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A cross-county light rail system that would link Elizabeth with Newark Airport, the Jersey Gardens mega mall and, eventually, western parts of the county has gained the support of state officials. The project was chosen by the New Jersey Department of Transportation as one of seven priority projects statewide.

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Bonds for projects

Union County will hold a \$46.7 million bond sale June 17 at 11 a.m. to fund various capital projects and equipment purchases. The debt for all the projects already had been authorized by the county and past frocholder boards.

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The millennium

A young conductor will help bring in the millennium for the Celebration Singers.

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Board debates fashion

By Joe Logara
Staff Writer

On the heels of the May 27 safety forum, much of the discussion at Tuesday night's Mountainside Board of Education meeting focused on the issue of dress code and uniforms.

As a way of stressing the importance of the evolving issue, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller stood at Deerfield's front entrance Monday morning distributing "Deerfield State" photos to 570 students outside. The photos showed a current dress code violation. Three shirts were handed out.

"If we can't get the dress code uniform issue solved by September, maybe we should announce Jan. 1, 2001," board member Richard Kress said, referring to the fact that many parents have already begun purchasing clothes for the beginning of the next school year. "At this time, it's a little difficult to change it."

Starting the new millennium with either a uniform or stricter dress code seemed an "appropriate" idea, he said. During the recent forum, and at previous board meetings, involving public discussion on the subject, the terms were often used interchangeably. But the board considers them separate.

"For uniforms, we'll have to work with the parents," board president Pat Taeschler said. "Otherwise, what we're talking about is a dress code." "I've said it a dozen times before and I'll say it again, it starts at home," Schaller said. "We can only do so much here, it starts at home."

Some discussion about how to approach the clothing issue to parents provoked two surprise observations. Board member Peter Goguel dove into some reverse psychology. "Most dress codes say what you shouldn't be wearing. Maybe we should stress what can be worn."

Board member Frank Goguel's view was less psychological and more creative: "Have a uniform day. We have days in the schools where the kids dress up historically or thematically or whatever, so why not have a day where they can come dressed in what they think an appropriate uniform would be?"

As far as uniforms go, Kress said, "legally, you can be as restrictive as you want."

The board expressed general enthusiasm for the safety forum, but admitted that more needs to be done, will increase focus.

"I looked at the forum as meeting number one," Goguel said. "I can foresee more specialized forums. I think we'll have even more people at the next thing it was that well done. And having it on TV-35 was a really good idea."

Goguel expressed interest in having specialized subject matter such as Internet safety, physical safety in the schools, and one concerning the psychological well-being of children.

Goguel believes the TV-35 broadcast will help bring more people out. "It was so well done on TV that a lot of people who weren't at the forum came up to me and expressed their interest in the topic."

An advocate of using TV-35 (see page 2) added, "We should televise not only the meetings but the agenda as well. We should also get the agenda on the Internet."

In other business, the board changed its next meeting date from June 22 to June 26, to accommodate the Governor Livingston High School graduation. "Business was postponed for the summer school, the summer camp program and the summer enrichment staff, also were approved, along with staff for summer curriculum work and custodial and office positions."

Parks can bloom with grant

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Given its recent parkland development, the Springfield Township Committee may be developing green thumbs.

The committee voted Monday to use \$7,000 from its capital budget to buy land along Tulip Road as a children's pocket park. Committee members also approved purchasing playground equipment for the park. This decision comes after Union County announced the awarding of \$39,000 in matching Project Pocket Park grants for 11 of Springfield's current parks.

"We decided to purchase the Tulip Road lot from the New Jersey Department of Transportation as we have been carting for it the last few years," Mayor Greg Clarke said. "It is about one-third of an acre and is outside of our \$1-million school barrier wall. The beautification, construction and a neighbor across the street have been teaching it."

NIDOT agreed to sell the triangular plot site is adjacent to, but outside of, the Route 78 right-of-way. Clarke said the lot has flowers, mature trees, a park bench and is well suited for the work. He said there may be an existing underground water pipe, as a house, demolished by Route 78, was on the site at one time.

The Pocket Park grants allow us to make improvements which we couldn't do alone," Springfield Recreation Director Mike Palmer said. "Most of the parks don't have a nice sign, which is what I appreciate."

About \$10,240 of the grant will go to the acre-size Pool Park, for wood decking, playground equipment and a wildflower garden. Another \$1,000 is earmarked for flowers and signs at Sandberger Park. In between are \$2,000 to \$5,000 amounts for flowers and signage at nine other parks.

Tennant said, however, that the improvements will not be seen until next summer, as the money will be distributed in September.

Which school will the grants fund? Clarke said the township is currently on a record \$4 million surplus this year. County Manager Michael Lapolla said the county does have substantial bonding capacity and the grants are a large, large amount.

"The program does involve capital projects, many of which have a life of more than 10 years."

Lapolla said the surplus is in large part where the frocholders do not want to get any lower because that may affect the county's AAA bond rating. He said Union County enjoys one of the lowest tax rates in the state and the smallest of any urban county by far.

Originally expected to distribute \$1 million, the Project Pocket Park grant awarded \$1.6 million this year, Lapolla said. The frocholders' cash increased from \$1 million to \$1.6 million, or about 60 percent.

Regional Bulletin Mark H. Stone contributed to this report.



JMK BMW parts manager Paul Bujowski, left, JMK service manager Tony Martins, Township Administrator Richard Sheola, Mayor Greg Clark and Springfield Police Chief William Chisholm display a new bicycle donated by JMK to the Springfield Police Department. It will be outfitted for police patrol work.

Township begins bicycle patrol

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Once Springfield Township officials went to the JMK dealership on Route 22 and came away with a BMW vehicle Friday.

Township Chief of Police William Chisholm, Mayor Greg Clark and Administrator Rich Sheola did not get into the BMW. They instead picked up a \$250 bicycle donated by JMK to Springfield for bicycle police patrol.

"We have been looking at a bicycle patrol for about two years," Chisholm said. "A patrol can approach a suspect quietly and enter places where a squad car cannot. It supplements between what a car and a foot patrol can do."

Chisholm said it will be some time before Springfielders can expect to see a patrolman pedaling about town. "I have to go over the accessory literature that has been pouring into my office," he said.

"We're also comparing the county training program to a nationally regarded one out of Baltimore. Each one will outfit four bicycles and apply their patrols to their needs."

That is the eighth municipality in the area which has donated bicycles for patrol, JMK Service Manager Tony Martin said.

Martin said JMK Parts Manager Paul Bujowski said JMK has had a police bicycle donation program for two years, starting with Westfield, Mountainside, Summit, Clark, Rahway and Union, among the other towns who have received one or two.

"I think the patrol is excellent," Mountainside Chief of Police James DeBrie said. "Every time one of our police bikes go out, we get calls from residents saying they've seen them. It provides an opportunity for the officers to perfect community relations with the public."

'It provides an opportunity for the officers to perform community relations with the public.' — Mountainside Police Chief James DeBrie

The bicycle donated is an RST 80 made in Taiwan for BMW. The model has a 24-speed gear selector and special tires for optimum pavement and off-road travel. Among its other features are hinges for flexible storage and mounting points for police work-related accessories.

BMW Motor Works of Munich has donated to two bicyclists, as the first made two cycles in the 1920s. BMW is a local dealer in 1965.

"It's JMK's continuity service," unobscured Martins said they are donating another bicycle for part of the "Take Pride in Springfield" July 4 celebration. The dealer also is participating in the Ultimate Drive for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation tomorrow.

"BMW of North America logs the mileage and donates funds to the Komen foundation. BMW encourages involvement but leaves the level of support to the dealer."

Primaries have secondary turnout in municipalities

By Pamela Lescione
and Walter Elliott

The primary election, when it came to municipal seats in Mountainside and Springfield, left no surprises Tuesday night.

Not even the new voting machines brought residents to the polls.

The unexpected race for Republican incumbent Paul Mirabelli and Keith Turner to fill two seats on the Borough Council resulted in Mirabelli's award of 109 votes and Turner's of 100. They will both appear on November 9 ballot.

The Democratic posted only one candidate for the council seats Steve Brocino, accumulating 50 votes in the primary, will challenge the incumbents.



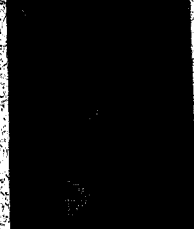
Florence Paraghe, Springfield.

man garnered 124 points among the 14 polling stations, Republican challenger Florence Paraghe received 54 votes.



Robert Vigilanti, Mountainside.

As for the low level of voting, there was no surprise. "I think the last Tuesday may have had something to do with it."



Frank Martin, had nine votes.

In the Union County frocholder race, Democrat incumbent Linda Sauer and Nicholas Scatena, and incoming wife Angela Scatena received 151, 145 and 146 votes, respectively. On the Mountainside race, Paul Bujowski received 51 and 50 votes, respectively. On the Springfield race, Democrat incumbent Steve Brocino, incumbent Paul Mirabelli, and Keith Turner received 109, 100 and 51 votes, respectively. On the Mountainside race, Democrat incumbent Steve Brocino, incumbent Paul Mirabelli, and Keith Turner received 109, 100 and 51 votes, respectively.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Saturday

The Rotary Club of Springfield presents Springfield's Stone Night at Jonathan Dayton High School at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for students with a student identification.

Sunday

After a brief tour of the evening sky, learn about the planets in our solar system. Find out the latest information gathered by Marsian landers and planetary space probes.

Tuesday

The final meeting of the season of the Union-Hess Chapter of the Mendoc Heart will be held at 8 p.m. in the Springfield First Aid Squad Building.

Wednesday

View a slide presentation on nocturnal animals. Then go outside to look for mammal signs and try to identify the signs.

Upcoming Events

Explore the summer sky at the Traubade Nature and Center at 2 p.m. Find out where to find Ugnus, Lyta, Aquila, Hercules and more.

Ongoing

Registration is available for Springfield Recreation's Summer Playground Program, June 28-Aug. 11, at the Chubbinn Community Center.

The Springfield Junior Baseball League is accepting applications for those people wishing to join the Baseball League's Board of Directors.

The Springfield Senior Citizen Nutrition Program is now located at the Sarah Bailey Recreation Center.

NEWS CLIPS

Public Works seeks help

The Public Works Department of Springfield is currently seeking seasonal help. Residents would include grass collection, park maintenance and work on other areas.

Mountainside Recreation visits Shea Stadium

The Mountainside Recreation Department will have tickets available for the Mets vs. Boston baseball game scheduled for Sunday.

Civic groups offer abuse prevention courses

Five New Jersey nonprofit groups will be the beneficiaries of a five workshop on abuse prevention given by Ronny Glastman.

Mended Hearts meets Tuesday

The final meeting of the season of the Union-Hess Chapter of the Mendoc Heart will be held at 8 p.m. in the Springfield First Aid Squad Building.

In their male peers, the less likely they will be to become involved with a partner. Anyone who will abuse...

Township YMCA offers summer program

The Springfield YMCA announces Wrap-up Camp, a summer program for boys and girls entering grades 1-5.

Workshops available for children, families

The Traubade Nature and Science Center in Mountainside offers spring classes for children ages two through four.

Palmer Museum displays stitch exhibit

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library is pleased to present an exhibit, "Stitchery," featuring the development of Linna Hovne.

located in the Springfield Public Library, off Mountain Ave. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Township VFW honors Panullo

Over 100 veterans and guests attended the recent Veterans of Foreign Wars Banquet at the Township VFW.

In honor of the Memorial Day observance, Tom Deine, past commander of the VFW Battle Hill Post 7083, presented the "Pledge of Allegiance" sang.

Home began designing works for development in 1968. The following year she started teaching a small circle of friends needlepoint stitches.

Post 7083 installed the following officers for the 1999-2000 term: District representative - Ed Grudnik.

Week also will represent his post at the VFW State Convention in Wildwood by the Sea from Wednesday to June 19.

Home has taught in the various homes of her students in that area, and has continued to do so for the past 16 years.

St. Vice-Commander - Joe Byrnes; Jr. Vice-Commander - Sal Grubini; Quartermaster - Nan Winiwiski; Adjutant - John Armit.

Wink also will represent his post at the VFW State Convention in Wildwood by the Sea from Wednesday to June 19.

The exhibit will include quilts, framed pieces, wall hangings, mats and a small assortment of holiday decorations.

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Administrative changes are pending

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland, after months of anticipation, unveiled his administrative restructuring plan before the Board of Education Monday night.

"This is a lot of my recommendations for the board and the public to consider," Friedland said at the Jonathan Dayton High School, music room.

"It comes after considering an outside consultant's study, input from the board and listening to the public. The board has until Aug. 1 to accept, reject or come up with its own recommendations."

The recommendations include:

- Promoting special services director Rosemarie Krosche to principal of the Walton School.
- Transferring Walton Principal Michael Antolini to the Sandmeier School.
- The hiring of teacher supervisors in six curriculum fields. This includes: counseling, high school administrator Kenneth Manfredi to one of the fields.
- Replacing five equivalent full-time guidance counselors with two full-time counselors in Sandmeier Middle School. This includes moving District Guidance Director Dominick

Seville to Gaudineer, among other transfers.

- Principal Dennis McCarthy will remain at Gaudineer for the 1989-2000 school year.
- Friedland's plan is the latest stage in a two-year saga on changing the school administrative structure. He first sought to trim the 14-member board by eliminating three positions, including the Gaudineer Dean of Students-Music Supervisor.
- The board rejected eliminating the Gaudineer post but approved cutting two others last June. The move created a \$50,000 budget shortfall and launched an administrative structural study by the consultant. The consultant recommended creating the six teacher-supervisor posts.
- Friedland defended changing the principal lineup prior to opening the floor for public discussion.
- "I am responsible to have our administrative staff realize their potential," Friedland said. "Change, as in the case of becoming a kindergarten-to-third-grade school system, can be a growing experience. It is like a muscle where a pattern can become a comfortable routine."
- The elevation of Krosche to Walton principal, and moving Antolini to

Sandmeier did not sit well with two of the five public speakers. Sandmeier PTA President Nancy Scleppin said she believes the moves came at the expense of current Sandmeier Principal Elizabeth Young.

"I have worked well with Mrs. Young in the two years she's been in Sandmeier," Scleppin said. "I'd like to have the board consider that Sandmeier would have its fourth principal in five years if the recommendation is passed."

"You say that changing positions is good for the administration," parent Mary Paalstein said. "Yet you have a vice principal in Dayton for 17 years and a superintendent for 13 years."

"Mr. Antolini is no stranger to Sandmeier," Friedland said. "He was Sandmeier principal before I asked him to help resign the Walton School. If the board adopts the recommendations, Sandmeier will have a tenured principal in Mr. Antolini."

Of the affected administrator, Manfredi was the only one present.

The board will consider Friedland's recommendations and may vote on them as early as the June 22 meeting. The public session is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Dayton second-floor facility room.

Non-fat desserts bring sweet victory

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

A dessert with a might name just can't miss.

Jason Kaplan of Springfield became the state winner in the 1989 Annual National High School Recipe Contest held recently at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I. Kaplan triumphed with two of his own creations: "Chocolate-Crusted Cheesecake with Chocolate Dipped Strawberries" and "Meringue-Crusted Fruit Pie." Over 500 young chefs from around the nation were entered in the competition.

Kaplan, a senior at Morrissette Beard High School, graduated Saturday. His dessert creations won him a \$1,000 renewable tuition scholarship to Johnson and Wales, where he plans to begin his studies in both the culinary arts and business management at September.

"I was a Kaplan family special," Kaplan said. "My grandfather, my aunt and my cousin are all in the business. My grandfather owned a string of diners and my aunt does catering and food styling."

Kaplan's school project resulted in an internship at the Millman Diner with John Therianos, the resident baker.

"John taught me the culinary language of America," Kaplan said. "It was incredible to learn from him. He taught me the art of the business but also more interesting things I didn't know."

"He also showed me his own method of baking. Everyone has their own style and he taught me his." Kaplan's internship occurred after his success with Johnson and Wales. "I'll know what I know now. I certainly could have made use of it."

Kaplan's award-winning desserts are "groundingly" low in fat. They had to be low in fat and calories — those were two of the requirements. Kaplan said. "We had to submit it with the recipes but photos of the finished work."

Competition had 307 contestants between producing a family dinner or a baked product. To be credit, Kaplan chose to make desserts — quite a challenge, considering the difficulty of producing low-fat sweets.

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Jason Kaplan
When he learned he was to join the military, his mother and the cooking shows he watches. After graduation in Providence, he hopes to become a restaurateur — a chef and owner of a restaurant in Italian and new American. New American cuisine, Kaplan describes it, includes the best of both parts of the country, the old and the new.

Kaplan has had food that he has himself the same this year. From the recipes of a Southern food, one of that — Jason, John, Bob and David Mathews.



This low-fat creation by Springfield resident Jason Kaplan, "Chocolate-Crusted Cheesecake with Chocolate Dipped Strawberries," helped him triumph in the National High School Recipe Contest.

Springfield provides aid to Summit

Springfield was among the towns that formed a \$100,000 search fund for a truck involved in an October 1988 fire.

Springfield, Union and Milford firefighters assisted in Summit's search and helped move patients in October 22 fire and 11th floor. Summit received call of the smoke condition at 4:20 a.m. and called for mutual aid upon arrival minutes later.

Summit, using heat guns, gas and Uman's thermal imaging cameras, was on the heavy smoke in an elevator shaft on the 11th floor. Mechanical team has overhauling together a steam chest, causing the fire to hold.

The \$2,000 motor and elevator were shut down and a portable tank was opened to evacuate the smoke. A pair of units and 22 firefighters were at the scene. All hands were released by 6:20 a.m.

Springfield's Engine 10 responded to a small fire in the parking lot of First Union Bank on Morris Avenue Friday. Six small piled leaves was found burning in the middle of the lot, which the department put out with a water extinguisher. Five mutual aid service calls were dispatched during the course of the day.

Springfield fire, police and first aid units gathered at the scene of a two-car crash at the corner of Skiff and Grand Hill roads Friday. A northbound Chevrolet Suburban van had apparently ignored a stop sign and ran into a Toyota Camry at 7:37 a.m.

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- The Toyota driver was injured in the crash and was treated by first aid and taken to a hospital. The Chevy driver was ticketed.
- A call from Linden Avenue residence for water coming from a hot water heater while the department put it at 4:42 p.m. June 3. Another small burst fire, this time at Morris and Linden avenues, was handled at 10:22 p.m.
- One medical service call — on Route 22 business was answered June 3.
- Fire and police teamed up at another accident site, this time at Morris and Maple avenues at 1 p.m.

June 1, A Dodge caravan driver heading north on Maple said he had the green light before an eastbound Chevy ran into him. Firefighters responded to the fluid spill from the resulting crash.

- A call from a Diamond Road residence for a smoke condition was answered May 31. The department arrived to find a small fire in a wicker wastebasket caused by a combustible material. The fire was extinguished outside the house. There was no damage. One medical service call and one activated fire alarm at a Route 22 Wood business were also answered.
- An activated fire alarm brought the department to the 1st Ridge Road business at 2:40 p.m. May 31.

Two out-of-town people were injured in separate auto accidents in Springfield four days apart from each other. One apparently walked into a car's path while the other reared from the curb.

The walk-in happened to a Newark man while crossing Essex Road along South Springfield Avenue June 1. The Chevrolet wagon driver said he did not see the pedestrian while attempting a left turn on the avenue at 4:23 p.m.

The Chevy struck the 18-year-old's left front side. There was no record of

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the extent of the victim's injuries.

The teapots occurred at the corner of Commerce Street and Stern Avenue June 4. A 34-year-old man was arrested while driving his Ford car in Commerce street. He was cited at 9:46 p.m. The Ford continued into a parking lot by Stern and ran into an abandoned Chevy tree, says the truck parked there.

The abandoned driver said he was distressed about his life's situation but

refused to show police his license by request. Officers found narcotics in him and in his car.

The man was arrested and charged on seven offenses. They include driving while under the influence of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and refusing to submit to a vehicle-related paperwork. Motor vehicle charges include driving with-

out proper registration and driving an unregistered and uninsured car.

Wendie Ann Robinson, 26, and Lisa Ann Robinson, 23, respectively, were held by the end of the day in jail. The truck had been towed to the street for bridge deck repair work. Motorists seeking to cross the bridge must either Shampok

or Morris. Victims of the accident were taken to a hospital for further treatment. He said an ambulance accidentally damaged the park.

An Edison driver was in the Morris Avenue area that night and continued to drive his 1981 cell phone missing at 9 p.m. Saturday.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Safety steps

Some crises are unavoidable. No matter how much you prepare, there are circumstances that are unforeseeable. The Mountaineers Board of Education and Police Department are working together to minimize these situations.

Since the tragic shooting at Littleton, Colo.'s Columbine High School, April 20, Mountaineers board members, including the newly elected members, have actively taken steps to educate and receive input from the community. On May 27, they coordinated with borough Police Chief James Debbie, Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan, child psychologist Steve Tobias and district computer coordinator Randy Palmer to sponsor a safety forum for parents.

Two days earlier, at their regular meeting, board members reviewed Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller's draft of a crisis management plan. Debbie said he hopes the plan will be adopted at the board's next meeting.

"We want to have an absolute plan," Debbie said. Schaller's proposal appears to do just that.

The draft contains guidelines and step-by-step instructions about how to deal with hostage situations, severe weather conditions, death within the school and suicide among other topics. A copy has been given to the Mountaineers Public Library for review by the public. All parents and concerned neighbors should make it a priority to review the draft and make their questions, comments and concerns known to board members.

Meetings of the borough's Board of Education are not known for drawing a large crowd. If you only choose to attend one of their sessions for this year, attend the meeting on June 28. Learn about the safety of your children and your neighbors' children.

Schaller, Debbie and the Board of Education have taken important steps to increase safety in the district. Parents, as well, need to prove how very important it is.

Fly the flag with pride

Monday is Flag Day, a holiday long overdue for revival among Americans who take the emblem for granted. Often lost between the more celebrated holidays of Memorial Day and July 4 — perhaps because they involve a day off — many Americans will forget to fly the flag Monday. But this symbol of our nation deserves a holiday of its own.

At the time our flag was adopted, it was an unusual icon. Where European flags often had coats of arms, emblems or religious symbols on them, here was the American statement in bold colors of red, white and blue. The 13 stripes recalled the original rebellious 13 colonies, and one of those stripes is there for New Jersey. The stars would multiply throughout the years as more states joined this prosperous union. These bright colors represented a fresh idea in the world, an ideal of freedom and outspoken opinion without fear of entrenched nobility or suffocating oligarchy.

In every battle, the culmination of victory has been the raising of our colorful flag. Who can view the group of excited Marines raising the flag on Mount Suribachi without getting a chill? The other Marines still fighting their way on the bloody slopes at the battle of Iwo Jima repaired a new engine to finish the combat when they saw our flag raised. It was reminiscent of the flag over the sieged Fort Mifflin in the War of 1812 which inspired Frances Scott Key to pen our national anthem.

From that tattered "star-spangled banner" to the stars and stripes raised on the moon during the Apollo 11 landing, our flag has been a symbol of hope and inspiration to millions of Americans.

The flag is not an empty symbol to be cur and risen into a jacket or used as a backdrop to political events. It is a promissory note representing the costly amount of blood shed for freedom for which we owe repayment. How many young men and women lost their futures so we could remain flying our flag? It is for them we should fly our American flag proudly on Monday. It is for them we should resolve to revive this important holiday that shows the world we take freedom seriously.

What's your opinion about the subject? Call us at (908) 696-8888, and enter Selection 8000. Use our infocore hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



"Freedom of the press is perhaps the freedom that has suffered the most from the gradual degradation of the idea of liberty."

Albert Camus
French writer
1960



Photo by Milton Mitt

MEMORIAL DAY — Dan Kirk and four-year-old Tommy, left, arrived early to find a shady spot with Linda Pallas and Zachary Pallas, 5, to enjoy the Memorial Day celebration in Springfield May 31.

Local taxpayers deserve a piece of the pie

Okay, as Mountaineers Mayor Robert Williams was so excited about my suggestion of planners for the borough's central business district. But a year Tuesday morning and I had just sat at my desk after a three-day weekend. Mountaineers' downtown needs were not on my immediate agenda. At the moment, it was the best I could do.

I had had two to three months to present a proposal for a Downtown Union County grant as local officials did. I'm certain I could have a better idea than my initial suggestion. As a matter of fact, after a few days of giving it some thought, I do have several ideas.

It hardly matters, though. Regardless of what I might suggest, I'm sure borough officials will do their best to discontinue them.

In his letter last week, the mayor asks, "Who is the *Echo Leader* always negative?" He specifically described to me while we were on the telephone two editions critical of the Borough Council in the first six months of this year. I haven't six months. I can't really say negative much less qualify as always. We criticized the borough for not applying for grant money to which it was entitled.

The mayor explained that the borough removed its business district in 1994-95 with much of the money coming from the county and, thus, did not think the downtown needed a thing.

We never said anything about major renovations to the downtown. We criticized officials for not giving all the borough a piece of the pie

My Two Cents

By Mark Hryndak
Regional Editor

The mayor believed it would be "greedy" and audacious to ask for money only five years after receiving several hundred thousand dollars.

The county did not think it was greedy or audacious. It had, surely, the borough would have been ineligible for the grant like Linden and Elizabeth. Those two cities were ineligible because they received funds just last year.

Even one county official I spoke to last week was expecting Mountaineers to apply for something.

Whenever way the county decides to slice the \$5 million Downtown Union County "pie," part of it is still left for us. Why not try to keep some for yourself? Why should Mountaineers taxpayers send their money to the county's towns like Westfield and Summit, can do nice things in their downtowns? Granted, the borough would be paying a major portion of the bill, but it's still your money.

We believe residents deserve at least a little bit of that pie. If only minor, peripheral items for the downtown. This money will be spent anyway, so why not let those who spent on your hometown do this

greedy? Is that negative? If that's negative, then look up and blow away the key because we're guilty as charged.

Even, July 17, 1989, Mountaineers Westfield Park, which asked for as much as \$15,000 from the county to remove and replace the entrance, as its community center.

Mountaineers does not have a large business district, but what it does have serves a purpose, and has activity. We wouldn't need to apply for as much as Westfield, which asked for \$1.2 million, but we could use a few bucks to spruce up the place.

Granted, the borough was fortunate enough to receive funds several years ago, perhaps its piece of the pie would have been smaller than that of competing towns. Who knows. But that's just it. Who knows?

As for some suggestions for the downtown, there surely are a few that we're just exploring. So, the borough received funds five years ago for interest-free loans. Why stop there? There is no reason to turn the borough into a major downtown. There's room for improvement.

How about a facade improvement program for merchants? The businesses on the Block, Providence Road, Mountain Avenue, side length like that opportunity. Many towns, particularly ones with Urban Enterprise Zones or Special Improvement Districts, often have funds available to local merchants to improve the signage or facades of their businesses. In some cases, the merchants match a portion of the grant with their own money. While there may be some legal

questions regarding county money paying for private-property improvement, it's something to explore. Did anyone even ask merchants if they might have something to suggest for the Downtown Union County grant? They are consultants too. They pay county and borough taxes just like homeowners. You have to keep them happy too or else you'll have empty storefronts — of which, by the way, Mountaineers has at least three.

Westfield has one of the busiest and nicest downtowns in the area. One feature they have is directional signs indicating which way is the downtown. The signage is very consistent and well-lit — a white sign with a blue script "W" followed by "Downtown Westfield." Nothing too fancy, but it lets people know where the business district is and you know where you are when you see that script letter. It's very consistent.

New signs for Springfield's municipal complex and library serve the same purpose. And look much better than the "Shop Springfield" banners. Could Mountaineers use a few directional signs, so do people who are visiting the downtown of a few more ways signs? Headings near the library or Borough Hall, somewhere near Lake Lark Park, where there is always a lot of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Route 222, Woodland Avenue or on Mountain Avenue to see east Westfield and into the town.

Just these blocks from the borough's central business district stands a sign pointing people in the direction of a downtown Westfield.

Sun always shines for weather forecasters

It would appear that when a student conducts in Weather 101, the first lesson must be "Net of prediction from a forecast."

This prediction is evident when the weather is reported on television and the radio. Whenever that weather report comes up, the weather person takes great pains to assure the listening and viewing audiences that while there may be some rain during the week, never fear, on the weekend there will be sunshine galore, with many spots of rain anywhere.

It is usually predicted for the weekend, and sometimes it cannot be avoided, then plans must be altered. How could anyone go anywhere in the rain? After all, going to work in the rain doesn't count, but going out for pleasure in the rain is a big no-no.

Granted, if a trip to the store is planned, then going in the rain doesn't seem like a good choice. But, on the other hand, if rain is predicted, then maybe the store is actually reachable, since everyone else will stay home. Just think how glad the concessionaire will be to see you, since everyone else will be at home sulking.

Weather forecasts really do prove themselves in early morning showers. When the weather forecast is announced, probably every five or six

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

minutes, the announcer takes great glee in announcing sunshine, or at best partially sunny.

— Somehow, or other, it's never partly cloudy. That would be nice, too, to have a report.

And, announcers of broadcast news don't want to be too negative about the weather, so they skip around the topic. Have you ever looked out the window and seen huge drops of the sidewalk, and the announcer may just be saying it's just a passing shower? Not too worry, it will soon go away and we shall again enjoy glorious sunshine.

Weather plays a very big role in our lives. Not only does the store area depend heavily on the good news of sunshine, heat and humidity, but other areas of the state also look forward to sunshine to draw the crowds to whatever attraction they are pushing, such as a lake-side marina or a place where the ladies can frolic in pools, or a place where the folks can relax from viewing animals to riding a roller coaster.

Of course, if you go to these places in the rain, you will have the place to yourself. You may not see the animals because they have enough sense to get out of the rain, but there will be no crowds.

People do get very emotional about weather. If they find out they may not be able to go to the shore or barbecue in the backyard or sit in a nearby park, they really go berserk. I know of a case where the planner of a big trout dinner picnic for his club threw a tantrum and took it as a personal affront when it started to rain.

Not only is it necessary to change the plans because of the inclement weather, but the planner never even thought of the possibility of rain, since he felt his plans would offset any plans Mother Nature had in store. What a shock to find the outdoor picnic had to go indoors.

When folks gather together after a rainy weekend, the official chat that really runs around how everything was ruined because of the wet weekend? And, wouldn't you know the sun is out and it's Monday. What to do?

Some meetings have been known to take Monday off, been some type of "mad" day. Others "moo" around all day, not doing anything much but sunbathing.

Then there are the workers who are smiling. They are the workers who always work on the weekend — and they have Monday off. What a life. They can smile all day Monday as they travel to the shore and the mountains in the opposite direction of the traffic, laughing all the way.

And, lastly, there are the real "wet" sunbathers. They remember the dog days of August. They remember not having shade, no water day and no water in the reservoirs. They glory in the rain, no matter the day.

Weather is not to be taken lightly. Witness the catastrophe in Oklahoma and Arkansas. Maybe instead of griping about the rain, it's best just to recognize that weather is an encompassing. That's the hard way to it.

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

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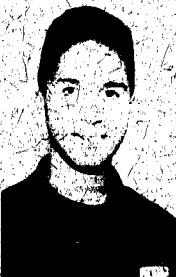
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Bulldog Award for Perseverance: Valeriya Biryuzova, Maurice Blondet, Sheryl Brownstein, Sofia Ring, Lindsay Savin, Jared Weiss and Mamie Zambolla.

For the rest of the awards winners, see Page 12

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French III: Sara Abramov, Linda Agostinelli, Valeriya Biryuzova, Lawrence Buxton, Jennifer Cheung, Tahira Clark, Shary David, Lillian Fasman, Jennifer Fiorelli, Christina Fiori, Jessica Goldblatt, Yardi Haim-Cohen, Jordan Levy, Julie Marx, Olga Ostrov, Samantha Peller, Alejandra Pullo and Alexi Seidel.

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National French Contest Level 3: Fourth place: Yardi Haim-Cohen, Sara Plozennec and Maria Stravato.

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth M. Walker

Kenneth M. Walker, 74, of Summit died May 30 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Summit, Mr. Walker lived in Yauhall and Morriswood before returning to Summit many years ago. He was a sergeant at Christ Church, Short Hills, for 25 years. Mr. Walker served in the Merchant Marines from 1945 until 1947.

Surviving is his companion, Janet Washburn-Snaul.

Edward R. Baumer

Edward R. Baumer, 74, of Springfield died June 4 at Overlook Hospital, Springfield.

Born in Newark, Mr. Baumer served in Springfield 49 years ago. He was a police officer with the Springfield Police Department for 28 years and retired in 1982. During World War II, Mr. Baumer served in the Army Air Corps. He was a life member of the Police Officers' Benevolent Association Local 76 and a past commander of American Legion 648.

Joan Alice Neely

Joan Alice Neely, 68, of Summit died May 29 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Neely had resided in Summit for the past 30 years. She was a nurse and a teacher.

Lucia Biello

Lucia Biello, 82, of Springfield died June 5 at home.

Born in Veneto, Italy, Mrs. Biello moved to Springfield for 30 years before moving to Springfield last year. She was a seamstress for M.S. Knitwear, Newark, for 10 years and retired in 1980.

Surviving are her husband, Nicola, and sons, Vincenzo and Louis, two daughters, Maria Terjesen and Savina, and five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Ruth L. Smith

Ruth L. Smith of Maplewood, formerly of Summit, died May 29 at the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in Pennsylvania, Miss Smith died at Summit for 25 years before moving to Maplewood more than a year ago. She was the head of the administrative systems division of Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill, and retired in 1982 after 39 years with the company. Miss Smith was a member of the Y.M.C.A. of the New Jersey Chapter, the Visual Arts, and the Church Women Union, all in Summit.

William J. King

William J. King, of Marlton, formerly of Springfield, died June 4 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Atlantic, Mr. King lived in Freehold, N.J., from 1943 to 1992, and then in Springfield until 1996, when he moved to Marlton. He worked for Columbia Mortgage Co. in Marlton, N.J., as a mortgage administrator for 20 years and retired in 1987. Mr. King attended Fordham University for two years. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are a daughter, Jeanne McGrath, two sons, John P. and Gregg M., six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Martha J. Sherman

Martha J. Sherman, 80, of Springfield, died June 7 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Jeanette, Pa., Mrs. Sherman lived in Atlantic, Pa., Newark and Hillsdale before moving to Springfield in 1947. She was a member of Hadassah and the Daughters of the Revolution, both of Union County, and the Wyalonia Chapter of Temple Beth El of Springfield.

Surviving are a daughter, Rosalie Cook, a son, Richard, six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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Bella Agamie

Bella Agamie of Wayne, formerly of Summit, died June 3 in Wayne General Hospital.

Born in Akrepi, Syria, Mrs. Agamie moved to Summit and Paterson before moving to Wayne four years ago. She was a distributor of Agamie's Food Market, a family-owned business, in Paterson and Cedar Grove, before retiring.

Surviving are a son, Wayne, four daughters, Betty Barry, Rosemarie Corcoran, Gertrude Michiano and Denise Graess, a sister, Gertrude Nounin, a brother, Albert (Harvey), and 11 grandchildren.

Anna Corcoran

Anna-Ryan Corcoran, 97, of Summit died June 3 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Baltimore, County Mayo, Ireland, Mrs. Corcoran died in Summit 67 years ago. She was a member of the Rosary Society and the 60-Plus Club, both of St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit.

Surviving are four sons, Martin L., William D. and Philip E. Ryan, and Joseph Corcoran, two daughters, Peggy Ajern and Patricia Reeves, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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Sandmeier artist



Sandmeier School fourth-grader Ins Ting, left, displays her artwork with Principal Elizabeth Young and second-grader Ji-Min Hwang. Ting's work was selected by the Crayola National Dream-Makers Competition, University of Toledo Center for the Arts site to go on display in Toledo. Hwang was a semi-finalist in the competition. Nearly all of the students' artwork will be exhibited at the Sandmeier Art Show June 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Foothill service club installs officers

The Foothill Club, a community service group in Mountaineer, held its installation luncheon May 6 at the B.G. Isbelle. Mrs. Edward Kaacka installed the new officers.

- President — Ruth Goense; Vice-President — Iris Uhlig; Recording Secretary — Marie Harpout; Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. V. Honox; Treasurer — Jean Ott Grande.

The Foothill Club donates funds to the Mountaineer Foothill Club can contact Ruth Goense at (908) 233-5253.

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Photo by Walter Elliott
Fleet Bank officer Judith Burt and Mountianside Rescue Squad President Kit Carson examine a painting by borough artist Burton Longenbach. Longenbach's painting was one of 54 art works auctioned off for the squad in the bank, Saturday.

Auction aids squad

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Rich Olinka was taken off back when he entered the Mountianside Fleet Bank ATM tower early Friday night. He found the front doors open and about 50 people examining paintings inside the main lobby.

"I just slipped in through the ATM and my son's in the car outside," Olinka told me. "There's a sign next to the door reading, Art to the Rescue! Looks like a good idea."

"Art to the Rescue" was a two-day fundraiser for the Mountianside Rescue Squad. Members of the Woodfield Art Society donated for one of their work of art projects, the proceeds going to a new squad ambulance.

When the art association approached us about this idea, I said I'd be sure to give you a good report on it. I know of any squad holding an auction before. But it's a good idea and we do need a new ambulance.

Carson directed us through the bank lobby, rear door to the squad's two Ford ambulance ambulances parked outside. The pair appeared similar, except that the blue striped model had a worn floor.

"We have 600 calls a year with the 1988 and 1993 ambulances," Carson said. "We need space in the ambulances for new life-saving technology, and the older unit hasn't the space for the equipment."

Carson estimated a new ambulance cost to be about \$100,000. Affording such a vehicle is a challenge for most volunteer rescue squads, including the 11-year-old Mountianside unit.

Following Carson through the village were Borough Butler and his wife, Mike, Robert Butler was one of 54 exhibiting artists.

"I'm pleased to take part," Butler said. "The rescue squad is something you don't find in every town, so you need them."

"This is the sort of event which makes Mountianside unique," Robert said. "When you go back inside the bank, you get a small town feel where people all know each other."

An art work, predominantly paintings, was placed throughout the lobby along the letter's counter, propped up on bank officers' desks or hung on cubicle walls.

Local dignitaries like Mountianside Mayor Bob Vignanti and Rotary Club President Bob Bruno examined the pieces with other borough residents. Some watched while eating catered food and listening to music played by harpist Joanne Chalmers-Harson of Mountianside.

Fire department says 'please' for camera

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Two local businesses stopped by the Springfield Fire Headquarters and dropped off a check in Fire Chief William Gras June 3. The check, from Raymond Benedetto and Kenneth Maehl of the National Educational Music Company, launches Gras' fund drive for a thermal imaging camera.

"We usually contribute to charities on a national level," Benedetto-NEMC president said. "But what happened last March showed us you really need a camera. The camera will help the community, its businesses, and may help spare the lives of firefighters and residents."

"I really appreciate this," Gras said. "You didn't have to do this because you're actually headquartered in Mountianside and please, purchase space in Springfield. I'd like to have more business people like you."

"This started with a report of a smoke condition in one of our warehouses March 22," NEMC General Manager Maehl said. "Springfield department arrived at about 8 p.m. and tried to find it. Before they could open up walls and ceiling panels, they went up to Union Township engines to arrive with their thermal imaging camera."

Union Township has had two thermal imaging cameras for the last two years. The hand-held devices allow firefighters to look for infrared heat sources within a structure. Their heat sources may range from fires hidden in walls to potential fire victims.

"Chief Gras and a volunteer from North Plainfield demonstrated the camera during our May 22 meeting," Springfield Chapter of Community President Pat Patella said.

"Our members could see where the electrical fires were hidden around the Shining Networks meeting room and the heat points our patients feel at the table and the walls."

"The thermal imaging camera has proven to be a very important piece of firefighting equipment," Summit Fire Chief Christopher Coltrane said. "We used a Union camera in a residential fire last week. It was a very important piece of equipment, it is expensive and the camera is very fragile equipment, it is difficult for some departments to acquire."



Photo by Bob Casati
National Educational Music Company President Raymond Benedetto hands a check to Springfield Fire Chief William Gras while NEMC General Manager Kenneth Maehl looks on. Benedetto submitted the check to launch the department's fund-raising drive for a thermal imaging camera.

Union Township officials have their own budget and call for more firefighting tools. The first was a donation from Waterbury Township followed by a second purchased by the township.

The chief is what type of Union's camera is needed. The Standard 7895-2 model, according to Maehl, costs \$20,000. An optional camera mounted on a truck and a model circuit video monitor is \$4,000 more.

"While we were waiting for Union-Gras' men could've purchased the tool on their own looking for the suspected smoke," Benedetto said. "That camera is an additional expense for the business. The time we waited could've been used for fighting fires or saving lives."

"The wealthy Benedetto and Maehl, talking with Gras about how to obtain a thermal imaging camera. The dis-

vision and research has led to the current model device.

"This is the first time I'm putting my hand out," Gras said. "I don't want this kept separate from the annual appeal for our volunteer fire company. Second, our part of the municipal budget had been approved last month."

Gras said he is aware of several federal and state funding programs for fire equipment being offered. One from Congressman Bob Franks, R-Union, calls for \$100 million for fire departments and companies to buy the cameras. Franks' plan includes competitive bidding and the firefighters help pay part of the cost.

Assemblyman Rep. Butenna, R-Summit, wants to add \$10 million to Franks' proposal for the cameras. National Fireman's Mutual Defense Association President William

Franks said he is \$10 million. The Robert Park department is looking for applicable grant programs, and Summit is awaiting word from a philanthropy.

Franks, Butenna, Franks and firefighter John Linden and Philadelphia firefighter Joe Casati are among the nine groups represented at the event.

"In a state of the funding plans," Gras said. "Before we can even ourselves in the program, I have to show that we have exhausted every other avenue of fund raising."

Gras was preparing letters to Springfield business and residents planning the thermal imaging camera fund drive. He's trying to attract fire insurance public donations to this summer.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Students recognized for Latin achievements

At the June 7 meeting of the Summit Board of Education will present resolutions for Recognition of Outstanding Middle School Achievement.

Students recognized for Latin achievements include: Latin I, SHS: Maria Cruz, Laurie Mary Krieger, Stephanie Milburn. Latin II, SHS: Silver Maxima, Cam Laude, Virginia Cartwright and Jillian D'Amico.

Latin Prose 4, SHS: Magna Cuih Laude, Padma Gaudin. Latin Verse, Matt Kateronek and Jessica Baker.

Latin Poetry 4, SHS: Silver Maxima, Cam Laude, Alexander Harjo. Latin Prose 3, SHS: Charles E. Dicker. Latin Verse 3, SHS: Brian and Kaye.

Latin V, SHS: Maria Cruz, Laude, John Mell. Latin Verse 2, SHS: Jennifer Sawyer.

Sawyer hits dean's list

Jennifer Sawyer of Springfield was recently named to the dean's list at Boston College for the spring semester. In the fall, Sawyer will be a junior, majoring in chemistry.

Locals receive honors

Recognized John Hanly at the Parents School announced that Springfield resident, seventh grader, Elizabeth Wolf and eighth grader, Nicholas DeAngelis, were recently named to the Union High School and the Union High School.

The Union High School recognizes the Honored Student who have achieved outstanding in two's, good, or one's, excellent Honor Roll recognition is given to those students who have achieved an academic average of B+ or better.

John Wolf is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeynab Wolf and Michael DeAngelis is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence DeAngelis, all of Springfield.

Duke graduates Levine

Springfield's Jaime Marissa Levine received her bachelor of science degree from Duke University May 16. She is the daughter of Steven and Debra Levine, both of Springfield.

Stallie receives degree

Annette J. Stallie of Mountain side was awarded a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education from Salve Regina University during its 1999 commencement May 16.

Stallie's daughter, Jennifer Stallie, 23, of Mountain side and Leonard Stallie, 21, of Short Hills, is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

During her career at Salve Regina, Stallie was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the Student Alumni Association and the Council for Exceptional Children. She volunteered at Global Fun Day, The Special Olympics, peer leadership and worked with the elderly.

Wilhelm honored as PBK

Amy Ruth Wilhelm of Mountain side was recently initiated into the Phi Beta Kappa chapter at Wake Forest University.

Wilhelm, the daughter of Wolf and Beth Wilhelm of Mountain side, majoring in accountancy. She graduated from Wake Forest in May.

Oratorians find success

Students in Oratory Prep School in Summit have posted distinguished results after the completion of two notable science competitions.

A medal of recognition will be given to junior Jonathan Hubert of Maplewood who ranked first in Union County in the 1999 Merck State Science Day.

The annual test, given each May, was administered to more than 1,000 students throughout the state. Hubert plans to attend Harvard University in the fall.

Senior, David Woltesch of

Chilmark placed 3rd in the state and 4th in the country. In 1998, he placed 2nd in the state and 3rd in the country. He will attend the College of William and Mary and will be a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

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The New Jersey Science League is composed of public, private and Catholic schools throughout the state. These schools meet four times a year to take tests in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science. This year, 140 schools have enrolled. The tests are given the second Tuesday of each month at 31 different high schools throughout the state.

The competition begins January and ends in April. Students of the top 10 percent receive plaques for their achievement in the Science League.

Six local residents earn degrees from Lafayette

Summit resident, Jeffrey Alan Schwartz and Kelly Rae Robinson and Summit residents Susan Kolinger, Alfred Graham Milton Day, William Charles Harrison, and Emma Anne Miljani were among more than 2,000 graduates receiving degrees at Lafayette University's 140th commencement ceremony last month.

Robinson and Schwartz both received bachelor of arts degrees in English. Miljani was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in history, while Day earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology and law. Harrison received a bachelor of arts degree in

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University's 125th commencement ceremonies last month.

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First-grader Jasmine Gogery shoots roller dice to improve her math skills at Sandmeier School's math carnival May 28 in Springfield.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Methodist Episcopal Church, 100 N. Main St., Springfield, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 7:00 PM. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 100 N. Main St., Springfield, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 7:00 PM.

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The Parish Community of St. Anthony, 45 South Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM.

Summit AARP elects officers

At the Monday, June 7th, Summit AARP Chapter 5040 at the American Association of Retired Persons will hold its 20th annual meeting at the Summit Hotel.

Reeves-Reed goes shopping

A day of power shopping with the Reeves-Reed Art Museum June 7th. The museum will be open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Dayton students honored at Awards event

The following Dayton students were honored at the high school's Spring Sports Awards held at Hall High School... Varsity Baseball: Matt Det... Varsity Softball: Tracy Salcedo...



Photo by Bill Allen/Staff Photographer

Governor Livingston High School senior pitcher Bobby Phillips won all five of the Highlanders state tournament games to finish with an 11-3 record and a 1-game winning streak...

Highlanders were special

What a year it was for the Governor Livingston High School diamond squad. The varsity baseball team captured its first-ever state championship by beating Gateway 4-2 last Saturday...

State champion GL baseball sports 21-4 mark

The Governor Livingston High School baseball team captured its first-ever state championship by winning the Group 2 title this year. The Highlanders first defeated Dover, Mendham and Chatham to win a second consecutive New Jersey Section 2 Group 2 crown...

County champion GL softball stood out at 21-3

The Governor Livingston High School softball team had an outstanding year, winning its second Union County Tournament championship in three years and capturing the Mountain Valley Conference Mountain Division title...

Soccer camp returns to area towns

Following last year's success, U.K. Elite returns to the towns of Cranford, Millburn, Roselle Park and Berkeley Heights to stage its annual soccer camp.

The camp will run the week of June 28-July 2 at Orange Avenue in Cranford from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The camp will also run the week of June 28/July 2 at Old Stone Hill Park in Millburn from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The camp will run the week of July 5-10 at Roselle Park High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The camp will also run the week of July 5-10 at Passaic River Park in Berkeley Heights.

Dayton athlete awarded for M of C

Dayton High School junior track and field standout, Norman Azran placed 3rd in the NISAA's 3,200-meter race at the state meet in Westfield, N.J. on May 22. Azran is a member of the M of C and will compete at the state meet in South Elizabeth, N.J. on June 14.

Springfield Orioles capture exciting one-run victories Junior Baseball League playoffs continued

The following are Springfield Junior Baseball League results of games played last week. MAJOR LEAGUE: Orioles 2, Pirates 1. The Orioles tested the Pirates again by one run. Kenneth Suarez started on the mound for the Pirates and Lee Silverman for the Orioles, both pitching well...

Marcus Pannella pitched a shabby 4 1/2 innings for the Pirates. Meanwhile, Jesse Touchette was pitching well for the Orioles. In the bottom of the fifth, the Orioles scored on a sacrifice fly by Ryan O'Reilly...

The Orioles scored in the bottom of the fifth of the game at 1-1. Silverman led things off with a single and moved to second on a single hit by Michael Mola. Walter Sherrin walked to load the bases. Justin Molinar followed with a hit that brought in the Silverman with the tying run.

In the bottom of the sixth, David Neuman worked a hit and belted a triple. Mola pitched to the Silverman in the bottom of the seventh. Adam Sherman and Brian Bousquet both walked in the bases, after two were down.

The Royals defeated the Angels and St. Theresa's defeated the Giants. The Royals were to have faced VFW but VFW played so the Royals advanced. The Angels played the Pirates and won 7-1 to continue into the playoffs.

St. Theresa's faced fellow Kentworth team, St. Ann and continued its winning streak posting an 8-2 victory. The Orioles faced the Phillies last Friday and won that game 13-3 with Mike punching all six innings for the victory.

Bulldog Basketball Camp to enhance desire for the game Boys and girls may still sign up to be part of

Boys and girls ages 8 to 14 will have an opportunity to improve their basketball skills this summer at the first-ever Bulldog Basketball Camp. The camp will run the week of June 28-July 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at Dayton High School in Springfield. The camp will be directed by Dave Kenne, the head girls' basketball coach at Dayton, and several other high school coaches.

Refine, who worked at a basketball camp at Seton Hall University for five years during the earlier part of the decade, said 40 players have registered so far. The camp will also have a girls' program. The camp will be open to all ages 8 to 14, with a focus on the 10-14 age group.

Wrestling school sets out to give local grapplers an Edge

The Edge School of Wrestling in Kentworth is preparing for its 10th annual training camp, which will begin July 26 and continue through August 13. The three-week program is open to the public and is designed for wrestlers ages 9 to 18. Practice sessions will be held each day, Monday through Friday, for 1 1/2 hours each day.

The camp is designed to be supplemental to what the students are being taught in school according to Monaco. Last summer approximately 50 wrestlers attended the program. Monaco is expecting anywhere from 30 to 60 this summer.

Monaco said he tries to keep the teacher-to-student ratio at the camp near 1:10. He said he doesn't see the camp as a money-making venture. He said he doesn't see the camp as a money-making venture.

Hoop camp at Rutgers-Newark Rutgers University Newark will hold a basketball camp at the Golden Dome Athletic Center this week of July 13-14 and Aug. 2-4. Each session is from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuition is \$100 and a residential fee of \$100 is due each camp during both weeks. Call 973-333-2474, ext. 223.

EDUCATION

Seniors receive JDHS achievement awards

President's Award for Educational Excellence: Larra Argana, Vicki Christopherson, Elvira Niki, Gary... (List of names and awards)

President's Award for Academic Effort: Sabina Bhatnagar, Valeria... (List of names and awards)

American Citizenship Awards: Larra Arganovska, Nicole Arnold, Dana... (List of names and awards)

Springfield Rotary Scholarships: Sheryl Brunstein, C.J. Cucumello... (List of names and awards)

National Merit Scholarship Commended Student: Lina Chertus, Deborah Gill and Scott Sambur... (List of names and awards)

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Two to be honored. The Springfield Branch Birth Lodge 2093 will honor Ralph J. Winfield, left, and Leonard Golden at the annual dinner/dance Wednesday at Exquisite Affairs Caterers... Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield. The honorees will celebrate 50 years as members of B'nai B'rith and were recently given an award by B'nai B'rith International citing their long-term membership.

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