip Kinkel went on a murderous shooting spree in Oregon nearly two weeks ago, but, rather, what to do with this angry, anti-social adolescent.

The boy calmly shot to death two of his classmates, injured 20 others in a school cafeteria and apparently also murdered his parents before embarking on his obscene spree later in his school.

To make matters even worse, as though they could get any worse, he pulled a knife on one of the prison guards.

Authorities think that his suspension the day before because he brought a gun to school so angered him that he wanted revenge. This provides two clues to his bizarre vision of what's right and wrong. Apparently he felt he should not have been punished for bringing a gun to school. The other clue is the boy's obsession with guns and bombs and death. Police found a trove of bomb-making equipment in his home and elaborate instructions on how to make such devices.

What appalls the authorities as well as those who witnessed his rampage was the calmness with which he car-

ried out his carnage. Some said it resembled a Grade-B movie where the extras are mowed down like ducks in a gallery.

Obviously, the boy had a lot on his plate — anger, the need for revenge, disdain for life, complete irresponsibility and the obvious miscomprehension of what he had done. He did what he felt he had to do without any regard to the consequences.

I know therefore those who will say the kid was a nut and try to get him off with an insanity plea. I don't think that will work since the kid knew what he was doing and carried out his plan of slaughter methodically and with a cold calmness that gives you the shivers. He is not dumb.

Not only are several families destroyed by this act, but we wonder what's in store for Kip Kinkel. His parents were concerned about him

since his temper was formidable and he took pleasure in torturing animals. Bad omens. The parents sent him to a psychiatrist and for a time, he was taught at home. For awhile, the parents thought he was making some positive strides. But then came the fateful day of May 15 when Kip randomly found his true calling — visiting death on a host of innocent victims.

Now comes the hard part. Although he will be charged as an adult, he will not be executed because of Oregon law. As an adult, Kip will probably be sentenced to life in jail without any chance of parole. Obviously, he cannot be rehabilitated by the time he is 18, nor, experts believe, he can ever be rehabilitated. They are probably right. The families whose lives have been torn apart would probably like to have the kid executed regardless of his age. Revenge plays a major role in situations like this. To many, Kip Kinkel is all that is evil and does not deserve to live. Some would even do away with a trial and just do away with him once and for all. Kip would be gone but his handiwork would forever live on with those who were hurt.

Others will think that putting him away for the rest of his life is cruel and inhuman punishment and perhaps his sentence would be a maximum of his age, plus 15 years and then released. That would not sit well with the victims' families or the thousands and thousands of others who feel that's insufficient punishment for what he did. For Kip, a lifetime in jail could mean he could serve 70 years in jail under present life spans.

There are some crimes committed that are so heinous, unfathomable and beyond our comprehension that confinement for life is inhumane to both the defendant and the victims of the crime, who must live with this obscenity for the rest of their lives.

Kip is an angry and dangerous young man who is a danger not only to himself but to others. Some think that through his murderous actions, Kip has truly forfeited his life since his deeds are unforgivable. What say you?

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Was the policy violated?

To the Editor:

On May 13, each household in Springfield received a letter from Mayor Sy Mullman in which he claimed to speak for himself and every member of the Township Committee. The letter dealt with the formal charges brought against Lt. Ivan Shapow, who blew the whistle on Capt. Vernon Pedersen's latest round of ethnic slurs — slurs that were caught on audio tape and then played numerous times for the public on network television.

By entraining charges against Shapow, Mullman and the Township Committee have violated Springfield's own published policy on harassment. That policy specifically "encourages victims of harassment to bring their complaints to management by ensuring that no reprisals or retaliation will result from the good faith reporting of harassment."

In the letter, Mullman states that "under the law, the Springfield Police Department may not ignore an alleged violation (of its rules and regulations), regardless of the circumstances." If what Mullman says is true, then the law requires every violation of department rules to result in charges. Not true, Mr. Mullman! That doesn't happen. Not in our police department. Violation of department rules and regulations results in charges only when certain people commit them. Others are plainly ignored.

What Shapow did was born of necessity. Given the town's and police chief's sad history on preserving evidence and audio tapes of disciplinary hearings, the only reason for charging Shapow is to punish him for reporting Pedersen's bigotry.

Mullman concludes his letter with an attempt to frighten the public by saying that Lt. Shapow "sent an on-duty patrol officer outside of Springfield to purchase a tape recorder." This, Mullman says, "could have resulted in a serious safety hazard to the entire community."

Mullman apparently forgot that we send patrol units out of town every shift, every day. There are parts of Springfield that cannot be covered unless we go "out of town." We can't get to all of Route 78 West unless we go to Union and once we pass the old quarry, we can't turn around before Berkeleys Heights. We can patrol some portions of the Top without going into Mountaintops. How dare he criticize Lt. Shapow. The lieutenant sent a patrol unit out of town while three other units were still available to handle calls. Yet, on a daily basis, the police chief frequently leaves only one unit available and, at times, zero units for the entire town.

Now really, Mr. Mullman, in light of this startling revelation, which scenario poses the greater threat to Springfield's safety?

Officer John S. Foster, President  
PBA Local 76  
Springfield

### Ivan Shapow is a man of principle

To the Editor:

Editor's note: The following appeared in the newsletter of Temple Beth Ahm of Springfield.

Are all sins committed equal? Long ago, I had a conversation with a fellow

Jew who told me quite emphatically that eating a cheeseburger and committing murder were equivalent sins before God. I had a certain degree of respect for this individual's piety, but I found his equating appalling. After all, eating a cheeseburger causes no pain, produces no offspring, creates no widows, nor wastes a single life. Are all sins committed equal? No — not by a long shot.

Mayor Sy Mullman is faced with a problem. The law demands that two of Springfield's finest face disciplinary charges, one for an ethnic slur and one for exposing it. In the mayor's recent letter to the community, he strove for even-handedness in addressing the predicament. As he rightfully noted, "To fire an officer without taking the appropriate legal steps only leaves Springfield open to a lawsuit, and a reversal of our actions."

Then again, I think the mayor deserves our help in sorting out the vast and gaping differences between Captain Vernon Pedersen's bigotry and Lt. Ivan Shapow's sin. One can argue that Shapow violated Police Department rules, sending an officer beyond city limits to purchase a tape recorder, an act that may have been a safety hazard. But one can also argue that Shapow took extraordinary measures to save the reputation and integrity of the police force. He became privy to damaging information and proceeded to do what others feared: expose the bigotry in a big way and thus force all of us to deal with the innuendo and rumblings that have persisted for years. The mayor noted that "discrimination will not be tolerated within Springfield." That's good. But let's be perfectly clear: any discrimination will not be tolerated in Springfield.

A bigoted police leadership is an embarrassment to the township's good name.

• Bigoted police leaders render the Township Committee suspect of similar views:

- History shows that bigoted words lead to bigoted actions;
- A leadership that respects only the few invites the disdain of the many;
- A police force that does not inspire the trust of the people is ineffective. Even if we were to agree today that what Shapow did was illegal, let us weigh the two sins: Shapow exposes the township to danger for 20 minutes in comparison with a bigotry that undermines the integrity and effectiveness of the Police Department for years. Should Shapow be disciplined? Yes. Let's tell him not to do that again — and then promote him to chief of police. We don't need latent bigots on the police force. We need men of principle with guts, and that's precisely who Ivan Shapow is.

I'm sending this letter to our good mayor to help him resolve this messy situation in the best interests of our town. I hope you'll write to him too. Send your thoughts to: Mayor Sy Mullman, Municipal Building, Springfield, 07081.

Rabbi Perry Raphael Rank  
Springfield

### 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.

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news anchor  
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# Salary represents competitive compensation

Editor's note: This is the second installment of a two-part series. Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland has had excellent communication with all board members. He encourages community participation through numerous committees and ad hoc groups, is highly visible at school functions and has a pulse on the needs of our schools. He is primarily to ensuring our high schools is integrated properly and that our elementary schools continue their excellence. Although he has taken much criticism — for the actions of the voters on the issue of deregionalization — it is because of his leadership that we have had so few problems in opening a new high school this year and that our budget impact on the tax levy was one of the lowest in the county this year and over the past years, even in the midst of growing enrollment trends.



well we manage to publicize the many great and diverse achievements of our students, staff and program.

Although the newspaper has not historically reported and many of the wonderful things happening in our schools, a recent meeting between members of the *Echo Leader* staff and myself has begun to address this end find ways in which coverage of our accomplishments can be enhanced. From a basis of mutual understanding, we hope to expand and enhance "getting the story out" to the people of Springfield.

These past two weeks provide many fine examples of the accomplishments that can be attained in our schools and in the district. For example, two students, Tara Neumeister and Robert Jones, were named Scholar Athletes in Union County and were honored with other county high school scholar athletes at a dinner at the Westwood last Thursday evening. Also, one of our students in the Middle School, Vandy Haines-Cohen, scored first in the state and second in the nation on the National Level I French Examination given to high school students.

Our school psychologist, Dr. Roger Maidland, was named by the State's Psychologist Association as "School Psychologist of the Year." Betty Young, principal of Sandmeier School, received a Dodge Foundation Grant for \$5,000 in our schools on teaching students to evaluate their work and the impact of that process on their learning.

Tom Gula, biology teacher at Dayton, received a Dodge Foundation Grant for several thousand dollars to study in the rainforests of South America. His experiences, funded by this grant, will enable him to bring invaluable experience back to the students of our high school.

Dr. Friedland was elected president of the New Jersey School Development Council, a Reuters University professional organization devoted to promoting educational development programs for schools and educational staff.

A group of seventh-graders at Florence M. Gaudinier School and their science teacher, Allison Frawley, were honored at Schering-Plough in Union for their work this past year in science research on bacteria. Miss Frawley was a grant recipient last summer as part of school-business partnership.

The following teachers were honored at a reception for those who were recommended, by a committee of parents, community members and staff, to receive the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award for excellence in education. They are: Marcia Bright, fourth-grade teacher at James Caldwell School; Michele Anderson, fourth-grade teacher at Sandmeier School; Kathryn Cannell, special education teacher at Edward V. Walton School; Lori Antonelli, sixth-grade teacher at Gaudinier School; and Mary Ellen Powers, mathematics teacher at Jonathan Dayton High School.

These accomplishments of staff and students are some of the events that happen each week that are the result of outstanding teaching, strong parental participation and quality and supportive leadership.

It is unfortunate that the local newspaper has chosen in the past to focus on only the topic of the superintendent and his compensation, and it is a disgrace that a few individuals in this town have decided to focus their anger on the superintendent for his compensation plan without having any understanding of the complexities of the job or the damage their editorial or comments can cause.

Yes, the school board is accountable for its decisions regarding the administrative compensation package. To some people, making salaries in the six figures sounds unimagineable and like a lot of money. Our top-paid teachers in Springfield will make in the mid-\$80,000s; it is only logical that our administrators will make more for the breadth and depth of their responsibilities.

Dr. Friedland has worked diligently; making unpopular decisions regarding retention of staff, curbing the budget and reorganization of the district to assimilate the high school. He has been responsible and accountable and has not been deterred from our goals to improve our schools. We are obligated by contract to provide Dr. Friedland with a cost of living adjustment to his salary, which amounts to a 3 percent increase in his compensation plan.

You may have been misled by recent press and/or letters to the editor of the *Echo Leader* regarding Dr. Friedland's compensation. There have been no bonuses or excessive salary hikes for assuming the added responsibilities of the high school. Simply put, the language of his contract allowed for the conversion of certain — but not all — benefits to cash at his option. He is still covered by our health and dental policies, which are not nor were ever convertible to cash.

Dr. Friedland has elected to exercise the provisions of his contract language and convert some of his benefits to cash at an increased cost to the taxpayers of Springfield. Further, unless we were looking to withhold increment for cause, he is entitled to a raise as a matter of contract and state law. His raise, 3 percent, translates to somewhere in the range of \$4,000 to \$5,000, not \$75,000 to \$100,000, you may have been misled to believe.

We, as a board wish to retain his services, and Dr. Friedland has agreed to remain for the next three years under a new contract that projects a cost of living raise in each year of the new contract plus the opportunity for merit pay increases.

Our chief executive, who manages a \$19.2 million budget and approximately 300 employees, may be in the top 20 percent of compensation plans in the state. We also know that we need the expertise of his experiences of the past 17 years as a superintendent to move our district to the next level.

Some community residents have expressed their opinion and perceived that the superintendent may be overpaid. Dr. Friedland continues to do an outstanding job leading our school staff and assisting the board to its role of governing the schools. His salary and benefits represent a competitive compensation plan for the education, experience and talents he possesses.

Robert B. Fish is president of the Springfield Board of Education. Editor's note: How easy it is to rewrite history. The *Echo Leader* can cite hundreds of articles or news releases that have appeared in its pages during the last year alone that focus on the positive achievements of the students and the district. To say that we focus only on the superintendent is not only unfair, it's wrong.

## Morris work site is area of traffic accident

Springfield  
Two cars ran into each other while approaching a Bell Atlantic work crew site on Morris Avenue May 27. The driver of a Mitsubishi was traveling westbound in the right hand lane when it encountered diversionary traffic cones near Colonial Avenue. The Mitsubishi was attempting to merge left when it collided with a Chevrolet Blazer in the left lane, however, at about 11:16 a.m.

While no injuries occurred and both vehicles drove away, motorists should be alert to lane closures by various work crews. Bell Atlantic continues to have, for example, the right lane of westbound Morris Avenue between Alvin Terrace and Maple Street closed during business hours for the last three weeks. Their extensive overhead wiring work has resulted in a one-quarter-mile back-up in the Union border.

The telephone company is not alone in lane-blocking work. Public Service Electric and Gas has conducted utility main work for over a month on Morris between Mountain Avenue and Centre Street. The New Jersey Department of Transportation completed a crack sealing campaign on Morris Avenue Tuesday and erected new signs Interstate 78 East Express Lanes May 29.

### POLICE BLOTTER

The later vehicle's description was all the Jaguar owner recalled, however, as it left the scene.

The intersection accident was preceded by an Echo Plaza parking lot incident at about 5:41 p.m. May 26. The driver of a Lexus said it was hit by a Hyundai as it was crossing a landscaped intersection on the lot. The Hyundai driver got out, said "I did it," and drove off without further identification.

A police patrol noticed about 50 feet of fencing and two posts were taken down at about 11:14 a.m. May 26. Since the fence bordered 78 East at milepost 50.2 and land near Edison Place, NDOT was notified.

The driver of a Township of Springfield Dodge Ram was having trouble selecting reverse in the Brook Street municipal lot at about 10 a.m. May 26. When reverse suddenly engaged, however, the Ram ran into the side of a neighboring parked Pontiac Bonneville. Both vehicles suffered minor damage.

It was a Dodge Caravan versus a General Public Utilities pole on Route 22 East May 24 — and the Dodge lost. According to the Caravan passenger's account, the van was approaching Lawrence Avenue when the driver fell asleep. The Dodge struck the right hand pole at milepost 52.5 at about 3:09 p.m. Police called GPU for assistance

with the damaged pole. The two Dodge occupants reported injuries but no further injuries were recorded.

The owner of a 1997 Lexus with Texas license plates, among the day's other entries, reported his vehicle stolen from the Echo Plaza lot at about 10 p.m. May 24.

Three other unknown cars figured into a two-car accident with injuries at South Springfield Avenue and Independence Way May 23. The driver of a southbound Chevy van said he was trying to see his way around two other northbound cars while attempting a left hand turn onto Independence Way at about 2:30 p.m. A third northbound car ran heading into the van, however, and left the scene.

The Chevy driver was treated by the Springfield First Aid Squad but the passenger refused assistance.

Mountainside  
Mountainside police, with the help of Union Township police, arrested a Newark man after a pursuit which caused an accident on May 29. It was later found that the suspect had in his possession items that were reported stolen in three local burglaries, police said.

While traveling eastbound on Route 22 at approximately 4 p.m., Officer Michael Jackson observed a white four-door Oldsmobile traveling on the shoulder of the highway. After running a check, Jackson found that the vehicle had been reported stolen.

After back-up arrived, Jackson attempted to pull the vehicle over, but the driver, later identified as James Sanchez, 27, attempted to flee from

the officers, driving over the speed limit, changing lanes and attempting to run the officers off the road, Jackson reported.

During the chase, the suspect struck a van under the Parkway bridge on Route 22 East. The driver did not stop, and continued toward the High Lane Street exit in Union, where he lost control and struck a tree.

After attempting to flee on foot and physically resist arrest by rolling onto his stomach and clenching his hands over his body, Sanchez was finally detained and placed under arrest, police said.

After searching the vehicle, police found coins, jewelry, two VCRs, and two Sony Play Stations, all of which were reported in three burglaries, two from North Plainfield and one from Middletown Borough. Also found in the stolen vehicle were screwdrivers and other tools typically used in burglaries.

Also participating in the arrest were Corporal Allan Altamiano and Sgt. Richard Waigala of the Mountainside Police Department.

Sanchez was charged with eluding an arrest, aggravated assault, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, possession of stolen property from a burglary and violation of parole. He was turned over to the New Jersey State Department of Corrections for the violation of parole. The stolen vehicle was confiscated by police.

Sanchez is being held in the Mountainside district jail cell and awaits a court date this week.

## Lightning storm keeps firefighters responding

Springfield  
The severe thunderstorm that washed away Springfield's Memorial Day Parade and time capsule opening May 25 also kept the township fire department busy. The storm, which struck at about 9:12 a.m., brought all units to a Kimberly Court at about 9:45 a.m. as activated alarm at about 9:14 a.m.

Disrupting crews made to handle similar calls from two businesses on Morris and Mountain Avenues at about 9:22 a.m. The tower responded for all hands called at a reported time

### FIRE BLOTTER

at a Redwood road home at about 9:24 a.m. The firefighters, who participated in two memorial services earlier that day, closed out with another All-hands fire alarm call from a Brown Avenue business at about 11:45 p.m.

A shed fire at a Lyons place residence got the force's attention at about 7:45 p.m. Saturday. All hands fielded another activated fire alarm call from 4 Route 22 business at about 12:30 a.m. Friday.

Firefighters assisted township police and absorbed a fluid spill from a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Main Street at about 8:15 p.m. Thursday.

Mountainside  
The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department responded to two calls this week, but no injuries were reported.

On Wednesday May 27, at approximately 7:00 a.m., firefighters responded to a transformer fire on Central Avenue. Apparently, a squar-

rel had bitten into one of the high-power transmission lines, causing an explosion and a minor power outage in the area. The outage lasted only about 30 minutes, as PSE&G arrived to replace the line.

On the evening of Saturday May 30, firefighters responded to a house fire on New Providence Road. According to Fire Chief Marc Francisco, the resident had been burning sticks and brush for three days straight in their fireplace, but a crack in the fireplace allowed the fire to escape into the first floor of the home.

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# Pathways offers support groups for breast cancer survivors

Pathways, a local, nonprofit program that provides breast cancer resources, offers a variety of free professionally led support groups for

breast cancer survivors and those who care about them. Call (908) 277-3663 to register or for more information. A support group for women, recently

diagnosed and/or are currently in treatment, is offered on Tuesday afternoons. The group covers topics such as communicating with the health care system, coping strategies and issues involving families and friends and is facilitated by Marilyn Legato and Karen Searle, and meets from noon to 1:15 p.m. on June 9, 16, 23 and 30. A group for women who have com-

pleted treatment is offered on Thursday afternoons and provides the opportunity for women to draw strength and support from each other in a safe and nurturing environment and address common concerns that may arise when treatment is complete. Mary Hill and Kay English facilitate. The group meets from noon to 1:15 p.m. on June 4, 11, 18 and 25. There is an evening group on Wed-

nesdays that offers women at any stage of their recovery from breast cancer a safe and supportive environment in which to share resources and ways of coping. It is facilitated by Cynthia Weaver and Ava Schlusinger. The group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on June 10, 17 and 24.

On alternate Wednesday mornings, there is a group for women who have recurrent breast cancer. The support and encouragement of other women who are living with this type of cancer are important to living a full and complete life. Debbie Huapp-Saltzman facilitates. Call Pathways for specific times and dates.

Pathways offers a group for the family and friends of breast cancer survivors. It provides an opportunity to discuss and deal with issues and concerns that one or both members of

the couple may have. Bob Farina facilitates. The group will meet 7:30 to 9 p.m. on June 24. Meetings are held at one of Pathways' three sponsoring agencies: Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit, the Resource Center for Women, 31 Woodland Ave., and the Summit YWCA, 79 Maple St.

## Council designates June as National Safety Month

The National Safety Council states that a fatal injury occurs every six minutes and a disabling injury occurs every two seconds in America. The safety council has designated June as National Safety Month, and Doug Radford, vice president of the Summit office of Burgdorf ERA, said this is a good time to review home safety procedures.

"Most home injuries are preventable with a few precautionary measures. Knowing what to do and making homes safer are key to making all our lives healthier and happier," said Radford.

"The leading causes of injuries in the home are falls, poisonings, fires, burns and suffocation," he said. "With that in mind, even children as young as 4 or 5 years old should know how to dial 9-1-1 and when to use it. Families should make sure that everyone in the house knows an exit route in a fire and that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly. Storing household cleaners, drugs and other chemicals in a locked box or cabinet can prevent childhood poisonings. To avoid the possibility of falls in your home, secure area rugs with double-backed tape and install slip-resistant flushes in showers and floors."

Use ladders and stepping stools to get hard to reach items. Radford also suggested that all family members, including children who are old enough to be left alone, know how to find the following:

- The closest fire extinguisher, and how to use it.
  - Emergency contact numbers, including fire, police, and ambulance.
  - Fire box or main circuit breaker, and how it works.
  - Main gas and water shut off valves, and how to turn them off.
- "So many tragedies can be prevented if we understand what to do before an emergency situation arises," said Radford. "We can take the necessary steps to reduce the risk of injury at home. Talk to your family about how to react in case of an emergency and, most importantly, focus on prevention."

Founded in 1958 and celebrating its 40th anniversary in 1998, Burgdorf ERA has more than 600 sales associates and 29 offices across New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. The worldwide ERA real estate network includes more than 2,600 independently owned and operated brokerage offices with more than 2,600 independently owned and operated brokers; age offices with more than 27,000 brokers and sales associates in all 50 of the United States and 16 other countries.

## Cancer Society unit seeks volunteers

The Union County unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its Road to Recovery Program.

Road to Recovery is a free patient service program whereby volunteer drivers escort individuals to and from cancer treatments. It is a flexible volunteer opportunity for anyone who has a car and some spare time to help someone in need.

Contact Carolyn Fajria, service director at (908) 354-7373 for additional information on joining the lifesaving crew of volunteer drivers.

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LOCAL SPORTS
HIGHLIGHTS

The Dayton High School baseball team finished the season on a positive note by winning its last two games and three of its last four. The Bulldogs finished 7-12-1 overall and 6-7-1 in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference. Dayton posted wins last week against Manville 5-2 at home on Thursday and at Oratory 14-3 on Friday in Summit.



Photo by Milton Mills

Governor Livingston High School baseball standout and Mountaineers resident Eric Cantagallo delivered the game-winning hit last Friday, lifting the Highlanders to a 4-3 eighth-inning victory over Summit in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship game held at Union High School.

Youth baseball teams excel

The Springfield AAA All-Star baseball team played well despite falling to Kenilworth 8-1 May 24. Players representing the Springfield Dodgers included: Lee Silverman, Kenneth Suarez and Bryan Sittl, the Red Sox, Frankie Miceli, Sara Steinman and Harris Tuchman; the Braves, Louis Puppola, Michael Staus and Donald Volkert and the Yankees, Steven Bernkopf, Josh Goldman and Jared Weiss. Sittl batted a double, stole third and then scored Springfield's only run when the throw to tag him at third went past the third baseman.

AAA

Kenilworth 13, Springfield 6: Donald Volkert drove in a run with a triple and Bryan Sittl drove in a run for Springfield's first two runs in a second All-Star Game. Kenneth Suarez pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings and then Volkert held Kenilworth scoreless in the fourth. Down 13-3 in the bottom of the sixth, Springfield did not give up and managed to score three more runs before Kenilworth registered the game's final out.

AA

Coloardo Rockies 16, Atlanta Braves 0: Both teams entered the game with just one loss, but it was the Rockies who had their hitting shoes on. Ryan Walsh belted his third grand slam of the season and Justin Molinari followed that at-bat with a triple. Ryan Weller drove home Molinari.

A

Phillies 13, Cardinals 12: Pauline DeFazio drove in Stacy Fonseca with the winning run and also earned the mound victory. Jaime Weisman drove in two runs for the Phillies with a double and Mindy Fersel scored two runs. Cardinals pitcher James Rutkowski struck out four and hit the ball well. Courtney Mander also pitched well, Marisa Galan did a good job at catcher and Julie Nitello played well.

Highlanders had the right attitude for winning crown
GL tops Summit for sectional championship

By Andrew McGinn
Assistant Sports Editor
UNION — Governor Livingston and Summit must have thought it was deja vu all over again last Friday when the two teams met in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 final.

After all, Summit and GL had met at the same neutral site less than two weeks earlier in the semifinals of the Union County Tournament, with eventual champion Summit emerging as 8-4 victors.

But it was a different, more confident Highlander team that took the field this time, a squad sparked by an impressive 19-2 record in its previous 21 games that made everyone all but forget about its less-than-impressive 1-4 beginning.

The Highlanders took a refuse-to-lose attitude into the championship game against Summit and did just that, emerging with a 4-3 victory in eight innings to win their first sectional crown since the early 1980s. The Highlanders improved to 21-6 with the win while Summit fell to the same record of 21-6 with the loss.

Although Summit lost, both teams were scheduled to be in action Tuesday. GL was to face North Jersey, Section 1, Group 2 winner Glen Rock in a Group 2 semifinal at Linden's Memorial Field, while Summit was to host Morris Hills in a game that would determine the champion of the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference.

The Group 2 championship game is scheduled for Saturday at Toms River North High School at 3 p.m., following the Group 4 game which has a noon start. The other two Group Finals will be contested at Toms River East, Group 1 at noon and Group 1 at 3 p.m.

If GL defeated Glen Rock (18-5) on Tuesday, the Highlanders will be in Saturday's Group 2 state championship game against either Audubon or Voorhees.

Tuesday's other Group 2 semifinal featured South Jersey, Group 2 champion Audubon (25-2) vs. Central Jersey, Group 2 champion Voorhees (13-4) at Mercer County Community College.

GL's 20th win in 22 games was sparked by the unlikely heroics of pitcher Craig Chait and catcher Eric Cantagallo, one of several Mountain Side residents that dot the Highlander roster.

Chait, a crafty lefty who has been used sparingly this season, walloped the distance for GL and pitched masterfully, save for a rough fifth inning. Not an overpowering pitcher, Chait notched his win by hitting his spots and letting his defense, which did not make an error, do the rest.

Union County National Bank
Crest Refrigeration 10: John O'Rourke pitched twice, Charlie Biordi and Frank Cappiloro belted triples and Al Schachman arrived from out of town just in time to make the game and pitched seven strong innings.

Nilsen Detective Agency 11, All America Financial 6: John Waterer batted out, four hits and Leonard Yenish pitched six scoreless innings.

Antoine's Grill & Pub 7, Cheques 6: Joe Tarulli belted a home run and triple while Steve Fatula and Gerry Faruolo added two hits each for AGP. Al Dabbio pitched a complete game and made a couple of outstanding defensive plays on the mound.

Cantagallo, who has been stuck in the shadows of his brother Mark all season, emerged from those shadows in a big way, knocking in two of the Highlanders' four runs, including belting the game-winning hit with two outs in the bottom of the eighth, a long drive that sailed over the head of Summit leftfielder Duane Dates.

H.S. Baseball

"Eric's been in Mark's shadow for, I'd say, half the year, but the last 10 games he's really been hitting well so I felt good with him up there," GL head coach Bill Howard said. "This sounds like a cliché, but we have a great bunch of kids. You're always going to have one or two kids you don't like, but I don't have that this year."

"Every kid, whether he's on the bench or not, is into the game and I think the biggest factor in our success is that we have contributors from one through nine in the lineup." After dropping two previous games against Summit this season, one of them a non-conference regular-season contest, Howard decided to give the Hilltoppers a different look in the states by going with Chait and the move more than paid off.

Chait pitched the final two innings against Summit in the UCT semifinals, striking out three and surrendering two hits and two walks. More importantly, he kept the Hilltoppers off the scoreboard in that game and that was a good sign going into last week's state tournament contest. Chait improved to 3-1 with the complete-game effort.

"I had my doubts, sure, because we were throwing a guy who was only 2-1 coming in," said Howard, who commented that he would have gone the maximum 10 innings with Chait had the game gone that long. "I thought going with Craig, a crafty little lefty, was our best shot and he came through great. The key was for him to throw strikes and he did that."

GL placed single runs in the second.

NSJAA GROUP 2 BASEBALL Semifinals

Tuesday, June 2
N1-Glen Rock (18-5) vs.
N2-Governor Livingston (21-6) at Linden's Memorial Field

CJ-Voorhees (13-4) vs.
SJ-Audubon (25-2) at Mercer County College

Saturday, June 6
at Toms River North, 3:00

third and fifth innings before Cantagallo knocked in the game-winning in the eighth.

Following a groundout by rightfielder and cleanup hitter Hank Hansen in the second inning, first baseman Brian Schmidt drew a walk, designated hitter Jeff Smith singled and shortstop Terrence Reilly also walked to lead the bases. Eric Cantagallo then notched the first of his two RBI, plating courtesy runner Mark Layer on a sacrifice fly before leftfielder Chris Butler took a called third strike to end the inning.

Centennialist Dan Lallis, who went 2-for-3 with a walk and two stolen bases, singled to lead off the third inning, stole second and came plateward on an RBI ground-rule double by third baseman Mark Cantagallo, who narrowly missed a home run.

The Highlanders took advantage of an error by Summit shortstop Josh Lipsey in the fifth and scored an unearned run to knot the score at 3-3. Lallis once again singled and stole second to lead off the inning and came around to score when Lipsey's throw sailed out of play.

Second baseman Rob Giannotti, who eventually scored the winning run, walked to lead off the eighth and was sacrificed to second by Hansen. After Schmidt flew out, Jeff Smith drew an intentional pass and Reilly walked as well to jack the sacks.

The Highlanders were able to exact revenge on Summit hurler Jared Chellevold, who notched the win in the county tournament contest, by pounding the senior right-hander for five hits and six walks in 7 2/3 innings.

GL defeated North Plainfield by a score of 9-4 on May 27 for a victory in between state tournament victories over top-seeded Morris Hills 10-9 on Rockaway May 26 and 10-2 second-seeded Summit.

Mountaineers resident Mark Layer improved his pitching record to 4-0 by stopping the Canucks on seven hits in a Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division contest held in Berkeley Heights.

Layer struck out four and walked four in a complete-game, seven-inning stint.

Mark Cantagallo and Schmidt drove in two runs each to propel fourth-seeded past Morris Hills in the sectional semifinals. Reilly belted a two-run homer to snarl six runs in the fourth as GL 4-4 tie and take a 10-4 lead.

Morris Hills scored the game's final five runs in the sixth, though as the Morris County school finished the season 18-6.

Union County League has 9 teams in fold this year

Springfield among towns that are represented

Union County Senior Softball League play has commenced once again, with nine teams in the fold this year from the towns of Cranford, Springfield, Union and Westfield.

Here's a look at some of the season's first results:

50 PLUS DIVISION

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Concast Clevelation 7, All America Financial 8: Carl Cicola singled in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh while Bill Reichle and Charles Ranspethler batted out three hits each.

Mason 12: Jim Maffetti blasted a home run and double among his three hits and drove in four runs. Charles Lehman and Matt Spanier had three hits each including a triple and double. Wayne Smeaton, Bob Clark and Tom Dick had multiple-hit games for Legg Mason.

Seniors Softball

Antoine's Grill & Pub 12, Crest Refrigeration 7: Vic Gorman batted out four hits while Mike Pender, Gary Wiese, Joe Tarulli and Tony Muccia belted two each.

Union County National Bank 11, Nilsen Detective Agency 10: Pat Calmo batted out three hits and Bill Hansen two to lead UCNB. Time Lannette, Bruce Elliott and Leo Yenish belted three hits each for Nilsen.

Nilsen Detective Agency 13, Concast Clevelation 12: Bob Debellis drove in the winning run.

Tino Lannaccone batted out four hits and Chuck Harrell two.

Cheques 15 Legg Mason 12: Morrison belted a home run and double. J. Geoghan belted a triple and Henry Darnes legged out a double for Legg Mason.

Russell's Tuxedos 21, Union Center National Bank 21: Jerry Aron batted out four hits and Al Cohen threw, including a triple and double, for UCNB.

Antoine's Grill & Pub 13, All America Financial 11: Rich Hoyer blasted three hits, two of them a home run and triple, and Gerry Faruolo batted out three hits as well. Bob Manton, Mike Pender, Stu Coffey and Eric Tarulli had two hits each, Tarulli hitting a home run.

Russell's Tuxedos 8, Crest Refrigeration 4: Russell's posted another victory after winning a high-scoring game against Union Center National Bank.

Tennis expanded at UCC

This summer, Union County College will expand its tennis course offerings to four sections each for beginners and intermediate-level players. Classes will be conducted on the outdoor tennis courts on the College's Cranford Campus.

Through the tennis courses, students will learn and practice basic grips, forehand and backhand strokes, serve and volley. Beginners can choose from time slots of 5-6 p.m. or 10-10:10 p.m. on Mondays, either June 15 through July 13 or July 20 through August 17. Intermediate players can select from the same times on Thursdays, either June 16 through July 14, or July 21 through August 18. More information may be obtained by calling the college's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at 908-709-7600.

Area track and field performers Rob Campora of Governor Livingston, Holder Santo of Johnson and A.J. Adams of Roselle qualified for yesterday's NJISAA Meet of Champions, the final day of the high school spring track season.

All three turned in outstanding performances at last weekend's Group 2 meet held at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield, also the site of last night's season-ending competition.

Campora won the pole vault event with a toss of 14-0.

Santo and Adams were the last two to place in the 1,600-meter run. Santo finished fifth and Adams sixth, although both of their times were the same — 4:26.40.

The Springfield Junior Baseball Association annual picnic will take place Sunday, June 7 at Sandor Middle School from noon to 4 p.m.

The rain date for the picnic is Sunday, June 14.

The picnic will include food, games and music and will be sponsored by Outback Steakhouse.

Come watch the baseball board play the coaches in a softball game after the picnic.

The Springfield Recreation Department is now taking reservations for the tennis courts in Springfield.

Telephone reservations will be taken for all courts up to 48 hours prior to that day; example — on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for Thursday, on Friday for the following Monday.

The courts will be available for sign up on the same day during holiday weekends.

Weekday reservations cannot be taken for the same day, since the sheets are posted at the courts by 9 a.m.

Residents are required to obtain a photo ID, which will be a \$10 charge.

The badges are available at the Sarah Dalrymple Civic Center on 30 Church Mill in Springfield from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Once an initial ID is obtained, it will be validated year after year with no other charges.

More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 973-912-2228.

Kean University will run its first Summer Baseball Camp during the weeks of June 29-July 2 and July 6-July 9.

The camp will be hosted by head coach and former professional player Neil Levine, assistant head coach and former professional player Jorge Perez and Union County Hall of Fame coach Tony Picaro.

Special guest speakers will also be on hand from the collegiate and Major League ranks.

The two weekly sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and min dates listed for June 23 and July 10.

More information may be obtained by calling the Kean University baseball office at 908-527-2002.



**VALUABLE LESSONS** — Students from Theima Sandmeyer School in Springfield learned some valuable lessons about car safety and seat belts thanks to the Chrysler Corporation's free program 'Do the Buckle.' The children were able to participate in some hands-on experiments that showed them how a chemical reaction causes an airbag to inflate and how it protects them in case of an accident.

## Hancock to be honored by Woman's Club

The Mountaineer Woman's Club Inc. is honoring Carol B. Hancock, a member for 36 years, as NJ. State President.

On the state level, Hancock served as first vice president, second vice president, third vice president, membership chairman and recording secretary, vice president, Sixth District; chairman of Bylaws, Policies and Historian; vice chairman of Special State Project and member of the Convention, Yearbook and First Foundation Fund Committees. She served as district chairman of many departments and committees. Hancock is a member of the Ex Club and Sixth District Past Presidents' Club.

For Mountaineer Woman's Club, Hancock served as president-second vice president, corresponding secretary, parliamentarian, trustee and other chairmanships.

A 17-year member of The Woman's Club of Westfield,

she served as second vice president, federation secretary, parliamentarian and bylaws chairman.

Hancock is a member of NAP, NJSPAF and is a past president of the Cranford Unit of Parliamentarians.

She served on the boards of both Overlook Hospital and the Overlook Foundation. With more than 7,100 volunteer hours at the hospital, she served as auxiliary president and the gift shop jewelry buyer.

Her new interest is the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, where she is an Amadeus Circle Chapter Member and a member of the League's South Mountain Chapter.

On June 18 between 2 and 4 p.m., a High Tea will be held to honor Hancock. To make your reservation, contact Marilyn Tonnesen at (908) 233-4537.

## Newcomers Club announces summer activities

The Mountaineer Newcomers Club announced the following member activities.

• June 11: The Mountaineer Newcomers Club Mommy & Me Committee will hold a Father's Day Gift Crafting morning for pre-schoolers at 10 a.m. Call Martha Perasso for information on joining at 654-7789.

• June 20: The Mountaineer Newcomers Club Social Committee will hold its annual June barbecue for Newcomer Adults at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme will be "Down Under" with lots of Australian fun. Call

Martha Perasso for information on joining at 654-7789.

• June 30: The Mountaineer Newcomers Club will hold a Pampered Chef fund raiser at 7:30 p.m. This evening will feature Pampered Chef Kitchen and cookware items demonstrated and for sale. A portion of the proceeds will go toward Newcomer's fund raising.

The Mountaineer Newcomers Club is a social and charitable organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to newcomers in town, to help them meet other

newcomers, and to do everything possible to make them feel welcome and part of the community. Membership is open to new residents of Mountaineer or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a child, or a change in employment or marital status.

## Friends want magazines

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library would like donations of magazines within a year's date.

The Springfield Library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sundays until summer, the library is open from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its Lunchtime Theater series with the second and final part of the documentary "Titanic" on June 9 at noon.

Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The Springfield Library is located at 65 Mountain Ave. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

Interested students can be assessed if they call the LVA office at (908) 925-7757 to make an appointment for that day.

Literacy Volunteers is the most active adult tutoring organization in Union County.

Host families sought

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking host families for boys and girls 15 to 18 from overseas who are coming to this area for the upcoming high school year.

These responsible and academically select exchange students speak Eng-

lish, are bright, curious and anxious to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host family.

The students are sponsored by ASSE, an organization founded by the Swedish Ministry of Education. ASSE also cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministers of Education and is approved by the Australian and New Zealand Departments of Education.

The Exchange Students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own spending money and expects to bear his or her share of the household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities.

The students are screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the youngster of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays.

ASSE is also seeking local high school students to become ASSE Exchange Students abroad. Students should be between 15 and 18 years old and interested in living with a host family, attending school and learning about the lands and people of Europe, Asia, South America, Canada, Australia or New Zealand.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family or an Exchange Student should contact ASSE's local representative, Jay Turner, at (908) 364-7884 or 1-800-677-2773.

## NEWS CLIPS

The brochure and reregistration form will be available in early May. The registration fee of \$50 per one hour course for the four weeks makes this an inexpensive way to learn and have fun each morning in July.

For enrollment information or further questions, call Nicholas Corby at Sandmeier School at (973) 376-1025, Ext. 3420.

Literacy group meets

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding Literacy Library Day at the Mountaineer Library, Constitution Plaza, on June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is for all interested potential or current students and tutors. Tutors are available to use, or how to solve problems that they are having. Potential tutors can find out about the program.

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## OBITUARIES

**Mrs. Kozak-Arent**

Kathleen Kozak-Arent, 52, of Mountaineer died May 30 in the Manor Care Nursing Home, Mountaineer.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Kozak-Arent lived in Mountaineer for most of her life. She was a department manager for Quest Diagnostics, Teeterboro, until a year ago.

Surviving are a son, Stanley Vincent Arent Jr.; a daughter, Heather Arent; a brother, Paul Kozak Jr.; and her mother, Catherine Kozak.

**Gertrude Schryba**

Gertrude "Peg" Anna Schryba, 81, of Mountaineer died May 31 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Schryba moved to Mountaineer in 1951. She worked for Bamberger's in Newark during the 1940s as a section manager. Mrs. Schryba was the first

woman president of the department store's Co-Workers Association. She was active with the Westfield Day Care Center and First Congregational Church Bible Study Group at the church. Mrs. Schryba had been a den mother for the Mountaineer Club Scouts.

Surviving are two sons, Paul R. and William K., and a brother, Richard Jaeger.

**Edward A. Reisen**

Edward A. Reisen of Summit, a retired businessman active in community affairs, died May 23 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Reisen lived in Summit since 1952. He ran the Reisen Lumber Co., Union, with his late brothers, Morris and Clarence, for more than 50 years before retiring. Mr. Reisen served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the board of trustees of Overlook Hospital, Summit, for six years, president

of United Way and chairman of the United Campaign of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Jean; two daughters, Elsiebeth and Carol; two sons, Harry and Daniel; and eight grandchildren.

Public Notice

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on June 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Office, 100 Municipal Center, Springfield, New Jersey, to consider an application for a special use exception for a residential use in the R-1 zoning district. The application is for a residential use in the R-1 zoning district. The application is for a residential use in the R-1 zoning district.

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