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Police consider defibrillators for squad

By Craig Garrison
Staff Writer
Springfield Township Committee member William Russo believes \$3,500 is a small price to pay to save a life. Springfield Police Chief William Chisholm, Deputy Chief Robert Lucid of the Summit Police Department and Mountaineer Chief James Debbie all agree: the automated external defibrillator gives police officers a chance to assist heart attack victims before ambulances or rescue squad personnel can respond.

To outfit every police car with one of the units would be somewhat costly, but the benefits offer a far greater chance of survival than CPR. To a

victim a heart attack, timely use of a defibrillator can be the difference between life and death. Most people think defibrillators are huge machines found only in hospital emergency rooms, with a frantic doctor screaming "Clear!" and zapping the patient with a pair of hand-held shock paddles.

But the automated external defibrillator, weighing just seven pounds, is completely automated. It monitors the patient's heartbeat and delivers the electric shock if needed. All the emergency worker must do is apply adhesive pads to the patient's chest and the unit does the rest.

The defibrillators cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000 each, much cheaper than their original price tag of \$10,000 when first introduced in 1990. Because of their portability, ease of use and relatively low cost, the devices are quickly becoming standard equipment in hospital, ambulances and rescue squads. About 14,000 defibrillators have been sold in the United States this year, an increase of 46 percent from 1997, according to *The Star-Ledger*. They are even being found in colleges, high schools, museums and on airplanes.

In some states, they are now being issued as standard equipment in patrol cars. Assemblyman Reed Gusciora, D-Mercer, is sponsoring a package of bills that would require New Jersey police departments to have the devices. Seven municipalities in the state as well as the Union County Sheriff's Department have already equipped their police cars with the devices.

Police in Mountaineer, Springfield and Summit are also working ahead of the state assembly, seeking to outfit as many patrol cars as possible with the life-saving units. Because police are usually the first responder in any scene, they will have the best chance of saving a heart attack victim, Lucid said. Police officers are invariably the first emergency workers on the scene. The first emergency responder should be equipped with these devices because the timing is critical, he said. According to the American Heart Association, a heart attack victim who is defibrillated within four minutes has a 90 percent survival rate. The odds drop quickly after that, with only 45 to 60 percent chance of survival if defibrillated 10 minutes after cardiac arrest. Only Minneapolis police unit equipped with automated external defibrillators had a 58 percent survival rate. Lucid said the Summit Police Department currently has three of the

Board of Ed examines administrative structure

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer
After seven weeks of evaluation, William Liberera of Educational Nexus presented the Springfield Board of Education with an assessment of the administrative structure of the district at Monday night's board meeting. "We look for findings that cut across all of our enrollment," Liberera said. "These findings are supported by fiscal information. They are supported by survey responses. They are supported by reports."

The first of Liberera's results was that the Springfield public schools are well organized and effective in the day to day administration of the district, according to the report. "This does not mean that the district is not without problems, but we were struck by how effective the transition from a pre-K through eight district to a pre-K through 12 district has been in a very short period of time," Liberera said.

Other findings report that costs per pupil are higher in Springfield than average in the state and District Factor Group school districts. The DFG is a compilation of a community's socioeconomic status and educational background so that communities can compare themselves to other districts in similar categories. On an A through I scale, Springfield is in the GII group, along with Cranford, Cedar Grove, Montclair, Union Township and West Orange.

With a ratio of one guidance counselor for every 135 students, Liberera said the level of guidance support at Jonathan Dayton High School is unsatisfactory, while it is lacking in the middle schools. He also commented that there is uneven communication and understanding of administrative functions.

"When administrators were asked about their relationship to the central office, there was a very positive response," Liberera said. "With teachers, it was a little different. There were some concerns about the relationship, but this is really common with a shift from pre-K through 8 to pre-K through 12."

Other results found that student achievement, as measured by state testing, is consistently at or above the average results in DFG schools. At the same time, Liberera sees a need for greater curriculum and subject matter support for pre-K through 12th grade, in order for higher levels of achievement and improved effectiveness. There is a need to enhance the use of technology in the classrooms on a daily basis," Liberera said.

The following recommendations were based on these findings, but Liberera said "there is no urgency in any of this. There is the opportunity to plan well for this, but there just to be a clear plan."

There needs to be a split between the functions of districtwide information management and the use of technology in the classrooms.

Teaching supervisors or coordinators should be established to contribute to pre-K through 12th grade curriculum coordination and planning.

A full-time assistant administrator must be established in the middle school. A second full-time guidance counselor should be established in the middle school, as should the option of building-based counselors at the elementary schools be explored.

A multi-year plan of the implementation and evaluation of administrative restructuring, plus a communication plan, should be created before implementation.

After Liberera's report, Superintendent of Schools Guy Friedland made it clear to the board that the report is "totally independent of my thought." He and board members will discuss the findings, suggestions and options in coming weeks in order to establish a plan for any restructuring that might take place.

Beat goes on for township veteran

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer
His living room reverberated with jazz as the 92-year-old sax player paused from playing to take a breath and catch the beat. Music has been the highlight of the life of lifetime Springfield resident Edward A. Cardinal, the oldest living World War II veteran in the township. Cardinal's most recent bookings have been at convalescent homes; playing with the "Granddads" in 1987, Cardinal was approached by Frank Franzese of Springfield, the group's mandolin player. "My friend kept nagging me to come with him, so I did," the former garden center owner remembered. "I thought that playing for sick people would be a joke — that they would only sit there and not respond to the music because they were too ill." Cardinal was pleased to discover he was wrong. "I recalled one woman, confined to a wheelchair, who asked him to play 'Jazz.' When he was finished, they both cried. 'After that, I never missed an engagement with the band despite two heart attacks and as long as I'm alive, I don't think so,'" Cardinal said in a 1994 article in *The Star-Ledger*. "The 'Granddads' just engage."



Edward A. Cardinal, 92, plays the saxophone during a performance at a convalescent center in Manahawick. Cardinal is a lifetime Springfield resident and the township's oldest living World War II veteran.

Students aid Veterans Day celebration

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer
Generations blended to commemorate Veterans Day at Veterans Memorial Park at 11 a.m. in Springfield last week. "It's a refreshing sight to see youngsters with smiling faces and the folks that they won't ever have to wear a gas mask," guest speaker Harry Michelson said, referring to his own time.

Michelson is a veteran of the Ninth African, Sicily and D-Day invasions and a recipient of two Purple Hearts, a Presidential Citation, three battle stars and the Cross de Guerre with a Silver Star from the French government.

Students from Cranford and Summit schools assisted members of Springfield's chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars Battle Post 7687 in carrying the flag. The students also led the crowd in singing "Grand Old Flag" before reciting their own original poems.

Representatives from the police and fire departments, the American Legion and the Jewish Veterans were also in attendance.

While about 100 members of the community attended last week's commemoration, the Springfield chapter, which reflects the nation, is rapidly losing aging members. According to Battle Post 7687 Commander Stan Wink, the nation is losing 36,000 veterans each month. "In addition, most of the participants in veterans' associations throughout the country are survivors of World War II rather than the Vietnam conflict or the more recent Gulf War."

Felt designs on exhibit at Springfield library

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer
The Springfield Public Library is staying warm and keeping dry with felt created by designer Holly Scaler. "These hats are for children of all ages," Scaler said. "They are designed geared toward the young in all of us."

All of the felted hats are hand-made originals as well as combinations of felted and knitted with lace. The design technique requires felting raw wool with heat, soap, water and friction.

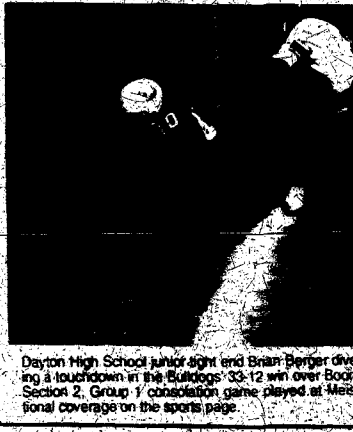
Scaler began creating hats primarily for children three years ago. After majoring in costume design at the University of Delaware, Scaler studied hair color and then began teaching classes in the Fashion Institute of Technology.

"I have always loved dressing people up and creating fantasy," she said. "It was while she was taking classes that she discovered felted hats and began teaching herself. Three years later, her product line became the Vermont Felted Hat Shop."

Because she also loves the art of teaching, Scaler is available for one-on-one workshops. "I just want to be the best I can be and have people enjoy it," she said. "I want to add something joyful to the world."

Scaler's felt hats exhibit will remain at the Springfield Public Library until Dec. 3. Proceeds are going to help increasing youth who are modeling their hats to the local youth. Proceeds from the exhibit will also help support the library's ongoing efforts to acquire a new building.

Diving for the end zone



Dayton High School junior tight end Brian Berger dives across the goal line after scoring a touchdown in the Bulldogs' 33-12 win over Bockton last Friday in a North Jersey Section 2, Group 1 consolation game played at Weiser Field in Springfield. See additional coverage on the sports page.

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Hadassah to perform satirical Cinderella

Shundrells, a satirical Jewish take-off on the Cinderella story, will be performed by members of the Springfield Hadassah chapter...

Settlement on early American table customs will be made

Tons of the history-rich 1940 farmhouse will be available throughout the afternoon, with the last tour scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Vaccinations given with success

The Springfield Board of Health has announced the completion of several very successful programs which provided flu and pneumonia vaccinations for township residents.

Museum to feature holiday demonstration

The Miller-Cox Home Museum will feature its annual Colonial Thanksgiving feast demonstration over the open hearth.

Project Graduation holds clothing drive

A used clothing drive will be held Saturday to benefit Governor Livingston High School's 1999 Project Graduation.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.

Tuesday: The Springfield Free Public Library, 60 Mountain Ave., will host a "Great Books Discussion Group"...

Saturday: The second annual Winter Craft Fair at the Springfield Branch United Methodist Church will be held indoors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: The TransSide Nature and Science Center will present a family program from 2 to 4 p.m. called "Exotic Plant Removal"...

Wednesday: Faith Lutheran Church invites all interested area residents to join them for a Special Service at Thanksgiving on the eve of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Clumping Events: Nov. 29: The TransSide Nature and Science Center will present a family program at 2 p.m. called "Panda"...

Ongoing: The Knights of Columbus, Springfield Council #500, is conducting a program to collect glasses for "Keys for the Needy"...

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WWII vet calls music 'highlight of my life'

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ment was in April of this year. A group composed of musicians ranging in age from 70 to 92, the band has since fallen to illness and injuries.

Cardinal began playing instruments in his early 20s while he was attending law school in Newark. He began by learning the clarinet, which he purchased for \$10. "It wasn't long before I really started playing," he said.

Cardinal soon bought a saxophone for \$110. "If you can play the clarinet, you can play the sax," he said. As weeks passed, the band Cardinal had become more popular as they were booked at restaurants, clubs and weddings.

One particularly memorable evening playing in the South Orange firehouse stands out in Cardinal's mind. In the middle of their set, the fire alarm began to sound. "Everyone ran to the window to see what was happening," Cardinal recalled. "We were alone playing, so as hand members filled our instruments with their delicious Italian cakes and cookies."

It was August, 1941 when Cardinal had to leave Springfield to serve in the Second World War. "It was Aug. 8," he said, "my eighth wedding anniversary. That was a sad day."

Cardinal had found himself drafted several weeks earlier and knew that the day was approaching when he would have to leave his wife, Lillian, and their 10-month-old child. "We heard the train coming in, my train I gave her my last hug and kiss," he said. "I looked out the window and

followed her as the train pulled away. It was terribly sad."

But the comfort and familiarity of Cardinal's music found him in the Navy.

For Cardinal, the highlight of his music career came on New Year's Eve, 1943, when he and the ABCD-1 Alphabets played as part of a 22-piece band in San Francisco's Stage Door Canteen.

Stationed in Hawaii, Cardinal served as the safety inspector for the Pearl Harbor Navy Base.

"Times happened to me that were ecstatic," but they were a blessing, not a disguise," Cardinal said.

Cardinal received \$5 each night he and the Alphabets played during the war. "That was quite a bit then," he said. "Dad wasn't allowed to tell any wife where the money was coming from."

In 1991 Cardinal's wife was transferred from their Springfield home into a convalescent center. She became an audience member for Cardinal's band until she died in April, 1999.

"I try at least half an hour each day. Cardinal still warms up with his saxophone. He still views music as the highlight of his life."



Drew Weisholtz performs as Drew Diamond at a New York City comedy club. The Springfield resident recently won a national joke-writing contest sponsored by comedian Steve Allen.

Local comic keeps 'em rolling in the aisles

By Craig Gieseler
Staff Writer

Have you heard the one about the Game Show Network?

Springfield's Drew Weisholtz, who performs under the stage name Drew Diamond, is a stand-up comedian who performs at clubs throughout the area. When he came across Steve Allen's challenge to find the funniest joke in the nation, Weisholtz sent in a 500-word bit for the 24-hour television network. He won a \$1,000 and a signed copy of Allen's "How to Be Funny."

The best entry is from Drew Weisholtz. He is the winner, Allen said after picking the winning joke from the thousands sent to Prometheus Books. Weisholtz's prize-winning entry:

"A lot of people watch the Weather Channel. In terms of unnecessary television, it has to be behind the Game Show Network. If you watch game shows that much, why are you answering the age-old question — why do contestants from the military have so few characteristics? Are they going to battle during taping? None of the other contestants wear their work outfits. The McDonald's fry guy doesn't shave in his paper hat. The minister doesn't bring his wife to the ceremony."

Weisholtz, who graduated from Rutgers University in 1997 with a degree in journalism, has been a stand-up comedian for about six months. "I've always wanted to be a comedian," Weisholtz said. "I always felt like I was funny, enough I figured I would try it." He gathered some friends and ran through a five-minute routine during a "pre-show" at a New York comedy club. He was the manager and host of that he could be funny in front of a full house.

He will be performing at the Washington Arts Center Dec. 3.

Honoring veterans



Matt DeMauro of Springfield displays the collection of war memorabilia honoring Veterans Day shown in the lobby of Jonathan Dayton High School.

Area police may train in use of heart defibrillators

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devices and is hoping to acquire five more by the end of next year. The intent is to have enough defibrillators to outfit every marked police car, he said.

One defibrillator was purchased through a grant from the Overlook Foundation and two others were paid for by the city. Local said. Police officers are currently undergoing training at Overlook Hospital in the use and the devices should be in service by January.

Christofani said that the Springfield Police Department doesn't have any of the units yet, but that he did prepare a report on the devices for the Springfield Township Committee. At the committee's Nov. 10 meeting, Ruocco estimated that it would cost less than \$50,000 to outfit and train the Springfield Police Department with the defibrillators and urged the committee to assist funding next year's budget.

"It's a small price to pay to save a life," he said.

In Mountaineer, the borough has already bought one unit for the police

department, and the rescue squad has two. Donations are being sought from residents and area businesses to purchase additional devices, Debbio said.

"This device is invaluable when someone falls victim to a serious heart attack," he said.

There are two types of manual defibrillators in use in the area. One is the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in New Jersey. Physio-Control, which produces the Lifepak 5000 and the Lifestar (Heartstart) 2000, and the Heartstart 911 (Heartstart 3000 and the Foremarker).

The borough police use the long runner biphasic defibrillator, which has the added advantage of an electrical cardiogram display and a data card which can be transferred with the patient to Overlook Hospital so doctors can see a report on the patient's condition from the moment the defibrillator pads were attached.

The borough's newly formed Emergency Services Unit, led by Sergeant Richard Weigle, spearheaded the effort to bring the devices into the police department, Debbio said.

The EMT officers, who are trained as emergency medical technicians and can assist the Mountaineer Rescue Squad on individual service calls, will be the first to be trained to use the unit and training in the defibrillator course is scheduled through the First Responders Association.

Most police officers are certified as First Responders, which is a first aid course taught at police academies. This course provides additional education on using the devices.

Another bill pending legislation in the Assembly would require less training for the defibrillators, which can be used by those people without some training at the "withings with the device," according to the state's health department, Local said.

The intent of this legislation is to let non-medical emergency workers with emergency training.

Currently, the training program certified by the State Department of Health includes watching video tapes, written tests and a hands-on demonstration using the device.

The training can run anywhere

from four to eight hours, and the expense is another consideration in police departments, Christofani said.

Local agrees, however, that the costs are still reasonable when compared to the benefits. "It is sure just the life," he said. "It's worth it."

Local is currently pending legislation and a bill that would make defibrillator training mandatory for all CPR training for police and public safety officers, and a measure that would give limited immunity to people trained in using the devices to prevent liability lawsuits. "I've got four cops in training the devices," he said.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Cooperate in the planning process

A proposed condominium development on the border of Springfield and Summit has officials in the two municipalities concerned about who will reap the burdens and reap the benefits from the new homes. We encourage concerned officials from both towns to work together for a fair solution in which no one's needs are compromised.

Few dispute the fact that the addition of Bryant Park Commons at the former Carter-Hell factory site in Springfield will benefit the township. Springfield stands to gain through taxes and other ratables, as well as meeting affordable housing requirements.

With general township support for the development through the Springfield Planning Board unanimously approved the application for Bryant Park Commons at a meeting Nov. 4. Final site approval was granted to the developer with several conditions, including agreements with Union County concerning maintenance for the Park Drive bridge and site approval from the Department of Environmental Protection. Stipulations were also made regarding landscape breaks in the parking lot and a buffer between the parking lot and the property line.

While these numerous conditions from the Springfield Planning Board are well considered and will make the development more palatable for citizens on one side of the site, the stipulations for those on the Summit side should be headed with the same care. If the Springfield Planning Board can take the county into consideration when deciding on the development, it should also consider the needs of its direct neighbors.

Summit's concerns involve possible increases in traffic volume through the city as well as ambiguity about which municipality will take responsibility for enforcing parking regulations and providing emergency services for the development. Since only Springfield will collect property taxes from the new condos, Summit residents fear they will get the short end of the stick if these issues are not resolved fairly.

Because the development will be located near the border between the two towns, the Summit Planning Board also must approve the application. Summit Mayor Walter Long has stated that he will vote against the application unless the developer agrees to build a second access road into the site to alleviate traffic in the city.

The burden of responsibility for emergency services, parking enforcement and traffic regulation for Bryant Park Commons must not fall on Summit's shoulders if the city cannot receive monetary compensation in the form of property taxes. Springfield could no longer be heralded a good neighbor if township officials expected or allowed this to happen.

Summit officials have several serious and valid concerns with the proposed development and the planning boards of both Springfield and Summit must pool their thoughts and resources to find agreeable solutions.



GARDEN OF GHOULS — From left, back row, Jonathan Dayton High School seniors Dan Carbone, Laurie Firsichbaum, Evan Fischbein, Dan Rivara, front row, Jessica Moelk, Nicole Arnold, Staci-Cohan and Antonella Degrolamo show off their costumes during Project Graduation's Halloween fundraiser.

Drive-in theaters return memories of youth

Give Us A Smile

By Joan Shackley

Sometime rather uncannily happened to me today. I had three separate people come to me to suggest topics for future columns. The strange common thread? They were all requests to write about drive-ins and that had been the title of the original column.

I was originally going to stumble them all from one article, but when I set down to write I tripped down memory lane on just one for awhile. "The first is the good old drive-in movie theaters. I can remember as a kid. Dad would park a couple of snacks and jokers, and of course something to munch on. Mom would pack my PK's, jellies, and blankets and away we would go."

We would get late in the evening, four-hour sinner. We used to go to the Embassy Theater, on Route 101. Remembrance of it had a John-John's playground, which had a fenced-in playground for little kids. The swings swung the merry-go-round, and the slide that just time after awhile, Mom would insist we get back to the car.

This was back several years to the concession stand to load up with hot dogs, cheeseburgers, fries, movies and, of course, the obligatory

popcorn barrel-size tub. These food items were also destined each and every time to be spilled on the seat or carpet — thus making Dad swear never again until next time. I can even recall the very first picture I was allowed to peek out from to see — "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Boy, was excited that day. We were gonna see something I wanted to see."

I can honestly say I don't believe I ever made it through one movie. Somewhere in the middle, under the blankets that protected me from the night air and the drone of the one-dimensional speakers, I usually fell asleep. Even during the movie I could hear it wait a sec.

My mom would get in the back seat and try to get me to change into my PJ's. I had already done so. I don't even think I put on a nightgown. I remember those times, though. As I decided to write this column and the nostalgia just flooded in,

from 14 years to wonder why I missed the "screen" of the summer, were calling me up. I said, "The Drive-In Theater Fan Club? Those are still 50% of these things, movie theaters, make it alive and operating today."

There are out two states in the city United States that do not have drive-ins anymore. The obvious is obvious. I don't know of anyone reading this who knows New Jersey is the state where this change took our state was apparently the birthplace of the drive-in. When a great distraction to have. To figure we create and hope for a great distraction and let it fall through our hands, and the lack of attendance.

Now drive-in movie theaters are being built all over again as a specialty. Each movie theater brings an audience together. It's not like the old drive-in, where you could see the movie from the front and smaller screens. And now, these new drive-ins bring the full of the year or six months. Must go to the business in Philly and California, see these great, giant theaters that are still there. They have 47 of these drive-ins. They were different about these areas from yours.

Trust me, you don't get experienced in motion picture unless you have had to sweat bugs and wipe the fog off the windshield every once in awhile. The size of these screens has to be tried to be appreciated. And unless you want to drive to any of the surrounding states, you won't be able to. Guess we'll all just have to settle for going to the 20 billion movie empires and dream of the days when we could see the picture, no matter how big a fat guy in the car in front of us was wearing, or how high his girlfriend's hair was.

If you would like more information on this drive-in to technology, I suggest you contact "The Drive-In Theater Fan Club," P.O. Box 18063, Baltimore, Md. 21220-0103, or write to: drivein@att.net. For more information, visit <http://www.driveintheatre.com> — yes friends, I have found the on-ramp to the superhighway and have not had too many fender-benders yet. The site is complete with pictures for you young folk who have not had the pleasure of eating the grease-laden popcorn or watching the show on an amazingly large backdrop.

See you'd relieve some of the good old days.

Joan Shackley is a frequent columnist for this newspaper.

Defibrillators belong in police cars

The issue of whether police cars should be equipped with automatic heart defibrillators has become a hot topic throughout the state, with Assemblyman Reed Gusciora, D-Metzer, sponsoring a package of bills that would require all local police departments to have the devices. Discussion at a recent Springfield Township Committee meeting turned toward this topic, with several township officials concluding that defibrillators have an important and fitting place in squad cars.

In Monticello, Police Chief James Debbie made a similar proposal last month, asking area businesses to contribute toward the purchase of these devices for borough police cars.

Cardiac defibrillators provide electrical shocks which restart the rhythm of a stopped heart. They are essential instruments in saving lives, especially when mere minutes in restoring a heartbeat may mean the difference between brain damage and a full recovery for the victim. Since police frequently arrive on the scene of an accident or other emergency before the ambulance, it makes perfect sense that squad cars should have the defibrillators and that police should be trained to use them.

Springfield Township Committee member William Ruocco estimated that the total cost to purchase five of the devices and to train officers in using them would be less than \$50,000. This is a very effective life-saver for simple machines that are proven, efficient, low-cost.

We urge local municipalities to find the funds to provide cardiac defibrillators for police cars. Countless victims and their families will be thankful.

Keep professional ball club names the same

Problem Solver

By Robert Lapidus

There is a chance that the Yankees may one day be playing baseball in New Jersey.

Just a couple of years ago I looked into the New Jersey Devils' move to bring water sports to the heart of the state South, and what was the result? The Cleveland Indians' move to play in Baltimore, which had been the Baltimore team's stadium, is a good example of what has happened in professional sports for several years. It's a game of musical franchises, and it can get a little confusing at times.

But just if it is going to be up very soon. The professional leagues, the television networks, and the cable channels, are determined to put a major league franchise in every city that has more than two stop lights.

And elected officials are equally determined to persuade taxpayers to foot the bill for building gold-plated sports plops for billionaire team owners. But this is not a plea to return to those days of yesterday when the Dodgers played in Brooklyn. We cannot attempt to stop the expansion program even if we could. But we can live with the existing four franchise policy, but we ought at least try to bring some sense of order to it.

The first step is to require that all professional sports teams have general nicknames. Teams with animal and bird names are okay. Clubs with names like Tigers, Lions and Blue Jays can play any where. The football Cardinals made a successful transition from the middle of America to the middle of the desert. Colors are okay, too. The Reds and the Blues can be at home in any city. But after that it just gets too complicated.

They started in Northern California, migrated to Southern California and then back to Northern California. But with a name like that, we could deal with it.

This is an obvious solution to all the various leagues' could get together and draw up a list of acceptable general names. Names which would be required to be readily transportable. Toss them all into a hat. When a new franchise is established, they inevitably will be a name will be drawn. And that, it is fine. And back to the Yankees. Okay, if

they move across the Hudson to Jersey. Fine. But there is a large Southern City that has been desperately trying to get a major league franchise for years. They have a domed stadium all set to go. With the collapse of casino gambling, there they are probably ready to sign off on any deal that Lord George Steinbrenner would give them. So, we just might have the New Orleans Yankees.

Just my guess. Robert Lapidus is a frequent columnist for this newspaper.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Veterans deserve more recognition

To the Editor: November 11, Veterans Day came and went. On my block only three American flags were flying. How soon we forget — not a very good message for our youth and posterity.

Joseph Chiappa
Mountaineer

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We're asking Should police be equipped with defibrillators?



Steve Smith

"It's a good idea as long as they get the right training."



James Argast

"No. The police have so many things on their minds. I don't think they would be trained with all the proper details. It's kind of like having jumper cables when you're in the body shop."



Karen Canton

"Yes. Which emergency cars will be the police respond to house calls. Just seconds can make the difference between life and death."



Ira Geifer

"I don't have any opinion of this. I'm qualified to see them. But I would rather have the EMS doing things like that."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mayor's attack shows intolerance

To the Editor:

Mayor Vlahovic's Nov. 12 letter to the editor viciously attacking an editorial integrity and judgment does not surprise anyone who knows him and his intolerance of any differing opinion.

The focus of your endorsement of Brogiere and Mortimer was that, in addition to bringing new faces and fresh ideas to the Borough Council, they would address the issue of accountability by elected officials and responsiveness to the needs of Mountianside residents.

The fact that a Brogiere victory would mean the first Democrat elected in the entire history of Mountianside is a secondary issue. It is typical of the mayor in his rage that you should opportunity to give an official fact and make the ridiculous analogy to the Communist and Nazi parties.

But you must understand that the mayor sees everything through political tunnel vision and cannot tolerate any questioning. He alone is in disagreement with his one-man rule of Mountianside.

He just can't accept the reality that Brogiere and Kriener in their bid for the line got 42 percent of the vote against his candidacy. This is a substantial no-confidence vote against his one-man rule backed by a lock-step council so he attacks the *Echo Leader* for lying the audacity to endorse a Democrat and furthermore, has to hurl a personal insult at the same time.

By his totally partisan attitude and actions, he clearly shows he is incapable of understanding that he is mayor of all Mountianside and not just his Republican supporters. He just does not have the dignity and the credits that his high office deserves.

Steven M. Hinzler
Mountianside

pleasure to work with all in your two offices will be the joy of many fine performances.

Thanks to you, Asst. Mayor, Police and Emergency Management Team, that probably is each night, from helping those in during traffic, to helping a most able and more certain, as well as possible. All the things you've done here were greatly appreciated.

Thank you, I'm sure for his electrical expertise and thank you for the use of his volunteerism happened without you.

Thanks to the Park Dept. for transporting all the necessary, professional and equipment to provide the "Haunted House."

Thank you for the department was helped bring in an event. We appreciate all the people who were there, each and every individual volunteered their time, some even filled in as well for others for one hour. Jonathan Dayton looks forward to working with you again next year.

Thank you for the department and persons for donating food and refreshments and to the extended staff at Mountain View for putting up with 4000 people every year. You guys are the best!

Thank you for the party, all came out and helped to lead a helping hand to our eighth grade students. The provided, but not only was to the little boys and old Kate Kriener.

Has that not been a pleasure to the members of the past 10 years. This was a big accomplishment and you didn't let us down. You showed responsibility, pride and spirit. Class of 1998 was a great experience.

It was a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. My best wishes to you all.

Sue Hayden
Springfield

Numbers speak for themselves

To the Editor:

I don't understand the *misinformation* of a Mountianside candidate who won the past election for Borough Council, Michael Kriener. What does he hope to gain by lying about the facts — even after the election is over?

In his letter published Nov. 12 in the *Echo Leader*, he stated, "Registered Republicans outnumber registered Democrats 4 to 1." In fact, here is the same issue. I stated "Only about one-third of Mountiansiders are Republicans." So, if Mountianside voters must be counted when reading our local paper?

Therefore, the Union County Board of Elections has furnished the following actual numbers of registered voters as of Nov. 15:

Total number of registered voters in Mountianside: 4624. Republicans: 1589. Democrats: 282. Unaffiliated: 2250. Declared as:

I again repeat that only about one-third of Mountianside voters are Republicans and that we rely on Independents and Democrats to support our local officials. Thank you to all of the Mountianside voters who exercised their right to vote.

Marlene McGuire, Registrar
Mountianside

Train noise may be reduced through Bagger's legislation

Legislation sponsored by Senator Richard J. Bagger would help bring relief from noise pollution caused by freight trains passing through a town at night. Bagger's bill, approved by the Senate Transportation Committee.

The legislation, S.B. 2000, would require the state to fund a study to determine whether the noise levels in the area would be reduced by the bill. The bill also would require the state to fund a study to determine whether the noise levels in the area would be reduced by the bill.

"Everyone has the right to enjoy a quiet night's sleep," Bagger said. "We need to make the noise and pollution caused by freight trains a thing of the past. The bill will help reduce noise and pollution caused by freight trains, but we will need funds to fund the study. We need more than \$100 million when the study is completed to make the bill a reality."

The bill, which has passed the Assembly, was approved by the Senate Transportation Committee and now heads for the Senate for consideration.

Fundraiser owes much to community

To the Editor:

We would just like to thank everyone in the community for making the House of Ghosts success. Springfield showed real spirit and pride during this entire week.

We began by thanking our co-chair ladies Maureen Zambolla and Esna Riva Cozzi. Their hard work and commitment helped make this event go smoothly. Thanks to Tony Smith and the Crawford Repertory Theatre. It was a joy and

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Safe drinking water is seminar subject

The Summit League of Women Voters is continuing to focus on the Safe Drinking Water Act. The seminar was held at the Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield. The seminar was held at the Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield.

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OBITUARIES

Louis C. Borchert

Louis C. Borchert, 70, of Mount Pleasant, died Nov. 17 at home. Born in Maplewood, Mr. Borchert lived in Mount Pleasant for more than 38 years. He was a sales representative at the West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn., for more than 40 years until he retired. Mr. Borchert received his education from St. William Michael's Law School, St. Paul. He was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church, the Community Presbyterian Church of Mount Pleasant, the Mount Pleasant World War II Club, a member of the Pleasant Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and a member of the leader of Troop 177, Mount Pleasant. Surviving are his wife of more than 30 years, Helen, and three sons, two daughters, Matt, Peter, Jennifer, and Lindsay, all of whom he loved and three grandchildren.

Christian W. Nielsen

Christian W. Nielsen, 65, of Summit, died Nov. 17 at home. He was a member of the Pleasant Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and a member of the leader of Troop 177, Mount Pleasant. Surviving are his wife of more than 30 years, Helen, and three sons, two daughters, Matt, Peter, Jennifer, and Lindsay, all of whom he loved and three grandchildren.

Maria Fiorilli

Maria Fiorilli, 65, of Summit, died Oct. 27 at "Averna" Hospital, Summit. She was a member of the Holy Family Church, Summit, and was an active member of the Society of the Holy Family of Engineers. Also surviving are her wife, Lillian, her mother, Gloria Mathie Nielsen, her son, Christian, and a daughter, Heidi, Erka.

June O. Riley

June O. Riley, 71, of Wallingford, died Nov. 17 at home. She was a member of the Grand Traverse Parish, St. Francis Church, Mt. Pleasant, and was a member of the husband, Walter, and three sons, Walter H. III, Patrick, and Kenneth, and two daughters, Kathleen, and Lisa, all of whom she loved and three grandchildren.

Helen C. Peterson

Helen C. Peterson, 74, of Watchung, formerly of Mount Pleasant, died Nov. 17 at home. She was a member of the Holy Family Church, Summit, and was a member of the husband, Frank, and two sons, Anthony, and Frank, and two daughters, Angela, and Lisa, all of whom she loved and three grandchildren.

She graduated in 1946 from Mount Holyoke College, North Hadley, Mass. Mrs. Peterson also graduated from the New York School of Social Work, New York City, in 1948. She received a master's degree in early childhood development from Kean College of New Jersey, now Kean University, Union, N.J. Peterson was the founder and first president of the Hospital for Humanity, Plainfield, and

a member of the Westfield Day Care Center Auxiliary. Surviving are her husband, Donald, three daughters, Joanne, Elaine, Kristen Hopkins and Karen, a sister, Helen Bennett, and four grandchildren.

Anne Runkle Hose

Memorial services for Anne Runkle Hose will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Community Presbyterian Church, Mount Pleasant.

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THIS IS
H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor
So now we're down to Elizabeth
and Roselle.
These two area clubs are the only
ones still alive in the NJIAA play-
off picture.
Both are 7-2 and will be on the
road this weekend as No. 4 seeds
playing at undefeated No. 1 seeds
Elizabeth will face Plainfield
(9-0) at Hub Stone Field Saturday at
1 p.m. in one of two North Jersey
Section 2, Group 4 semifinal con-
tests. The Minutemen defeated the
Cardinals there 14-7 in last year's
sectional championship game.

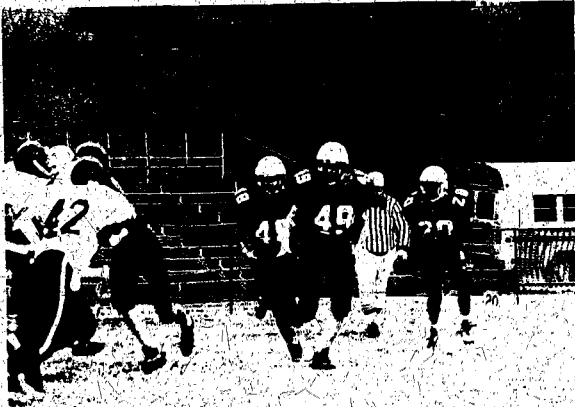


Photo by Charles Beyer

Dayton High School junior running back B.J. Jones (No. 40) gets set to run behind the blocking provided by teammates Matt Fischer (No. 48, fullback) and Charles Beyer (No. 49, offensive lineman) during last Friday afternoon's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 consolation game against Boonton at Meisel Field in Springfield. Jones carried 31 times for a season-high 254 yards and scored three touchdowns to lead the Minutemen to a 33-12 non-conference win over the Bombers from Morris County and the Colonial Hills Conference.

Dayton offense comes alive
in performance vs. Boonton
B.J. Jones rushes for 254 yards, three TDs

Not only did the Dayton High School football team win its first home game of the year last weekend, snapping a five-game losing streak, the Bulldogs also produced their highest offensive output of the season. Dayton scored five touchdowns en route to a 33-12 non-conference win over Boonton in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 consolation game held Friday afternoon at Meisel Field in Springfield.
Dayton scored more than half of its season total points to give it 93 points in 11 home games.
The Bulldogs (7-2, 11) will continue their season at Boonton (4-4) on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Ward Field in Kinnelton.

H.S. Football

Brazier, which defeated Dayton last year in Kinnelton, has won its new appearance of four after an 18-5 record in five Dayton games.
Brazier carried six times for 25 yards. Williams carried three times for 16 yards.
Brazier carried three times for 16 yards. B.J. Jones carried 31 times for 254 yards and scored three touchdowns.

Superstar awards
from victory
over Boonton

The following are Dayton Bulldogs' football superstar awards following the team's 33-12 win over Boonton:
Offensive Back: B.J. Jones, Charles Beyer
Defensive Back: Juan Azarin, Matt Fischer, Brian Berger
Offensive Lineman: Attila Vigiari, Todd Walters, Dan Dellacosta, Azzan Berger, Ryan Fischlein, Dan Carbone
Defensive Lineman: Walters, Bulldog Award: Tough Hill Defender, Fischer, Azzan
Sky Hawk (Interceptions): B.J. Jones, Fischer
Special Teams: Dellacosta
Key block: Azarin, Beyer, Dellacosta, Berger
Key tackle: Azarin (2)
Fumble-causer: Walters, Berger
Fumble recoverer: Fischlein, Walters, Keith Allen
Quarterback: Beyer (2), Walters (2), Berger (2), Fischlein, Carbone, Dellacosta, Jeffrey Stapher
Tackles for losses: Berger, Azarin, Walters, Beyer
Blocked passes: Walters, John Launcelle
Blocked extra point: Dellacosta
First on kickoff tackle: Azarin (2), Walters (2), Stefano Sbarino, Stapher, Launcelle, Brian Jones
First on punt tackle: Berger, Russell, Hayward

Minutemen A Team wins

One Springfield Minutemen football team won and one was defeated in competition at Summit Park Field last Sunday.
The A Team won 27-6, after the C Team 59-0, defeated 19-7.
The A Team now 5-2, received a late touchdown, 91 yards from Azzan Berger. Lee Perrine carried the ball into an extra point and Callender passed the ball in early Springfield's eighth two points.
Also playing well for the Minutemen were Steven Gilbert, Matthew Bodette, Sean Pank, Sean Appella, Malcolm Gordon, Bryan Stim, Martin Meyer, Jake Monroe, Jay Westerman, Jeremy Kovacs, Timothy Cuyuk, Keith Garcia, J.J. Carriere, Adam Belushin, and Robbie Maul.
David Tarullo scored the C Team's only touchdown on a 57-yard run.
Also playing well for Springfield (2-4) were Danny Kahonen, Jesse Welch, Kevin, Kenneth Suarez, Vinny DeMauro, Justin Molinaro, Zach Silverman, Andrew Garcia, Stephen Suarez, Christopher Muckler, Ryan O'Reilly, Lee Sijmerman, Daniel Patten, Steven Fischer, Sid Miller, Robert Lorus, Brandon Ganci, Comet Wollia, Eric Duffau, Michael Finley, Brandon Cherry, Matt Parley, Paul Bellevue, Michael Wallace, Jason Jones, Derek Spiegel and Jake Touchman.
Both teams conclude their season this Sunday at Meisel Field in Springfield against Hanover. The C Team playing at home and the A Team at 1:30.

Springfield booters
clinch championship

The Soccer Club of Springfield's 12 and under Strikers, clinched their M.C.Y.S.A. title's championship with a 3-0 victory over the Monmouth Strikers.
The win brings the Strikers' record to 9-1, with one game remaining.
The Strikers have been a dominant force in league play, demonstrating consistent team efforts throughout the season.
The Strikers have been paced this season by the scoring efforts of forwards Sage Eshelman, Nicholas Priestley, Dante Roberts and Mike Joss.
The strong midfield play of team members Jesse Fischlein, Brandon Berger, Matt Sauerhoff, Richie Mimone, Marco Korpel, Alex Pravel and Jordan Frish have kept Springfield opponents on the defensive all season.

Youth Soccer

The Strikers' defense has been a brick wall, with the solid play of fullback Brett Pavlovic, Ryan Walsh, David Tambo and Matt O'Casey virtually shutting down the attacks of their Morris County opponents.
Goalkeeper Jay Mimone has been outstanding in every play by three shutouts. He had given up only eight goals in his career's first four games.
Coaches Jeff Banour and Barry Priestley did a great job of the way their players have performed all season long.
Tornadoes demonstrate tremendous growth
With only one game remaining in their three-game play, the Springfield 10-and-under Tornadoes have an opportunity to take the possession of several places in the M.C.Y.S.A. league standings after their victory over the Morris United Free Falls in Morristown.
The Tornadoes, who were M.C.Y.S.A. 10-and-under champions, were promoted to the second team last spring.
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Goalkeeper David Sauerhoff has been as steady as a rock as the last line of defense.
David has been a vital season's Marshall and David Moss.
The Strikers finished their M.C.Y.S.A. campaign with a perfect 10-0 record by defeating the Kinnelton Cubs 5-0 Sunday.
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Club of Springfield to hold
in-person registration Tuesday

The Soccer Club of Springfield will hold in-person registrations this Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at the Sarah Bailey Center, 300 Church Hill in Springfield.
This registration is open to any Springfield resident between 8-10 and 12-14 years of age interested in joining the club.
The club's social secretary, Barbara Berger, will be on hand to answer any questions.

Registrations accepted
for many winter sports

The Springfield Recreation Department is taking registrations for upcoming winter sports.
Youth basketball for youngsters in grades 2-8 has a non-refundable fee of \$25 due by Tuesday, Dec. 1.
Girls' basketball for grades 2-8 will be split into three teams: grades 2-4, 5-6 and 7-8, and is a non-refundable fee of \$25.
Wrestling, a first for Springfield, is being offered for youngsters in grades 1-6.
Springfield will compete in a county league and a non-refundable fee of \$25 is required.
Indoor soccer will begin in January and fees will be paid by the Springfield schools soon.
Minutemen basketball games are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday night in Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20 and 21 from 7-9 p.m. at Dayton High School.
Games will be held at 7:00 p.m. for youngsters that sign up for youth basketball.
Cost: \$12.00 for grades 2-4, \$15.00 for grades 5-6, \$18.00 for grades 7-8, Dec. 19-31.
More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 908-712-2274 or 908-712-4908.

- Week Ten (NJIAA Semifinals)
Saturday, Nov. 21, 1:00
North 2, Group 4
Elizabeth at Plainfield
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Roselle at Caldwell
Week Nine (NJIAA Quarterfinals)
Saturday, Nov. 14
North 2, Group 4
Ranahoff 20, Union 13
Elizabeth 28, Morris-Knox 21
North 2, Group 2
Roselle 24, West Essex 17
Hanover Park 20, Rahway 15
Camden 34, Hillsdale 14
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Friday, Nov. 13
Dayton 31, Boonton 12
Wecohaus 16, GL 11
North Warren 33, R-Park 19
Saturday, Nov. 14
Linden 27, Columbia 14
Mendham 35, Johnson 28
Brazier 42, Glen Ridge 14
Somerset 27, Whippany Park 0
J.R.'s picks
Plainfield over Elizabeth
Caldwell over Roselle
Last week's 4-1
Season: 62-21 (1-747)
Andrew's picks
Elizabeth over Plainfield
Roselle over Caldwell
Last week's 4-1
Season: 54-29 (1-651)
TERRIFIC TWELVE
1. Elizabeth (7-2)
2. Union (6-3)
3. Roselle (7-2)
4. Hillsdale (5-3)
5. Rahway (4-5)
6. Johnson (5-2)
7. Linden (5-6)
8. Roselle Park (3-5-1)
9. Brazier (3-6)
10. GL (2-9)
11. Dayton (2-6-1)
12. Summit (1-8)

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