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TWO SECTIONS

County to test other parks in town after Meisel Field closure

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

With the closing of Meisel Avenue Park last week, signs have been posted at several other nearby county-owned fields to allow for additional soil testing and groundwater tests.

The signs have also been placed at Wabeno Avenue Park and at the athletic fields adjacent to Meisel Avenue Park. Soil testing is planned for the remaining portions of the park, including its baseball, softball and soccer fields.

With the exception of the tennis courts, all of the property around Jonathan Dayton High School is also off-limits, with two signs placed on the field facing Mountain Avenue.

"Some of the adjacent fields to Meisel will be tested just to make sure there are no exceedances of state criteria," said Norma Eichlin, senior project manager for Matrix Environmental and Geotechnical Services of Florham Park.

The company performed the soil and groundwater testing at the football field at Meisel Avenue Park several months ago and found high levels of three contaminants, including arsenic, lead, and an insecticide.

The discovered levels had exceeded the acceptable amount for the state Department of Environmental Protection's residential criteria, forcing the county to close the park.

As a result, the township had to cancel its football program and will have to play all games away.

"It's disappointing," said Walter Mahler, superintendent of schools. "We heard all along that everything looked

good until we heard the results of the boring." Although football games will not be played anywhere in Springfield, Mayor Sy Mullman said the township is using every square inch of space to use other fields for practice, with the high school team playing only at the junior varsity level.

After announcing his notification of Meisel Avenue Park's closure at the last committee meeting, Mullman cautioned the audience on reacting too harshly to the news.

"I don't see a need to go crazy yet," said Mullman. "Before it gets totally out of hand, I think we should just wait for all the test results to come to see exactly what this is from."

"Right now, Matrix Environmental is awaiting the results of the site investigation report, which should be submitted to them within a few days, according to Eichlin.

The site investigation report consists of all the information the company has collected so far, including all the results of the samples, tabulated results of all the figures, and the company's own recommendations for what to do next, said Eichlin.

Once this site investigation is complete, the data will be sent to the state DEP for further action.

Although a source of the contaminants has not been determined at this time, Matrix Environmental is looking into the types of pesticides that were sprayed, the historical background of the chemical dye plant which once sat on the field, and the types of fill that were used on the property as possible causes of the contamination.

Arsenic was found in five locations of the field, lead at



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Last week, Union County closed Meisel Avenue Park after finding contaminants in the soil. Since then, these signs have sprouted up at several other county-owned fields in the township.

one location and field, an insecticide, at two areas. According to Mahler, who had read the company's report listing the chemicals found, some possible sources of the contamination could be the natural buildup of air pollution from vehicles or the use of weed killers and fertilizer.

Officials of Union County are also unsure as to what the main source of the contamination could be.

"We may never determine that," said Sebastian D'Elia, Union County director of public information. "But we are doing a wider scope study right now, a more comprehensive analysis of what is there."

Mountainside starts school year without new contract in place

By Brian Pedersen

Managing Editor

Although school is already in session, the new teachers' contracts for the Mountainside School District have not been settled yet, according to Florence Shukis, business administrator/secretary.

The salaries increased 4 percent for the 1998-99 school year, while staying at 3.7 percent for both 1999-2000 and 2000-01.

No date has been determined at this time as to when negotiations will take place or when the contracts will be settled for the Mountainside School District.

"We didn't want to negotiate in public so we didn't go to the press," said Jeannette Maraffi, president of the Mountainside Education Association.

The MEA had its proposal ready to present to the board on Oct. 1, 2000. One of the MEA's chief complaints about the contract is the level of Mountainside teachers' salaries.

Maraffi said they are in the bottom third of the county, listed as 16th out of the 23 districts in the county.

"But yet we live in a community that you could hardly call a poverty area," said Maraffi. "It's more than a little sad."

Maraffi said the main disputes of their teachers' contracts involve issues of pay, health benefits, and the length of the school year.

A state mediator has been appointed, but no date has been set for a meeting to negotiate. However, both sides say they look forward to reaching an amicable agreement.

"It didn't pass but I find that to be very encouraging because it will assist in the process," said Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller. "The board is looking forward to anything that will assist in the process. It will be greatly appreciated and will bring it to a resolution."

Although it is not unusual for districts to start the school year without a con-

tract in place, Maraffi said it is not something that they like to have happen.

As an administrator in the Mountainside district since 1997, Schaller said it is his first experience seeing Mountainside start a school year without a new contract. He said there are many in New Jersey that aren't settled at the beginning of the school year.

None of the details of the contract dispute could be shared until both sides can come to a ratification of the contract and the board votes on the final approval of it," said Schaller.

After the mediator meets with both sides, he or she will set the parameters, subdivide the group and report on what was discussed.

"We would just like to know that the community values us," said Maraffi. "Every teacher in Deerfield wants what's best for the children. They're a phenomenal group of teachers."



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Marnie Fish, a junior at Jonathan Dayton High School, recently cut 11 inches off her hair for the purpose of donating it to Locks of Love, an organization that uses donations of hair for disadvantaged children suffering from medical hair loss. At right, Fish gets ready to say goodbye to her braids.

Local teen donates more than just her free time

By Brian Pedersen

Managing Editor

For Marnie Fish, cutting her hair short was anything but a fashion statement.

The Springfield resident and junior at Jonathan Dayton High School recently cut 11 inches of her trademark long brown hair in order to donate it to an organization that helps children who have lost their own hair.

"I felt I should give back to the community," said Fish. "My friend had donated her hair and I was interested."

Fish donated her cut hair to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that uses donated hair to design hairpieces for financially disadvantaged children under age 18 who have some form of medical hair loss.

As Fish 16 explained, these children who have lost their hair whether through serious burns, cancer, or some other disease have lost more than their hair; they have lost their identity, their sense of self.

"It makes them feel a part of normal," Fish said.

The organization had found that most wages made by restlers are

designed to fit adults and are often too big for children to wear. To keep them on, children often need to apply glue or adhesive, which can be awkward and irritating. Many styles of adult wigs are not age-appropriate and can be easily damaged with extensive styling.

Custom-made for each child's head, the hairpieces from Locks of Love are vacuum-fitted so they can seal to the scalp without adhesives and be removed only by the wearer. Children can be active and enjoy swimming and showering without worry.

The retail cost of the hairpieces starts at \$3,500 and it takes about 10 to 15 ponytails for the organization to create one hairpiece, with a minimum length of 10 inches required for a donation.

Locks of Love gives the hairpieces free of charge to children in need, depending upon their financial situation.

At the salon where Fish underwent her haircutting initiative, one woman was so impressed with the teen's drive that she made a donation to the orga-

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Clapping for the show



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Above, kids showed their appreciation for all the amazing antics and events found at the Springfield Public Library's summer party.

Figures show some crime on the rise in Springfield, despite downward trend

By Brian Pedersen

Managing Editor

Across the board in almost every category, crime has gone up in Springfield.

While crime in Union County followed a general state and nationwide trend of declining slightly in most categories except for murder over the last two years, Springfield's crime report showed an increase in all but two categories, based on statistics released by the State Police.

Violent crimes went up from eight in 1999 to 10 in 2000, while non-violent crimes also increased, from 355 to 395. No murders were reported in either 1999 or 2000.

As for the rest of the violent crime figures, rape went down from one reported case in 1999 to none in 2000. Robbery went up from five in 1999 to 10 in 2000. Two cases of aggravated assault were reported in 1999, with a rise of 12 in 2000.

For non-violent crimes, 31 burglaries were reported in 1999, with a slight jump of 38 in 2000. Larceny cases went up from 238 to 256 and motor vehicle thefts rose from 86 to 101.

Arson cases decreased, with two reported in 1999 and none in 2000. Domestic violence rose from 101 to 126 and

bias crimes increased from one to six.

To combat crime, Police Chief William Chisholm said neighborhood watch programs and crime prevention initiatives are in place, but there are many factors that contribute to crime.

"It's built around the economy, the generation, and it's interrelated with the cooperation of the citizens," said Chisholm.

With more people unemployed, the chance for more crimes increases, he said.

As for the jump in stolen cars, Chisholm said the majority of the township's vehicles are recovered in Newark.

One of the crimes that appears to be increasing in Springfield is identity fraud, the stealing of another person's identification in order to make purchases.

With the rise of the Internet and an economy that increasingly moves away from cash transactions, Chisholm said the chance for identity fraud has become much greater since it first began several years ago.

Crime down in borough

By Joan M. Devlin

Staff Writer

The state's uniform crime statistics have come in overall as good news for Union County with a drop in almost every area, except for the homicide rate.

That is not applicable to the Borough of Mountainside, which had no murders at all for the year 2000 and one in 1999.

There were again no rapes, and two incidents of robbery, up from a zero robbery rate in 1999.

The aggravated assault number was down to three from four last year. However, in the non-violent crime category, motor vehicle thefts rose considerably to 38, up from 25 last year. This brought up the overall total crime index to 121 from 106 in 1999.

Police Chief James J. Debbie Jr. commented on the jump in motor vehicle thefts.

"I personally think a crime group is working the area; it has been extremely unusual because we have probably eight outstanding stolen cars, still missing from as far back as June. The usual pattern had been that we recovered them within a few days at the most," said Debbie. This is still under close investigation, and he said, "We have even notified the Union/Essex Auto Theft Task Force about this so they can be on top of it."

He said the department had made some arrests, but the investigation continues. Otherwise, he was pleased with the other statistics, which were low compared to other municipalities.

There were 10 burglaries as compared to nine last year; and 19 incidents of domestic violence reported in 2000 as compared to 28 in 1999.

"In general, we are in good shape. The Union County report is the lowest in 30 years across the board, and it is my opinion that it is because there are more police overall out there on the roads," said Debbie.

He noted during the Clinton administration that was one good thing that happened: more police were made available, and that Mountainside increased its officers by two during that time period.

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Grant allows more money for repairs

By Brian Petersen
Managing Editor
Emphasizing the ways the township is trying to beautify its buildings and structures, the Township Committee revealed an additional \$12,000 in grant money that will be used for further renovations to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center at the meeting on Aug. 28.

"We had a grant to fix Sarah Bailey because the contractors came in under the grant, and we were able to spend an additional \$12,000 in grant money, not township money," said Committee member Steven Goldstein.

The money will be used for additional work to the staircases, windows, and doors to the building. With the money received through the Community Development Block Grant, in conjunction with the Housing and Urban Development, the added renovations will help further enhance the appearance and structure of the building without spending any money from the township.

Mayor Sy Mullman said the improvements made to the building should be completed by the end of the month and is pleased with the results so far.

"They are doing a great job and the building will be magnificent," said Mullman.

While working on the building, A&S Restoration Corp. found that a change order was needed to purchase additional items to finish the renovations.

"Until those fixtures are in, he can't start on the final bathroom," said Sam Martini, assistant township engineer. "They are working on those additional items so that will delay the project." The project, which began in July, was originally planned to be completed by the first week in September. So far, two of the three bathrooms are complete. The walls and floors of the bathrooms were completely redone, and all of the windows have been replaced with new Anderson windows, said Michael Tennaro, recreation director.

Right now, the contractors are repairing the front porch, replacing the front gutters, and performing masonry work to the handicapped access ramp.

"These contractors are doing such a great job," said Tennaro. "I'm really pleased with everything they've done."

Donations to help kids suffering from hair loss

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nization by writing a check on the spot.

To build awareness about the organization, Fish is starting a can drive fundraiser at her school and hopes to get others interested in donating their hair.

"I'm extremely proud of her," said her father, Robert Fish. "I'm very lucky to have her for a daughter."

Marnie's mother, Yeda, also has nothing but praise for her daughter's generous spirit.

"It's amazing to me to give of yourself like that," Yeda said. "I'm proud of her for giving more than her time. She gave a piece of herself to help these kids."

Although it took her a while to get her hair long enough to cut it, Fish plans to do it again.

"I'm going to try to grow it back for next fall," said Fish. "It feels great to help other kids. It touches lives and it's good."

Hair is cut at either a participating salon or by the donors themselves and should be 10 inches or longer, clean and dry, bundled in a pony tail or braid, and free from chemical damage.

The hair can be mailed to: 1640 S. Congress Ave., Suite 104, Palm Springs, Fla. 33461

For information, go to www.lockstolive.org.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Garden Club will meet

The Springfield Garden Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Hill.

The guest speaker will be Lily Kosaka, who is certified in Ikebana, the Japanese art of arranging cut stems, leaves, and flowers in vases and other containers.

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.
For information, call 973-376-3436.

Newcomers plan events

The Mountinside Newcomers Club is currently collecting school supplies to distribute to St. Joseph's Social Center in Elizabeth. Backpacks, pencil boxes, lunch boxes, folders, pencils, glue, etc., are some of the items that are needed for the children to start off the 2001-02 school year. If you would like to donate items or need more information on this worthwhile cause call Karen Forza at 908-233-1671.

They also currently are planning a Fall Community Garage Sale that will be taking place the weekend of Oct. 6. There will be a \$20 fee, which will cover advertising the event in local newspapers, as well as maps and

signs. If you are interested in holding a garage sale at your home and would like to participate, call Karen Forza at 908-233-1671.

The annual festive dinner is planned for Oct. 20. This enjoyable evening begins with appetizers in a new comer's home. Then the club will split up into smaller groups for dining as a guest in the home of one of the hosts. To complete the evening, all guests return for desserts and coffee at another home.

Call Lori Goldberg at 908-232-6362 for more information.

If you are a new member and/or have not yet attended a new member coffee, join the Newcomers Club Sept. 13 for an evening of fun and relaxation and information about the club. Call Monica Boening for location information and to RSVP at 908-928-0321.

The Mountinside Newcomers Club, Inc. is a social organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to its new members, to help them meet others, and to make them feel welcome and a part of their community.

Your abilities can earn extra income. Advertise them with a classified ad by calling 1-800-564-9911.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to: Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109; Union, 07083.

Friday

• Kabbalat Shabbat, a healing and meditation service, is conducted by Rabbi Mark Malach at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, at 7 p.m. A Eom Shabbat will follow the service. All are welcome. For information, call 973-376-0539.

Saturday

• Volunteers ages 14 and up are needed to help out with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Meet at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountinside.
Bring a lunch, mug, pickaxe, shovel, and gloves if possible.
For information call 908-789-3670. All are welcome but must pre-register to attend.

Sunday

• Take a first hand look at the changing landscape along the Yellow Trail and see who wins trees as colonizing openings in the canopy to become the forest of the future at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountinside at 2 p.m.
Monday

• The Rosary Alar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountinside conducts a rosary/novena at 7 p.m., followed by a service conducted by Rev. P.J. Leonard at 7:30 p.m., ending with a service honoring Police Chief James Delbice.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. at the Annex Building on 20 N. Trivet Ave.
• The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 138 Mountain Ave.

Tuesday

• Agatha Christie's "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd" kicks off the Springfield Free Public Library's Luncheon Video Mystery Series at noon. The series will run throughout the fall and highlight movies based on the author's bestselling novels.
• Bring a bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided.
Call 973-376-4930 for information.

• The Mountinside Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets at 8 p.m. in the committee chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
• The Mountinside Borough Council meets at 8 p.m. for a work session at 1385 Route 22 East.

Wednesday

• Jewish Women International conducts its opening meeting of the 2001-02 season at 12:15 p.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Special guest speaker Jeff Daube will address the issue of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic teachings to Palestinian children in light of current events in the Middle East. All are welcome to attend.
For information, call 973-379-9402.

• The Springfield Garden Club meets at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Hill. The guest speaker is Lily Kosaka who is certified in Ikebana, the Japanese art of arranging cut stems, leaves, and flowers in vases and other containers. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.
For information call 973-376-3436.

• The Springfield Environmental Commission meets at 8 p.m. in the Annex at 20 N. Trivet Ave.

Upcoming

Sept. 13

• Preschool Storytime is scheduled for 3 and 4 year-

olds on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m., beginning today, until Oct. 4 at the Mountinside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, Mountinside.

• For information call 908-233-0115.
• The Woman of the Year will be announced by the Springfield Hadassah at its first meeting of the year for 2001-02 at 6 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. A sloppy joe supper will be offered at \$10 per person, with reservations made by calling 973-376-3171.

• The Mountinside Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 East.
• The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Sept. 14

• Toddler Time will be every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m., beginning today through Oct. 5, at the Mountinside Public Library, Constitution Plaza. Stories and nursery rhymes will be shared with two-year-olds and their adult companions. Registration is required.
For information call 908-233-0115.

Sept. 15

• The Westfield Regional Health Department is sponsoring a Health Fair for residents of Garwood, Fairwood, Mountinside, Roselle Park, Springfield, and Westfield.
The fair will take place 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Westfield Municipal Building Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield.

The program will include the following free services: multiple physician consults, blood sugar screening, blood pressure screening, anemia screening, and free samples.
For information call 908-789-4070.

Sept. 16

• Learn about butterflies by taking a hike to identify some local natives at the butterfly garden at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountinside.
The fee is \$2 per person. For information call 908-789-3670.

Sept. 18

• The Mountinside Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 East.

Sept. 20

• The Great Books Reading and Discussion Group will meet at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., at which time "Rameau's Nephew" by Diderot will be discussed. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month at 10 a.m.
For information call 973-376-4930.

Oct. 14

• B'Nai B'rith of Springfield plans a bus trip to Resorts in Atlantic City at \$22 per person. The bonus package includes breakfast at Bagel Chateau, 222 Mountain Ave. Springfield, at 8:30 a.m. The bus will leave the Echo Plaza Mall at 10:30 a.m. between Mountain Ave. and Route 22 in Springfield.
To reserve early, call Jerry Kamen at 908-687-9120. RSVP by Sept. 22 and mail checks to Jerry Kamen at 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083. Limited to bus capacity.

Ongoing

• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Hill, from 1 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information, call 973-912-2227.

• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines within the last year.

Butterfly watchers take flight at Trailside Sept. 16

Learn about these winged jewels and take a hike to identify some local butterflies on Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. Visit Trailside Butterfly Garden to see what cultivated plants attract butterflies. All indoors if it rains. The fee is \$2 per adult. On Sunday at 2 p.m., see what evidence of change can be found along the Yellow Trail. See what trees are colonizing openings in the canopy and what will become the forest of the future. Donation.

Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation on Saturday.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountinside, 07092. Bring lunch, mug for beverage, shovel, pickaxe, and gloves, if possible.

For ages 14 years and older.
For information on any of these programs, call Trailside Nature & Science Center at 908-789-3670.

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Jews anticipating High Holy Days with solemn services

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Jewish people everywhere are getting ready for the Rosh Hashanah holiday, when, on Sept. 17, the sounding of the ram's horn in temples and synagogues will usher in the 'New Year, 5762. The 10-day holy season culminates in the solemn Yom Kippur on Sept. 27, the Day of Atonement.

To prepare, various congregations will have special events and/or services beginning Sept. 8, and preparations must also be made for special seating in temples and synagogues, which require that seats for the Sept. 17 and 18 services be reserved ahead of time.

A special "High Holy Day Message" by a distinguished scholar, Rabbi Alan J. Yuter of Congregation Israel in Springfield, will set the tone for the approaching season.

He said, "While most people view Jewry as a people or ethnic group, the Jewish tradition sees the Jewish people as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation; therefore, religion is the real end-all reason we are put on earth. God is before us constantly, and we must repent every day of our lives." He continued, "In order to repent, it is necessary to get oneself right with God; one must make peace with other people whom we may have hurt...one cannot really believe in God until one appreciates the Godliness in others. On Rosh Hashanah, the Jew rededicates himself to seeing the Divine in others, and by turning to others in loving kindness, we return to our Creator."

An Orthodox Rabbi of Congregation Israel on Mountain Avenue in Springfield, Yuter also holds a doctorate in English literature and remarks on the approaching holy days, "I do not sound the ram's horn; I give that

'God is before us constantly, and we must repent every day of our lives.'

— Rabbi Alan J. Yuter

to two others — holy men — in the congregation. It will ring out at approximately 11 a.m. during the first and second days of the holiday during our services, each of which last from 7:45 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m.

At this Orthodox synagogue, a special service called Selichos will be held at 12:30 a.m. Sept. 9. Rosh Hashanah services will begin at 6:45 p.m. Sept. 17. For the first day, and the same time Sept. 18 for the second day, and a service at 7:40 p.m. Sept. 19.

The sacred Erev Yom Kippur service and fasting will begin with Mincha at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 26, with candles at 6:28 p.m. and the Kol Nidre sung at 6:30 p.m. Yom Kippur will be observed Sept. 27, beginning with Shacharis at 7:45 a.m., Yizkor at 11:30 a.m., a Mincha at 5:15 p.m. with ending of the fast at 7:31 p.m.

Seats for the High Holy Day services are non-transferable and must be purchased in advance. For information, call 973-467-9666.

The Conservative synagogue, Temple Beth Ahm on Temple Drive in Springfield, is headed by Rabbi Mark Mallich. It will hold a healing service at 7 p.m. Sept. 7, preceding the Jewish New Year services, and also Silbot family services Sept. 8 at both 6 and 9 p.m. as well as a 10:45 p.m. service.

On Rosh Hashanah, Temple Beth Ahm will hold its candlelighting service at 6:44 p.m. Sept. 17, followed by an 8 p.m. service and reception following the services. On Day One,

Sept. 18, there will be services at 8:30 a.m., 10 and 10:30 a.m. with separate youth services at 10:30 a.m. These will be of two-hour duration, followed by the ritual of casting sins upon the water at Briant Park on the Summit/Springfield border, beginning at 7 p.m., followed by candlelighting at 7:45 p.m.

On Day Two of Rosh Hashanah, the services will correspond to Day One, except there will be no late service. On Sept. 21, the Sabbath of Return will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. with candlelighting, and services on Sept. 22 at 6:47 p.m.

The solemn day of fasting and prayer, Yom Kippur, is from sundown Sept. 26 through sundown/Sept. 27. Temple Beth Ahm asks everyone to arrive on time and be seated by 6:03 p.m., and the Torah Processional will begin precisely at 6:13 p.m. There will also be a Youth Service for grades 5 and older, which will be held simultaneously from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. The Kol Nidrei will begin at 6:23 p.m.

On Yom Kippur day, the Shahrar begins at 8:30 a.m., the parallel service in the ballroom will be at 10 a.m., with youth services at 10:30 a.m., of two hours duration. For pre-K children, the service will be of 90-minute duration. Yizkor will be at 12:47 p.m., Minilab at 4:50 p.m. and Neilah at 6:10 p.m. The Havdalah children's processional will begin at 7:20 p.m., and the Men's Club sponsored Breakfast will be at 7:30 p.m. Babysitting will be available for all of the daytime services.

Reformed Temple Sha'arey Shalom on South Springfield Avenue in Springfield, led by Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, will begin the Jewish holidays with a Selbot service at 9:15 p.m. Sept. 8. The Erev Rosh Hashanah first service will be at 8 p.m., Sept. 17, and the Rosh Hashanah First Day service will be at 9:15 a.m., Sept. 18, which will include kindergarten. The next service will be at 11:45 a.m., which will include seventh grade and above. The Tashlich service is scheduled for 2:45 p.m. The Second Day of Rosh Hashanah services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 19.

For the Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre services, seventh grade and above, it will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26. There will be a Yom Kippur morning service at 9:15 a.m. Sept. 27, then a First Service including kindergarten and above at 11:45 a.m., followed by a Second Service for seventh graders and above. Seminars will begin at 2 p.m., another children's service at 2:15 p.m., and an afternoon service at 3:15 p.m. The Yizkor concluding service will be at 5:30 p.m.

Reservations are required for all of the above services. Ticket sales began as of Aug. 31. For information call the temple at 973-379-5387.

Summit:
The Conservative Summit Jewish Community Center at Kent Place Boulevard in Summit, led by Rabbi William Horn, is taking reservations as soon as possible for the High Holy Days. Call Samantha Hickman at 908-608-0096, or Karen Rosenberg at 908-286-0241.

Rosh Hashanah services will begin at 8:30 p.m., Sept. 17. On Sept. 18, there will be three services: 9 a.m. at Summit Middle School, 9 a.m. and

'The Jew rededicates himself to seeing the Divine in others, and by turning to others in loving kindness, we return to our Creator.'

— Rabbi Alan J. Yuter

7:30 p.m. both at the Summit Jewish Community Center. On Sept. 19, there will be two services; one at 9 a.m. at Temple Sinai in Summit, and one a 9 a.m. at the Summit Jewish Community Center. Members with young children, 13 or younger, are requested to attend services at the Summit Jewish Community Center. Members with older children are suggested to attend services at the Summit Middle School and Temple Sinai as these facilities are not equipped for younger children.

The solemn Yom Kippur services begin at 6:35 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Summit Middle School, with candlelighting and the Kol Nidre. Services on Sept. 27 begin at 9 a.m. at the Summit Middle School. At 4 p.m. will be the Rabbi's class; at 4:45 p.m. Mincha, and at 6:15 p.m. Neilah services. At 7:15 p.m. will be the Maariv closing service.

Babysitting for preschoolers will be available during part of the High Holy Day services. For information call the synagogue. Advance reservations are required for all programs. Please note that ticket orders must be received no later than Sept. 10.

Temple Sinai, a Reform congregation, on Summit Avenue, Summit, is led by Rabbi Stuart Gershon. For the High Holy Day services, only members of the congregation may attend, and reservations and tickets are required.

To usher in the season, the Avodah

Dance Ensemble will perform at the temple at 8 p.m. Sept. 8 in a pre-Selbot service. The ensemble is rooted in Jewish tradition and has performed as part of Sabbath services all over the world. This service focuses on repentance, confession and forgiveness. It begins at 9:30 p.m. Sept. 17, with a late service also at 8:15 p.m. On Sept. 18, the early morning service will be at 9 a.m. for adults, and simultaneously there will be a 9 a.m. service for youth, through sixth grades. Also on Sept. 18, late morning services will be held at 11:45 a.m. for adults and also for youth at the same time. A special children's service for toddlers, with parents, will take place at 2:30 p.m.

The following week, the Erev Yom Kippur service begins at 6 p.m. on Sept. 26. There is also a late evening service at 8:15 p.m. On the Day of Yom Kippur, Sept. 27, many services are offered. The first is in early morning, for adults at 9 a.m., and for youth at 9 a.m. Also then there are late morning services at 11:45 a.m. both for adults and youth. Again, there will be a special children's service: toddlers with parents, at 2:30 p.m. There will also be an adult afternoon service at 3:30 p.m.

The Memorial Yizkor service will be at 5 p.m. Sept. 27, followed by the closing service and Havdalah at 6 p.m., which is the end of the fasting period.

NEWS CLIPS

Emergency tips from First Aid Squad

Prepare now for emergencies. The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad reminds residents that they are an important link in providing emergency medical services to the township. Just the few simple following steps can make all the difference in the world:

- Remember to post emergency numbers on each phone.
- Learn first aid and CPR.
- Support your emergency First Aid Squad.

The squad would like to remind the public that it is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing emergency first aid services to the people living in town, their families and those working in or passing through the township.

The squad responds to more than 1,000 emergency calls each year, and to date there has never been a charge for its responses. The costs of operating this service for the community are

significant and each and every household and business must lend its financial support to ensure that the squad can maintain and upgrade its equipment to the highest standards, according to the squad.

Netschet has asked the public to look for the mailing and respond with fully tax-deductible donations.

Mountainside Red Cross in search of volunteers

Do you like helping others in their time of need? Do you want to get involved in your community? Do you want to do something meaningful with your time? How about becoming a Red Cross Volunteer? The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross is currently looking for people to become volunteers with the Armed Forces Emergency Services. This provides emergency-related services to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families in times of personal emergencies and crisis.

This service area is a must for all Red Cross chapters. It provides emergency reporting services to strengthen the morale of the members of the armed forces and their families, to provide accurate reports for service members about home situations and it provides military authorities with verified information so they can make decisions that affect service members and the command.

Volunteers are needed to help field incoming calls during the evening and early morning hours, thus allowing the Red Cross to provide armed services with nonstop communication. Volunteers provide this service directly from their home. No previous experience is needed and the Red Cross will provide the training and support.

If you are looking to get involved or would like more information, call the chapter at 908-232-7090 or stop by at 321 Elm St. in Westfield. Become part of the American Red Cross, an international organization that is "always there."

Rules set for pick up of grass clippings

The Springfield Department of Public Works has begun its residential curbside collection of grass and non-woody garden debris. This material is ultimately composted, and residents are requested to comply with the following requirements in order to facilitate that service:

- Only grass and green plant material can be collected. Branches and woody material should be set out for collection by the township's garbage

contractor on bulky waste pick-up day. Material set out in plastic bags will not be collected. Grass must be set out in biodegradable paper bags or loose in a clearly-marked receptacle. Special bags may be purchased at local hardware stores. Bags and containers should not exceed 40 pounds each.

- Materials such as dirt, rocks, stones and sod are unacceptable for pickup.
- All material must be placed properly in containers; raking into the street is prohibited.

Each street is canvassed weekly Monday through Thursday, and the schedule is contingent on weather and volume.

For information on grass and yard debris pickup, residents can call the Department of Public Works at 973-912-2224.

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EDITORIALS

Boost the treasure

David B. Shaw has been named the new executive director of the Union County Arts Center, replacing the outgoing Joseph Mancuso. We welcome Shaw to this position and extend our best wishes for success as he undertakes this unique job.

Since the UCAC first opened its doors as a regional venue for the performing arts in 1985, the facility has continued to grow, becoming the centerpiece of the arts in the county and earning a reputation for excellence. Throughout the years, the arts center's audience base also has continued to grow, with visitors traveling greater distances each season to see renowned performers such as George Carlin, Crystal Gayle, Hal Holbrook, Patti LaPone, Manhattan Transfer, Penn and Teller, and Blood, Sweat and Tears, to name but a few.

Furthermore, the attention given the facility itself has greatly paid off, most notably in UCAC being selected by the Library of Congress as the New Jersey stop on the Film Preservation Tour this past winter. During his keynote address at the event, James Earl Jones proclaimed UCAC a treasure, not only to the community, but to the state.

With this growth has come change, both in personnel and in the direction the arts center takes. While the in-house-produced musicals once featured local talent, recent ventures, such as 2000's "Man of LaMancha," boasted casts comprised of professional actors, raising the level of quality yet again in terms of offerings to the audience.

With credits spanning venues across the nation, we are certain that Shaw will bring a new infusion of energy and vision to UCAC, bringing further honor to Union County as a destination for arts lovers throughout the region. We wish him well as he undertakes this exciting and rewarding position.

As he approaches the job with new vision, we hope to see UCAC become even more enmeshed in the communities that are Union County, in general, and Rahway, in particular. Union County boasts a very strong and growing arts profile, with representation in almost every community. In addition, the county Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, under the direction of Susan Coen, has worked tirelessly to use the arts as a springboard of revitalization within Union County. Such work has been evident in not only Rahway, but in Westfield, Summit, Plainfield and various other communities.

A sign of the times

The placement of the "park closed" signs on Meisel Avenue Park should put up a red flag throughout the township that Springfield's parks and fields are not in the best shape.

Of course, Meisel Avenue Park has the most problems, with the various levels of arsenic, lead, and pesticide found in the recent soil test.

Now, Wabeno Avenue Park, another county-owned park, has joined Meisel Avenue Park as being off-limits, complete with a posted sign stating the closing of the park.

Given the rather poor conditions of fields at Thealma L. Sandmeier Elementary School, Florence M. Gaudin Middle School, the YMCA, Irwin Park, Laurel Park, and a host of others, is it really any surprise?

Whether it is the county or the township that has responsibility of the fields, both parties should increase efforts to maintain them and make sure they are safe.

What would happen if inspection of other fields revealed similar contaminants?

It wouldn't be too costly for the township to hire more maintenance workers to patrol the parks each day and clean debris.

And it would not be too much of an effort for the county to perform soil tests on all county-owned property, and the same could be said for the township's fields.

Doing these things would prevent the parks from falling into a state of further disrepair and would identify safety hazards sooner.

It would also show residents that Springfield truly does care.

Not maintaining the fields sends a message to residents that athletic and recreational activities are just not important enough and worthy of support.

Now, the closing of Meisel Avenue Park has resulted in the demise of the football program.

Until the field gets a new track, Jonathan Dayton High School will continue shipping students to Millburn High School for track practice.

With the opening of school and the start of fall sports, the closing of Meisel Avenue Park has become a sign of the erosion of Springfield's pride and support in its athletic programs and activities.



WELCOME BACK — Twelve new teachers will be joining the staff at Deerfield School in Mountainside. Getting ready for back-to-school time are, from rear left, Brian Tizio; Jeannette Maraffi, president of the Mountainside Education Association; Kelly Schundler; Jayne Hartnett; Jennifer Salinski and Jennifer Krug. From front left are Jana MacMillan, secretary of the MEA; Deborah Poser, vice president of the MEA; Kerry Abruzzo, and Sharon Scanlon.

Constant contact leaves little room for quiet

Little did Alexander Graham Bell know what he started when he uttered the sentence, "Mr. Watkins, come here."

What started as a wonderful way to communicate has mushroomed into a global phenomenon that has almost everyone gabbling all day and night.

Pre-telephone people kept in touch with each other via some sort of mail system, with the delivery dependent on the locations of the sender and receiver. Consequently, long distances were covered by pony express riders, who were superseded by telegraph systems. When the wires went overhead, the riders went into oblivion.

In the meantime, the postal carrier was at work locally, and the mail was delivered person-to-person. Communication was dependent on the ability of the sender to write and the receiver to read.

With the advent of the telephone, only the human voice was necessary to get in touch with another person. When it was a youngster, dial phones were a novelty, and when you picked up the receiver, an operator asked, "Number, please?" That operator was soon followed by a dial on the instrument, and the operator was only contacted for help in locating a number or for long distance calls.

But, even with those innovations, many homes did not have telephones.

First of all, most people still used the mails because it was cheaper: one cent for a postcard and three cents for a letter. In addition, since the mail was delivered twice daily, contact was fast and often.

Secondly, many families could not afford a telephone during the depression. That \$5 or so for the phone could be put to better use. Even those families who could afford the cost often

As I See It

By Norman E. Rauscher
Correspondent

resorted to a party line when three families shared the same line and number. While there were conflicts, usage was generally so limited that no one came to blows. Party lines were still in use after World War II ended.

In the business world, there was extensive telephone usage, with huge switchboards "manned" usually by women, the norm. And while telephone contact was granted, no one suspected the revolution that was under way.

It appears that after the transistor was developed, communication became the prime activity of the entire world. First, it was the pagers. Doctors carried pagers, and still do, to keep in touch. Then pager-use extended to the rest of the population to the point that schools banned their usage because of buzzing interruptions in class.

But, the pagers were only the beginning. We now live in an age when it is impossible to escape detection. While just a few years ago anyone using a cell phone was a rarity, it is now unusual for someone not to carry a cell phone. Youngsters carry them in backpacks, moms carry them on their rounds, and dads carry them into the supermarket to call home to see if the shopping list needs any additions.

My first exposure to cell phone usage in a public place came when eating in a local restaurant, and I heard this voice talking to itself. I

soon discovered the diner was using a cell phone to conduct business in a public restaurant. What was so important that it couldn't wait until he finished his lunch I can't imagine, but this type of activity is now commonplace.

You cannot go anywhere today without seeing/hearing private conversations. Since these conversations usually take place on public streets, there is no privacy, and the whole world is listening. What behoves people to make private calls in public is a mystery to me, except maybe the caller needs the ego support of a handheld phone.

The use of phones in cars is already being condemned because of the potential for accidents. Frankly, even the use of devices to fasten the phone to the dashboard does not assure safety, since the driver is already distracted by virtue of just talking. A television advertisement for phone service shows a mother getting the latest scoop on what happened in school while driving home from work. While everyone knows the value of parent-child communication, this is too much. Learning about the homework assignment or the relay race really can wait until mother gets home.

The number of ways to communicate today is mind-boggling. Even without a cell phone, there are voice mails and computer e-mails, just to name two. It is impossible not to be tracked down. A recent newspaper article gave vacationers hints on how to cope with the messages left on various electronic devices while on vacation. Included among the hints was the option to call into the mail while on vacation to make sure the volume would not signal the need to run. Some vacation.

In addition, there is some concern

about the courtesy involved in this world in instant contact. Commuters complain loudly about phone users shouting over the clack of the train wheels on the tracks. Bus drivers are driven batty by too many callers yacking away while the bus is in motion. People are so unaware of the need for quiet in some locations that even hospitals have signs posted banning the use of cell phones in their buildings.

What can be really so important that it is necessary to use portable phones while outside the home, except for real emergencies? Putting on the oven to warm up supper is not an emergency. Telling Johnny not to forget to change his shoes before he goes out to play is not an emergency. And, making a private date in public seems just plain rude.

There is some hope on the horizon. Some athletes of proper behavior have announced that using cell phones in offices for private business is considered "gaffe." It is also a misuse of business time, since employers are not paying salaries for employees to conduct private business on their time.

I would like to think there may be a lessening of public usage of private means of communication, but that is probably a vain hope for those of us who don't feel the need to be in contact with everyone all the time. We do not need ringing cell phones and fax machines; we don't need computer screens telling us we have mail, nor do we need to be in touch with the world all the time. There are still some of us left who truly believe, "Speech is silver, silence is golden."

A resident of Summit, Norman E. Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent contributor to this newspaper.

Welcome back to positive new school year

I would like to welcome the 1.3 million children and more than 100,000 teachers and other employees who are returning to school for the 2001-02 school year.

We enter the coming year with a great deal of pride in what we have already accomplished and high expectations for the quality of education our children will be receiving in the more than 600 school districts in our state. At the state level, the Department of Education, along with the governor and Legislature, has tried to do its best to provide our children and teachers with the tools necessary for a quality education.

It has been five years since the state enacted rigorous academic standards designed to ensure a high-quality education for all children. Since that time, we have phased in a series of difficult assessments that are familiar to many of you.

We have new, tougher tests at the fourth- and eighth-grade levels in language arts literacy, math, and science. This year, for the first time, we are testing fourth- and eighth-graders in social studies. Also, for the first time, our 11th-graders will begin taking a new, more difficult graduation test. I believe that we must insure that our schools are accountable to



By Vito Gagliardi

parents, taxpayers and, most of all, the children. I believe that our system of standards and assessments will guarantee that our schools will be held accountable.

It is also my strong feeling that parents ought to have a choice of where to educate their children. That's why our state has enacted laws creating both interdistrict public school choice and charter schools.

Our school choice program is growing by leaps and bounds. In the coming school year, more than 300 children will be participating — three times more than last year, which was the first year of the program. In the 2001-02 school year, there will be 11 choice districts, one more than last year. Next year there will be 13.

New Jersey's charter school program is also thriving. This year, in the fifth year of the program, there will be more than 12,000 children attending

51 charter schools, including consolidated charter schools. In addition, we received 18 more applications from groups that would like to start new schools.

Although the Department of Education is the regulatory body that oversees our system of education, I want to get away from the notion that we set policy from on high and then demand that school districts follow along.

I believe strongly in gathering as much input as possible on the pub-

lic before making a decision. I also think that the only way to make our system work is to establish a strong, collaborative bond among the state, local school districts, parents and teachers. In short, we all need to work together.

Good luck to all, as we enter a bright, new school year with the hope and optimism that we will continue to provide our children with the highest possible quality of education.

Vito Gagliardi is the New Jersey Commissioner of Education.

Our policy on letters and columns

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

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

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

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

The *Observer* also accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is WCN22@localsource.com.

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We're asking What did you do this summer that was special?



Jay Bloom
"My wife and I went to Canada, to Montreal in Quebec and Nova Scotia. Halifax was beautiful; a lot of young people there. My wife, Ellen, and I both loved it."



Frieda Anast
"I went to Europe, for the first time in 11 years. We saw Greece and it was wonderful; I can't wait to go back some day."



Katherine Pantages
"This was a bad year for me; I fell and broke my shoulder, so I could not go anywhere. I stayed in Springfield, but I will say all my friends cheered me all around. I am very thankful for that."



Carl Dangren
"I did not really do anything special as I worked all summer very hard, both on my job and around my house. But vacation comes in December for me."

September to address Minority Health Month

September marks Minority Health Month 2001 in New Jersey and throughout the nation. To encourage organ donation among the minority communities throughout the state, the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network, The Sharing Network, based in Springfield, is in the midst of an aggressive public awareness campaign to heighten organ donor awareness within the minority community.

Minorities are predisposed to certain illnesses, such as diabetes, that may lead to a need for organ transplants, according to Thomas Cannon, community relations manager for The Sharing Network. However, minority groups have historically been less likely to donate their organs — which led to a minority donation shortfall. The shortfall can cause a longer wait for minorities awaiting transplants because some blood and tissue matches are closest within races.

In order to reach the minority community with its life-saving message, The Sharing Network has formed an African-American Planning Committee, AACPC, whose goal it is to raise \$100,000 to be used toward an African-American media campaign that will help to educate minorities about the importance of registering to become an organ donor. The committee is composed of more than 30 people — many of whom are African-American transplant recipients.

"Our goal is to have our committee members spread the lifesaving message of organ donation throughout their churches, civic organizations and places of employment," Cannon said.

"African-Americans have a high blood pressure and kidney failure rate four times greater than Caucasians. Hispanic-Americans (face a Type 2 diabetes rate estimated to be two times higher than Caucasians and about 24 percent of Mexican-Americans in the United States and 26 percent Puerto Ricans between the ages of 45 to 74 have diabetes," he said.

For more information on how to become an organ donor or to join the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, call The Sharing Network at 1-800-SHARE-NJ or visit its web site at www.sharenj.org.

AT THE LIBRARY

Great books to read

The Great Books Reading and Discussion Group will meet at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Sept. 20 from 10 to 11 a.m., at which time "Rameau's Nephew" by Diderot will be discussed leader will be Rhoda Rosenfield.

Other Great Books Discussion Programs for the fall include the following selections: The Tempest by Shakespeare on Oct. 18, The Federalist by Hamilton, Jay, and Madison on Nov. 15, and The Overcoat by Gogol on Dec. 20. In January a new series of Great Books will begin.

The Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets each month on the third Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Springfield Public Library. Copies of the Great Books Series are available for a reasonable fee at the Springfield Library Circulation Desk. All are welcome to attend, but in order to participate in the discussion you must have read the selection. No fee or advanced registration is required.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Get chilling experience

The days may still be hot, but lunch can be a chilling experience with the Springfield Free Public Library's Lunchtime Video Mystery Series. On Tuesday, at noon, Agatha Christie's "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd" will kick off the series.

Based upon Agatha Christie's best-

selling novels and set against the art deco elegance of 1930s England, this movie features fascinating clues, deviant suspects and riveting conclusions by this most masterful detective, Hercule Poirot (David Satchel). He recently retired to a country village until his neighbor, a wealthy industrialist, is found murdered. Poirot reunites with his old partner, Chief Inspector Japp (Philip Jackson) to find the culprit, exposing a tangled web of blackmail, envy and murder. The video is 100 minutes long.

The series will continue on Sept. 25 with "The Golden Spiders: A Nero Wolfe Mystery," Oct. 9 with Dick Francis mystery "Twice Shy," Oct. 23 with "The Lady in Question: A Cash Carter Mystery," Nov. 6 with "Midnight in Savannah," Nov. 20 with Dick Francis mystery "Blood Sport," Dec. 4 with Agatha Christie's "Lord Edgware Dies," and Dec. 18 with Dick Francis mystery "In the Frame."

Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information call 973-376-4930.

Storytime programs

The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will present storytime programs for children ranging in ages from 2 through 5 years old.

Storytime Theater will be for kindergarten on Tuesdays, Oct. 9 through 30 from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. The

program incorporates storytelling, acting, singing and dancing, and is approximately 45 minutes in length.

Preschool Storytime is scheduled for 3 and 4-year-olds on Thursdays, Sept. 13 through Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. The preschool program includes stories and simple crafts, and is approximately 30 minutes in length.

Toddler Time will be Fridays, Sept. 14 through Oct. 5, at 10:30 a.m. Stories and nursery rhymes are shared with 2-year-olds and their adult companion for approximately 30 minutes. Registration is required for all programs.

Visit the library or call 908-233-0115 to sign up.

Museum accepting applications for exhibits

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., is currently accepting applications for artists who wish to exhibit their work in 2002-03. Applicants are asked to submit a current resume, 10 slides representative of the work and a stamped self-addressed envelope. All slides are representative material will be returned. The Museum Committee will review applications in the fall. The 36-foot-by-50-foot Palmer Museum was opened at its current site in 1975. The Palmer Collection was started in 1939 when the Library Board of Trustees appropriated \$25 to Springfield resident Donald Palmer to purchase pictures of Springfield. The

collection grew to include historical mementos, antique guns, toys, tools, glass and china, etc. Portions of the permanent Palmer Collection are on display throughout the year.

Since 1992, the museum has mastered space for the exhibit of art and historical works and for the presentation of cultural programs. The museum is currently in the middle of a six-program series of concerts sponsored by the Balber family. Many other events have been made possible through grants from the Union County Department of Cultural & Heritage Affairs.

Over the past year, the museum has exhibited the works of many fine local and regional artists having included photography, sculpture, paintings, handmade dolls, needlepoint and prints.

Applications should be mailed to the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081, no later than Oct. 15.

Resources are plentiful at Springfield Library

Students will find many electronic resources at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

General Reference Center provides 24-hour access to an integrated set of general interest sources: magazines, newspaper articles, children's magazines, almanacs, encyclopedias, dictionaries, reference books and

more. In all, more than 400 full-text articles specifically selected for public libraries.

Electric Library information is available on more than six million full-text documents from six different media sources which are updated daily including: magazines and scholarly journals, newspapers and wire news, TV and radio transcripts, photographs and maps, children's publications, reference and historical sources, and articles from multicultural publications.

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InfoNet is a library service to meet the needs of the growing Hispanic population. Created exclusively for Spanish-speaking users, this reference tool provides indexing, images and full text of popular Hispanic magazines.

Reference USA is a business resource providing access to information on all U.S. companies.

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historic documents, maps, photos, country profiles and biographies designed to augment its news coverage.

Novelist, made possible in part by the New Jersey State Library, is a readers' advisory database of more than 73,000 fiction titles, which matches readers with authors or with books of interest ranging from children's picture books to best-selling novels.

Encyclopaedia Britannica, Britannica Online provides fast, easy access to text and illustrations from the Encyclopaedia Britannica as well as other information sources on the Internet.

For more information on electronic resources at the Springfield Public Library, call 973-376-4930.

Collectors are sought

Mountainside Public Library is seeking hobbyists and collectors who would like to place exhibits in the library's display case.

Volunteers are needed

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., is sponsoring a volunteer homebound delivery program. The library is seeking volunteers who are interested in delivering library materials to shut-ins.

To volunteer, call the library at 973-376-4930.

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New releases

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Karyl Bannister, "Cook and Tell," Paul Boller, "Presidential Inaugurations," "Decorating Inside and Out," "Designers in Residence: The Personal Style of Top Women Decorators and Designers," Timothy Ferris, "Life Beyond Earth," Martina Gill, "Color Harmony for Interior Design," Peter Greenberg, "The Travel Detective," Eric Hoffer, "The Portable Personal Trainer," Iris Kravtsov, "Surrendering to Miracles," Kieran Mulvaney, "At the Ends of the Earth," Ronald Radosh, "Commies," Adrienne Rich, "Arts of the Possible: Essays and Conversations," Terry Southern, "Now Dig This!" John Stamatos, "Painbuster," John Updike, "American and Other Poems."

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George Gershwin, "Oh, Kay!," Madonna, "Music," Giacomo Puccini, "The Ultimate Puccini," Rage Against the Machine, "Battle of Los Angeles," Robert Schumann, "Piano Quintet, op. 44."

To find out about the availability of these and other titles, stop by the library and visit the reference desk, or call 908-273-0350, and press 3.

Children's storytimes

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., has announced a new offering of storytimes for this fall for children from 6 months through kindergarten age.

Registration for the programs will begin Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. Registration must be done in person. Phone registrations will be accepted beginning Sept. 20.

The fall session runs from Oct. 2 to Dec. 13. All programs will feature activities appropriate to the particular age group, such as books, songs, puppets and fingerplays. To participate in the programs, children must be residents of Summit.

Two programs are being offered for children ages 6 to 24 months. Lapsit is for pre-walking children, accompanied by a caregiver. Lapsit will meet on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 9:50 a.m. Mother Goose is a program for children ages 6 to 24 months who are walking. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Mother Goose meets on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.

The Two Program is for 2-year-

olds, accompanied by a caregiver. Twos will meet Wednesdays from 9:30 to 9:50 a.m. or on Thursdays from 9:30 to 9:50 a.m.

The Threes is the program for 3-year-olds. Caregivers do not attend with the children but are asked to remain in the library. Threes will meet Tuesdays from 1 to 1:30 p.m. or Thursdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Big Kids is a new program for children 4 years of age up through kindergarten. Caregivers are requested to remain in the library while the children attend the programs. Big Kids meets Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. or from 2 to 2:30 p.m. or on Thursdays from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

DVD collection started

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., has launched a collection of movies on digital video discs.

"We're very pleased to introduce this new collection to the Summit community," said Library Director Glenn Devitt. "Digital video discs have become increasingly popular in the past five years, and we've had many requests for them. It's important for the library to provide access to the new technologies." DVDs, which resemble audio compact discs, are much more durable than videocassettes, and produce a higher-quality image.

The new collection was funded by a grant from the New Jersey State Library. "This is just the beginning," said Robin Carroll-Mann, the library's Head of Adult Services. "The grant gave us a foundation that we can build on. We will continue to add new titles and expand the collection."

The DVD collection contains an assortment of movies, ranging from older classics like "Annie Hall," "His Girl Friday," and "The Graduate" to such recent titles as "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and "Chicken Run."

"We're trying to create a varied and balanced collection that will appeal to all tastes," said Carroll-Mann. "So we have both 'Babe' and 'The Talented Mr. Ripley,' 'Shakespeare in Love' and 'Traffic.' Something for everyone."

DVDs may be borrowed by any library user with a valid Summit or Millburn adult library card who has signed the video borrowing agreement. They circulate for one week, and may be renewed. The borrowing limit is three DVDs per library card.

Library hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and summer Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

For information about DVDs or other library materials, stop by the Reference Desk.

A new season begins for lectures, reading

September marks both the end of summer and the beginning of a new season of programming at the Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St. The library's popular book lectures and book discussion groups will return, as will the Shakespeare discussion sessions. The successful film mini-festival offered in May expands to a full-length monthly series.

Summit resident Jon Platt leads his book lecture/discussions with a first-hand examination of "The Art of the Short Story." The series begins on Tuesday at 2 p.m. with a consideration of "The Best Short Stories of O. Henry."

The lectures continue throughout the year on Monday afternoons at 2 p.m. Forthcoming selections and dates include James Joyce's "Dubliners," Oct. 1; "Nine Stories" by J.D. Salinger, Nov. 5; "Jungo Labe's Pulitzer-Prize winning Interpretation of Maladies, Dec. 3, and "Fahrenheit" by Joyce Carol Oates, Jan. 7.

Platt's presentations conclude in the spring with a look at two full-length works: Amy Tan's "The Bonesetter's Daughter, April 8, and Dava Sobel's "Galileo's Daughter, May 6.

Platt also hosts a series of contemporary and classic motion pictures. The series, titled "Movies as Art, Film as Entertainment," begins on Tuesday evening and continues on Monday evenings. Dates are as follows: Tuesday, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, April 8, May 6. The programs begin at 6:30 p.m. Call the reference desk for information on the titles to be shown.

Platt has degrees in engineering and law, as well as an MA in theater and cinema. He has served as a presidential appointee, and is a writer and lecturer on the arts. His novel "Sour Lake, Texas" was published in 1998.

The Shakespeare discussion series kicks off on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Moderator Gloria Rojas, Summit resident serving on the board of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, leads an examination of the plays. Selections from the BBC Shakespeare productions will supplement the discussion. The first session will focus on

Shakespeare's depiction of "Marriage." Upcoming topics and dates include "Villains," Oct. 23; "Fools and Buffoons," Nov. 29; "The Moor and the Jew: Shakespeare's Portrayal of Minorities," Jan. 8; "Second Bananas," Feb. 26; "Ambition," March 26; "The Sonnets," April 23; "Commoners," May 21, and "Revenge," June 18. Rojas looks forward to sharing her enthusiasm for the Bard with both beginners and aficionados.

The Summit Public Library's book discussion group debuts on Sept. 26 at 2:30 p.m. The group will examine a range of fiction and nonfiction, both contemporary and classic. The series opens with Evelyn Waugh's "Brideshead Revisited," a portrait of an aristocratic British family in the hedonistic 1920s and '30s. Cathy Prince, a member of the library's reference staff, will facilitate the discussion.

The group will meet on Wednesday afternoons throughout the year under the leadership of the library's reference staff. Other titles scheduled for this year are Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson, Oct. 24, and Practical Magic by Alice Hoffman, Nov. 28. The new year will continue with Wallace Stegner's Crossing to Starvation, Jan. 23; City Life by Witold Rybczynski, Feb. 27; Dostoevsky's Crime and Punishment, March 20; The Mistress of Spices by Chitra Banerjee Bivakaruni, April 24, and Tracy Chevalier's Girl with a Pearl Earring, May 22.

All of the programs will be in the Ernest S. Hickock Meeting Room and are open to the public. Prior registration is not required, although seating is limited.

Library hours are: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information stop by the reference desk, or call 908-273-0350, ext. 3.

Chip sealing rescheduled

Chip sealing of residential streets has been rescheduled and will begin on Monday, weather permitting. The contractor hired by the city was unable to start in August.

Middle school program will strengthen ties

Joe Kelly, executive director of the national nonprofit group Dads and Daughters, will bring DADS' powerful message to the Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Ave., on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Founded in 1999, Dads and Daughters' mission is to help strengthen father-daughter relationships and transform the pervasive cultural messages that reinforce the idea that girls are valued for how they look rather than for who they are.

Kelly will speak to fathers and other adults about the positive influence fathers can have in their daughters' lives and will offer concrete tips on making the world a better place for girls.

Topics covered will include the importance of listening to girls, encouraging their strengths, respecting each girl's uniqueness, getting involved in their schools, tuning into

their interests, and encouraging a healthy body image. This dynamic program will help parents take an honest look at the tensions, confusions, dangers, and joys of helping daughters become women.

A question-and-answer period will be included. The cost for the program is \$10 per person/\$15 per couple. Pre-registration is suggested.

Besides his work for Dads and Daughters, Kelly is the co-founder of the girl-edited magazine New Moon: The Magazine for Girls and Their Dreams. He has been featured in The New York Times and People magazine, and has been on National Public Radio, ABC-TV, Voice of America, and many other media outlets as an expert on raising daughters. He and his wife live in Minnesota and are the parents of two daughters.

Dads and Daughters provides tips

for fathering daughters to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and many schools, hospitals, advocacy groups, PTAs, and other organizations. It has developed a curriculum entitled Healthy Body Image, which is distributed free to schools. To learn more about Dads and Daughters, see its extensive web site, which includes a wealth of resources. at www.dadsanddaughters.org.

The Girl Project is a program component of the Women's Resource Center which began in 1996 in response to growing concern about issues affecting girls today. Girl Project programs support girls and young women in finding and keeping their own unique voices, and aspiring to achieve their goals and dreams.

The Women's Resource Center is a

nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1983, which is dedicated to meeting the varied needs and interests of all women throughout their lifetimes. By providing a collaborative environment in which women can share their experiences and expertise, the center encourages women and girls to achieve their personal and professional goals.

Funding for this program has been made possible by the Girl Project of the Women's Resource Center and a grant from the George T. Clapp Youth Fund of the Summit Area Public Foundation.

To register or get more information about this program and other programs for girls and women, call the Women's Resource Center at 908-273-7253.

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Call 973-376-0539 for information.

Beth Ahm Teen Institute

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, is taking registration for its new Teen Institute starting Sept. 16. The program is designed for Jewish students in the eighth, ninth and 10th grades to continue their edu-

cation past their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and it is not intended to be ordinary, traditional Hebrew High School.

The program focuses on the issues Jewish teens face as they are maturing and the Jewish perspective on how to handle and face those problems. The faculty will include Rabbi Mark Malach, the temple's spiritual leader and other teachers.

The program also will include classes on Israeli cooking and dancing. There will be sessions on how the film and television media relate to concepts in Judaism. In addition, special field trips and guest speakers will be included in the curriculum.

Registration for the 2001-02 school year will be \$500.

To secure a place, call Temple Beth Ahm at 973-376-0539. Ext. 11, or office@templebethahm.com for a registration form.

Woman of The Year will be announced

The Woman of The Year will be announced by the Springfield Hadassah at its first meeting of 2001-02 on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. in Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.

Co-Presidents Dorothea Schwartz and Irene Chotter said the person chosen for the chapter's highest annual award will represent the local group at the Hadassah's Northern New Jersey Region major function in December.

A "Sloppy Joe" supper will be offered at \$10 a person, with reservations made by calling Pearl Kaplan at 973-376-3171.

Another highlight of the meeting will be a report of the evening of the national Hadassah convention in Israel in July.

Hadassah is the largest women's volunteer group in the United States with a membership of 300,000. It takes a strong stand on women's health and reproductive rights and also supports projects in Israel which include job training, two major research hospitals, a college of technology and resettlement for thousands of emigrants to Israel.

JWI to open new season

Springfield Chapter Jewish Women International will host its opening meeting of the 2001-02 season Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The special guest speaker, Jeff Daube, will address the issue of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic teachings to Palestinian children, along with his views on the implications.

Daube, an educator for the past 26 years, holds degrees from Columbia University and has experience with emotionally handicapped children. As a pro-Israel activist, Daube has been involved with a number of organizations in promoting this cause. He has also published various educational materials, has engaged in educating legislators in Washington, and recently has been engaged in amassing an encyclopedic collection of historical data surrounding current events in the Middle East.

Members of other community organizations have been invited to attend and all are welcome.



Michele DeMarzo and Raymond James Morrison

DeMarzo to wed Morrison

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Florence DeMarzo of Madison announce the engagement of their daughter Michele DeMarzo to Raymond James Morrison, son of Mrs. Karen Morrison of Martinsville and formerly of Springfield and Mr. Raymond Morrison of Tobyhanna, Pa.

The bride to be is a graduate of Madison High School, Madison, Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa., and Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. She is employed by Tommy Hilfinger of New York as an account executive.

The future groom is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield and Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa. He is employed by Prudential Financial Corp. of Warren as a sales representative.

A July 2002 wedding is planned.

Health fair for area residents Sept. 15

The Westfield Regional Health Department will sponsor a health fair for residents of Garwood, Panwood, Mountainside, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield on Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St.

The program will include the following free services: multiple physician consults, blood sugar screening, blood pressure screening, anemia screening and free samples.

In addition, there will be a laboratory blood testing program available; registration will be required. Tests available at the following costs are: Smae-26 w/differential, \$17; TSH, \$10; T4, \$5; RH Factor, \$10; Sed Rate, \$10; Total Iron, \$5; PSA, \$30, and Urine analysis, \$5.

Area Red Cross announces its fall schedule

Injuries occur daily in both homes and workplaces. How prepared are you? The Summit Area Red Cross announces its fall schedule of courses to help people to be as prepared as possible to deal with everyday emergencies.

Included in the roster for the first time at the Summit Area Chapter is Community First Aid & Safety taught in Spanish. CPR & First Aid Chairman Bruce Rex is excited the chapter is offering a course in Spanish.

"We have a terrific instructor for the course and we're glad to be able to expand our classes to meet the needs of Spanish speaking people in our community."

• Community First Aid & Safety: Conducted in Spanish. Nine-hour course including First Aid, Adult CPR and Infant & Child CPR. This day and Sept. 13, 6 to 10:30 p.m. Fee is \$60.

• Community First Aid & Safety: Nine-hour course including First Aid, Adult CPR, and Infant & Child CPR. Oct. 1 and 3, 6 to 10:30 p.m. Dec. 4 and 6, 6 to 10:30 p.m. Fee is \$60.

• Adult CPR with AED: Four-hour course including Adult CPR, assistance for choking victims, and AED training. Oct. 30, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Fee is \$35.

• Infant & Child CPR: Six-hour course includes CPR & checking for babies. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Nov. 19 and 20, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fee is \$35.

• Community CPR recertification: Four-hour course to recertify Adult and/or

Infant & Child CPR. Sept. 10, 6:30 to 10 p.m., and Nov. 1, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Fee is \$25. Must have current certification.

• CPR for the Professional Rescuer: Nine-hour course including one- and two-person CPR. Oct. 9 and 11, 6 to 10:30 p.m. Fee is \$60.

• Pet First Aid: Four-hour course to provide training for pet emergencies. Topics covered include rescue breathing, assistance for choking, poisoning, and bleeding. Students will practice on dog and cat mannequins. Oct. 17, 6 to 10:30 p.m. and Dec. 11, 6 to 10:30 p.m. Fee is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.

• Standard First Aid with AED: Seven-hour course includes First Aid with AED defibrillator training/adult CPR. Sept. 17 and 19, 6:30 to 10 p.m., and Oct. 23 and 25, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Fee is \$45.

• Standard First Aid: Six-hour course includes First Aid training and adult CPR. Sept. 25 and 27, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fee is \$45.

The Summit Area Red Cross serves Berkeley Heights, Long Hill Township, New Providence, Springfield and Summit.

Call 908-273-2076 to register for a class or for information.

STUDENT UPDATE

Picu graduates

Merethith Picu of Springfield was among the students enrolled in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University who were among the academic degree candidates honored at the university's 147th commencement ceremony in May in the university's Carrier Dome.

Approximately 4,800 degree candidates along with their families and friends attended the ceremony presided over by Chancellor Kenneth A. Shaw.

Picu received a bachelor of science degree in public relations.

Grunberg on list

Jason Grunberg of Mountainside was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Syracuse University's College of Arts and Sciences.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale during the semester.

The College of Arts and Sciences, a liberal arts college at the heart of a national research university, is both the founding college and the largest college of Syracuse University.

Grunberg is a junior majoring in policy studies.

OBITUARIES

George W. Scheick

George W. Scheick, 83, of Leonardo, a retired jeweler in Mountainside, died Aug. 27 in Meridian Healthcare Center, Red Bank.

Born in Newark, Mr. Scheick lived in Irvington before moving to Leonardo 22 years ago. He was a jeweler at Schmidt & Sons, Mountainside, for 22 years and retired eight years ago.

Surviving are a sister, Anne Dorsey, and four brothers, Joseph, Theodore, Frank and Henry.

John P. Cottage

John P. Cottage, 91, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died Aug. 28 at home.

Born in Shickshinny, Pa., Mr. Cottage lived in Union before moving to Springfield. He was a toolmaker with Shepard Laboratory, Summit, where he helped build the first high speed printer during the early 1950s. Mr. Cottage retired in 1975. He served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are a son, John C., and three grandchildren.

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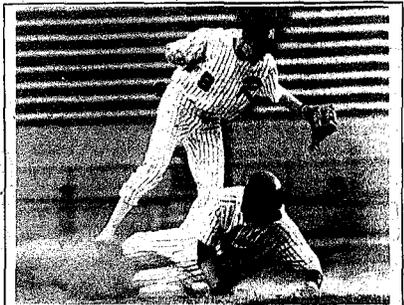
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SENIOR NEWS

Van delivered under Seniors in Motion

Union County Recreoler Daniel Sullivan met with officials from Summit recently to deliver a van as part of the Seniors in Motion Initiative...

addition to Summit, include Cranford, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, Rahway, Roselle, Park South Plains, Union and Westfield...

Summit Councilwoman Joyce Margie said Summit will use the van to provide frail elderly citizens with health care aides...

St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. Coffee and social begin at 9:45 a.m. Ellen McNally of SAGE will discuss diabetes and the importance of the 9-1-1 emergency number...

Family history workshop

Do your grandchildren know your life story? Do they know about the country of their ancestors? Do they know about your days in the armed forces?

This year you can give your grandchildren a very special present - the story of your life. In honor of Grandparents Day and Adult Day Services Week, SAGE of Summit will present a free workshop titled "Remember Me?"

Bob Max, founder of Remember Me?, a family history documentation service, will conduct the workshop demonstrating to parents and grand-

parents how to preserve their priceless memories and family stories as a legacy for their children and grandchildren. Serving as vice chairman of the Union County Advisory Council on Aging and ex-chairman of the Senior Legislative Issues Coalition of Union County are only two of Max's commitments to senior issues...

development of "Remember Me?". During the interview I began to recognize the urgency for seniors, while able to recapture and preserve stories, events and achievements in their lives as a link to their children, grandchildren and future generations...

The Seniors in Motion program will provide vans to each of the county's municipalities that applied for one. Participating communities, in-

AARP sets meetings

The Summit Area Chapter of AARP will resume its regular monthly meeting schedule at 10 a.m. on Sept. 24 at

A Western Caribbean cruise has been planned for April 26 to May 4. For reservations and information about any of the trips, call Herman Piroano at 908-273-1962 or Angie Coiro at 908-273-3146.

Kenneth V. Miller

Kenneth V. Miller, 79, of Watchung, formerly of Summit, died Aug. 26 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Summit, Mr. Miller moved to Watchung 31 years ago. He worked for Stephen's-Miller Co., Summit, a lumber and oil company...

OBITUARIES

12 years and retired in 1978. Mr. Russo also worked as a maintenance man at ShopRite in Clifton Township for 35 years before retiring in January...

Lajos Szabo Lajos Szabo, 85, of Summit, died Aug. 29 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Hungary, Mr. Szabo settled in Summit 43 years ago. He was a church sexton with Christ Church in Summit for 22 years and retired in 1980.

Betty M. Kahnt

Betty M. Kahnt of New Providence, formerly of Summit, died Aug. 28 at home. Born in Summit, Mrs. Kahnt moved to New Providence many years ago. Surviving are her husband, Warren, a son, Warren Jr., a brother, a sister and three grandchildren.

A. Nina Renaud A. Nina Renaud, 82, of Linden, formerly of Summit, died Aug. 29 in Trinity Hospital, Elizabeth. Born in New York City, Mrs. Renaud lived in Summit before moving to Linden in 1955. She was a member of the Rosary Society of St. John the Apostle Church, Clark.

Eugenio Russo

Eugenio Russo, 88, of Summit died Aug. 29 at home. Born in Italy, Mr. Russo came to Summit in 1966. He worked for the City of Summit Road Department for

Surviving are his wife, Esther, a son, Louis, a daughter, Esther S. Amato, and three grandchildren.

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Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, double-spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification if questions arise.

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PRESBYTERIAN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, 379-4300. Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (July and August 9:30 a.m.) with nursery facilities and care provided.

ROMAN CATHOLIC THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-3044. SUNDAY Eucharist: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor

Put the football on the tee and let's go.

High school football is finally ready to begin.

Teams across the state will either begin their campaigns this weekend or will be involved in games-scrimmages, with their openers scheduled for next weekend.

As far as Union County goes, as many as seven of the 16 teams in the county will open this weekend, with the rest set to go next weekend.

Union County teams that open tomorrow night include Elizabeth at home and Rahway and Plainfield on the road. Union, Westfield and Scotch Plains open at home on Saturday and Cranford on the road.

Elizabeth may be the best team in the state at the moment. The Minutemen, who return such stand-out players as running backs Ibrahim Halsey and Ismail Abrahim and linebacker Mike Brusciarelli, are the winningest team in the county the past four seasons, sporting a 40-6 mark during that span.

After losing six consecutive state-playoff openers from 1990-1996 (Elizabeth did not make the playoffs in 1994), the Minutemen have rebounded by posting a 9-1 playoff mark since 1997.

Elizabeth is the two-time defending North 2, Group 4 champion and has now won the section six times total (second to Union's 10) and three times in the past four years.

The Minutemen are a safe bet to extend a 14-game home winning streak tomorrow night against Kearny. Elizabeth's last home loss was a 20-18 setback to Union during Game 5 of the 1998 season.

Last year's 11-1 squad lost only to Linden and outscored the opposition 290-63, posting six shutouts. This year's team will attempt to win the section undefeated for the first time since 1989.

Seven teams in the county reside in the Watchung Conference, nine in the Mountain Valley Conference and one — Summit — in the Iron Hills Conference.

Here are the three conference alignments for this year:

WATCHUNG CONFERENCE American Division (5): Union, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Kearny, Irvington.

National Division (6): Newark East Side, Westfield, Linden, Cranford, Scotch Plains, Shabazz.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE Mountain Division (7): Immaculata, Rahway, Hillsdale, Johnson, Gov. Livingston, Ridge, Roselle, Valley Division (6): North Plainfield, Roselle Park, New Providence, Brearley, Bound Brook, Manville.

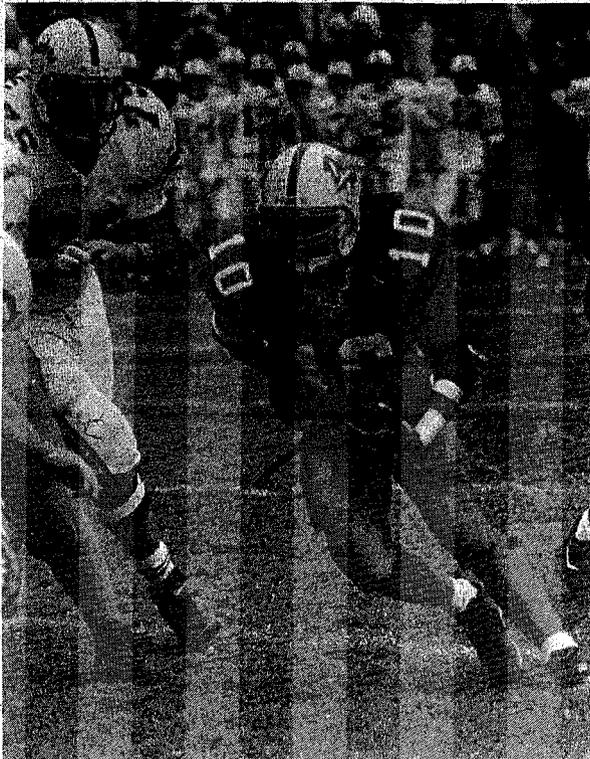
IRON HILLS CONFERENCE Iron Division (10): Randolph, Livingston, Morris Knolls, Columbia, Roxbury, Morrisstown, East Orange, West Morris, Parsippany, Hills, Seton Hall Prep.

WEEK ZERO
 Friday, Sept. 7
 Kearny at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.
 Rahway at South Plainfield, 7 p.m.
 Plainfield at East Side, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 8
 Irvington at Union, 1 p.m.
 Cranford at Westfield, 1 p.m.
 Shabazz at Scotch Plains, 1 p.m.

PICKS FOR WEEK ZERO
 Elizabeth over Kearny
 Rahway over South Plainfield
 Plainfield over East Side
 Union over Irvington
 Westfield over Cranford
 Shabazz over Scotch Plains
 Last year: 80-24 (769)

UNION COUNTY Pre-Season

- Elizabeth
- Linden
- Union
- Hillside
- New Providence
- Summit
- Plainfield
- Westfield
- Scotch Plains
- Johnson
- Rahway
- Roselle
- Roselle Park
- Brearley
- Cranford
- Gov. Livingston



Dayton High School had to drop varsity football this year because of a lack of players. The Bulldogs will field a junior varsity team, hoping to have enough players to field a varsity team once again next year.

Dayton will have JV football for the upcoming campaign Not enough players for varsity team

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

Citing it strictly as a safety issue, the Dayton High School varsity football program was cancelled last week.

With only 20 students coming out to compete, the school was forced to suspend the varsity team this season.

"We had only three seniors trying out with the rest of the players being mostly freshmen and sophomores," new Dayton athletic director Dan Gallagher said. "So we didn't feel too comfortable having the underclassmen going against much more bigger, stronger and experienced teams."

Gallagher takes over for former athletic director Kevin Murphy, who was at the Springfield school for one year.

"The safety of the players is more important than running a varsity football team," Gallagher said.

Gallagher did state that the school will run a varsity program on a junior varsity level.

"We will play the same scheduled teams at the JV level that the varsity would have played," Gallagher said. "We will have all the things that would be at a varsity game, like the cheerleaders, the band and the atmosphere."

Dayton's nine opponents are now scrambling to fill the void in their schedules for the upcoming season, which begins tomorrow. A Dayton opponent will be awarded a forfeit victory if it cannot replace that opening, according to NJSIAA rules.

Dayton was scheduled to open its varsity season at New Providence on Sept. 15.

"We are looking to play a team that Dayton was scheduled to play," Governor Livingston athletic director and Mountain Valley Conference president Nick Serritella said.

Several changes made in North 2

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor

There have been several changes regarding North Jersey, Section 2 for the upcoming 2001-2002 school season.

The most notable one is Parsippany dropping from a Group 3 to a Group 2 school and Mountain Lakes moving up to Group 2 status.

Orange also moved down to Group 2, while Weequehuc moved back up to Group 3.

Boonton and North Warren moved back down to Group 1, while Madison joined Mountain Lakes in the move up to Group 2.

Group 4 remained the same.

A longtime Group 3 school, Parsippany's enrollment dropped from 648 in 2000-2001 to 626 for 2001-2002.

A longtime Group 1 school, Mountain Lakes' enrollment increased from 377 in 2000-2001 to 459 for 2001-2002.

All four group sizes in the section increased. Group 4 schools include enrollments of 3152 (Elizabeth) to 962 (Morris Knolls), while Group 3 schools include enrollments of 896 (Millburn) to 659 (Rahway).

Group 2 schools include enrollments of 636 (Orange) to 446 (Madison), while Group 1 schools include enrollments of 439 (North Warren) to 72 for new member North Star Academy.

This past year, Group 4 enrollments were 3109-925, Group 3 enrollments 889-659, Group 2 enrollments 615-432 and Group 1 enrollments 417-197.

Governor Livingston, a member of the conference's upper Mountain Division, was scheduled to host Valley Division member Dayton on Oct. 20.

"I really feel for the school because I know how it feels having to forfeit your schedule," Serritella said.

In the 1986 season, the Highlanders fielded only 20 players for their varsity roster and had to forfeit.

Another person who felt bad for the program was Rahway head coach Paul Sep, who coached the Bulldogs for one season in 1999, a winning season at that to 6-4.

"Many of the players that I had over there were hard workers," Sep said. "I should have been their tutor to shine."

The three seniors that still want to compete will be allowed to play on the junior varsity team.

"The players are eligible to compete as long as the other teams and officials are made aware of it," Gallagher said.

Coming off an 0-10 season, Dayton will have all the staff appointed still there. That goes the same for the JV.

"Things have not gone favorably for Dayton athletes as of late. In late August, the Bulldogs' home playing field at Meisel Avenue was deemed contaminated."

"It's an unfortunate situation and I hope the school recovers and gets both feet on the ground," Serritella said.

"It can be done, if you look at us."

Of this year's football squad, Governor Livingston had 83 students try out.

"Sometimes you have to bite the bullet and regroup for the safety of the kids," Serritella said. "But the probability of getting everything on track for next season will be pretty tough."

Dayton hopes it will, as it would like to start up the varsity program again for next year.

Golfers take to greens for cause Raise money for Cancer Society

Armed with clubs in hand, hundreds of golfers took the greens at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit to help fight cancer at the eighth annual American Cancer Society Golf Tournament.

Since its inception, the annual golf tournament has raised record funds for lifesaving American Cancer Society research, programs and services that benefit cancer patients and their families in Essex, Hudson and Union counties.

Attracting 212 golfers this year, the event raised a record-breaking \$106,000 to help support American Cancer Society programs such as Road to Recovery, which provides free round-trip transportation to doctor visits and treatments, and Man to Man, a prostate cancer education and support program that offers community-based group education, discussion and support from men with prostate cancer.

"The growing support for this event over the years has helped the American Cancer Society improve the lives of thousands of cancer patients and their families in Essex, Hudson and Union counties," said Brenda Curtis, American Cancer Society regional executive director.

"The more people that come out for the annual golf tournament, the more people the American Cancer Society is able to enlist in its efforts to fight cancer," Curtis said.

In addition to supporting a worthy cause, participants had an opportunity to win a host of prizes, including a week-long stay at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Fla.; round-trip airfare for two to any domestic U.S. destination countries of Continental Airlines and autographed sports memorabilia.

Other prizes up for grabs at the golf tournament included five rounds of golf at Canoe Brook Country Club, the Montclair Country Club, the Upper Montclair Country Club, Arcola Country Club in Paramus and a two-year membership to Ballyliffin Golf Club in County Donegal, Ireland.

The annual golf tournament at Canoe Brook is part of the American Cancer Society Golf Classic, the world's largest amateur golf tournament. The top two teams from the Canoe Brook event will advance to the State Championship at Forsgate Country Club in September and possibly to the National Championship at Doral Country Club in Miami.

Support for the American Cancer Society and a desire to help others who are battling cancer will once again be the driving forces behind the planning committee as they begin to plan next year's American Cancer Society Golf Tournament.

If you would like to be a part of the American Cancer Society Golf Tournament Planning Committee for next year's event or need information about individual tickets or corporate sponsorship packages, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

More information about the American Cancer Society may be obtained by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit its web site at www.cancer.org.

866Estimate captures softball championship

The winner of the Springfield Adult Class A Modified Softball League 7 championship turned out to be the fourth place squad called 866Estimate.

The 866Estimate squad defeated the Springfield Elks Club 3-1 in their best-of-five series. After falling to the Elks 7-5 in the first game, 866Estimate won the next three games by scores of 3-1, 9-5 and 4-2.

Mike Jasevic earned the mound victory in the deciding game, while Justin Peino tossed a two-run homer and Sam Santucci belted a two-run double.

Janie Davis played well in the field, Brian Berger threw a runner out at the plate and Jason Mullman made a great catch to rob JB Baccari of an extra-base hit.

Also contributing to 866Estimate's championship victory were Paul Cokerni, Bari Fraenkel, Nat Goodwin, Jeff Lauffenue and John Markovich.

The championship was the third in eight years for 866Estimate. Discovery Landscaping, which finished first in the league standings, but fell to 866Estimate in the second round 2-0, captured the league championship the past three seasons.

The final regular season standings went like this: 1-Discovery Landscaping, 2-Checco Chiropractic, 3-Springfield Elks Club, 4-866Estimate, 5-The Villa, 6-Jolly Trolley, 7-Reiner Insurance.

Checco defeated Reiner 2-0, the Elks bested Jolly Trolley 2-0 and 866Estimate defeated The Villa 2-0 in the first round. Discovery Landscaping received a bye.

866Estimate defeated Discovery Landscaping 2-0 and the Elks defeated Checco 2-1 in the second round.

Any teams interested in participating next season should contact Springfield Recreation Department director Michael Tennaro at 973-467-4608.

Summit's Starker All-America

Matt Starker, a Class of 2001 graduate of Summit High School, was among 218 high school boys' lacrosse players named All-America by US Lacrosse, the sport's national governing body.

A total of 14 players from New Jersey were chosen for the honor. Clark's Matt Posky, a senior at Arthur L. Johnson High School and the state's all-time leading scorer, was the only other player from Union County selected.

The All-America team was selected by high school coaches on a regional basis. Each area is allotted a number of All-Americans based on the number of coaches from that area who are members of US Lacrosse.

Dayton Boys' Soccer

Sept. 7 Brearley, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 11 at Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 13 at North Plain, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 19 Manville, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 21 New Providence, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 25 at Oratory, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 29 Bound Brook, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 2 at Brearley, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 4 Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 5 at Cedar Grove, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 9 North Plainfield, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 11 at Manville, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 12 at Bernards, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 15 Summit, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 16 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 18 Oratory, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 23 at Bound Brook, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 26 East Side, 3:30 p.m.

Dayton Girls' Soccer

Sept. 7 at Brearley, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 11 Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 13 North Plainfield, 4 p.m.

Oratory Prep Boys' Soccer

Sept. 7 New Providence, 3:45 p.m.
 Sept. 10 Glen Ridge, 3:45 p.m.
 Sept. 11 North Plainfield, 3:45 p.m.
 Sept. 13 at Bound Brook, 3:45 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at Brearley, 3:45 p.m.
 Sept. 25 Dayton, 3:45 p.m.
 Sept. 27 Manville, 3:45 p.m.
 Sept. 28 at Whippany Park, 3:45 p.m.
 Oct. 1 Johnson, 3:45 p.m.
 Oct. 2 at New Providence, 3:45 p.m.
 Oct. 4 at North Plainfield, 3:45 p.m.
 Oct. 9 Bound Brook, 3:45 p.m.
 Oct. 11 Brearley, 3:45 p.m.
 Oct. 16 Roselle Park, 3:45 p.m.
 Oct. 18 at Dayton, 3:45 p.m.
 Oct. 19 at Wardlaw-Hartridge, 3:45 p.m.
 Oct. 23 at Manville, 3:45 p.m.

Oratory Prep Cross Country

Sept. 12 at MKA/Jonah, 3:45 p.m.
 Sept. 14 at Cedar Grove, 3:45 p.m.
 Sept. 18 New Prov./New Cent., 3:45 p.m.
 Sept. 20 at Don Bosco Tech, 3:45 p.m.

HEALTH

Eating habits workshop

The Women's Resource Center of Summit is sponsoring a series of workshops to help participants develop new eating habits without forbidden foods, calorie counting or deprivation. The series, called "Breaking Free From Dieting," is based on the book "Breaking Free From Compulsive Eating," by Geneen Roth.

The sessions will focus topics such as learning to become more aware of both physical and emotional needs, dealing with the judgment of others, and learning to build a fulfilling life that does not revolve around food. The workshops series is ideal for the woman who wants to stop judging herself and get off the diet bandwagon.

The focus of the workshop is to help each woman gain self-awareness while taking responsibility for her body weight and eating habits. The group, which is facilitated by Ava Schlesinger and Lisa Zimmer will run

for five Saturdays beginning Sept. 15, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$80 for members of the Women's Resource Center and \$100 for non-members. Registration ends Sept. 10.

To register, or get information about this series or other programs, call The Women's Resource Center at 908-273-7253.

Cancer programs offered

Pathways educational and complementary mind/body fall programs begin in September. For information about programs and services, call 908-277-3663. Support groups and most programs are free. To register for support groups, call support group coordinator at 973-701-7607. Two topics of interest to cancer patients are scheduled for the month of September.

On Wednesday, Dr. Louis Schwart will present a program on "What to Expect During Radiation Treatment." Schwart is the director of

Overlook Hospital Radiation Oncology, Summit. The program will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Overlook Hospital Conference Room 2. The program is open to any person expecting to receive radiation treatment. Family members and friends are also encouraged to attend.

Call Pathways to register for the program at 908-277-3663.

Sept. 21, Mary Giselle-Ulrich will present a program, Nutrition for cancer patients." Giselle-Ulrich is the lead oncology dietitian from Morris-Town Memorial Hospital. She will lead a lively discussion about maintaining nutrition before and after treatment for cancer in Overlook Hospital Conference Room 2.

Call Pathways at 908-277-3665 to register for the nutrition program.

Girl Project programs

The Girl Project of the Women's Resource Center, in connection with The Connection for Women and

Children in Summit, is sponsoring two 10-week series of running programs for girls, beginning Mondays at 5 p.m. at Washington School, 507 Morris Ave. The cost is \$135.

Girls on the Run is a 3.1-mile walk/run training program for girls in grades three through five. Its innovative curriculum, designed for preteen girls, focuses on enhancing self-esteem, as well as other issues essential to healthy emotional, social, spiritual, and physical growth.

The goal for each participant is to run to work toward completing a short running event. In addition to improving their physical skills, girls will gain a stronger sense of themselves as individuals and as part of a team. Participants will take part in workout and games that teach specific life skills, such as decision-making and conflict resolution.

Girls on Track is a 10-week program for girls in grades six through eight. The program is designed to help participants get in shape, have fun,

and feel terrific, while spending time with friends. Along with run/walk exercises to prepare for a complete 3.1-mile run/walk, the middle school girls, including school boys and peer pressure. The program is scheduled for Mondays and Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. and begins Monday. Location of the program is still to be announced. The cost is \$135.

Registration is required and spaces are limited. For information about Girls on the Run or Girls on Track, as well as other programs for and about girls, call Asha Bernard, director of the Girl Project at Women's Resource Center, at 908-273-7253.

Red Cross wants you

The Summit Area Chapter American Red Cross is seeking area residents to become volunteer instructors in their health and safety program. Each year, the Summit Area Red Cross teaches lifesaving skills to hun-

drreds of area residents. But that is possible only through the help of people who care about the safety and lives of others, and are willing to devote a little bit of their time to help make the community a safer place.

American Red Cross volunteer instructors are members of a select group of trained individuals who reflect the standards and ideals of the Red Cross. As volunteers, individuals gain the opportunity to use lifesaving skills and experience to give back to the community. Volunteers can make a real difference in the lives of others.

The Summit Area Chapter will offer instructor training courses beginning in October and November. Contact the chapter for more information or to register for a class.

The Summit Area Red Cross serves Berkeley Heights, Long Hill Township, New Providence, Springfield and Summit. Call 908-273-2076 for more information.

Police officer driving safety tips for school

Summit public schools are now open. Parents and drivers are urged by the Summit Police Department to help children get to school safely. A vast majority of city streets has a 25-mile per hour speed limit. Near schools, it is imperative for all drivers to obey the 25 mph speed limit designed for the safety of our children. "Slow down"

- The following regulations should be observed.
- Stop for all school buses with red lights flashing in either direction. It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus. A child could run out from behind a bus at any time. Be patient.
- Look out for crossing guards and pedestrians. Obey crossing guards and yield to pedestrians.
- Obey the 25 mph speed limit in all school zones. Watch your speedometer. Leave earlier for your destination. Make your time driving.
- Do not park in prohibited areas such as drop-off areas around schools, handicapped spaces or bus zones.
- Park at least one block away from the school and arrange to meet your child at a preset location.
- Encourage your child to walk or hike safely to school. Helmets are required for children under 14 years old. It's a good idea to make sure your child knows the safest route to school.
- Always wear your seat belt and buckle up your children. Seat belts save lives. Sunshades will be issued for those who jeopardize the safety of children.
- School safety depends on those behind the wheel." Chief of Police William E. Schelller said. "A conscious effort is crucial from all parents and other drivers to slow down and watch out for children. Safety is first, personal conveniences must be second."

NEWS GLIPS

Public opinion sought on new welcome signs

The Summit Area Development Corp. is considering replacing the "Welcome to Summit" signs which are posted at four entrances to the city.

At the present time, the signs read "Welcome to Summit" and bear the stylized flame representing the beacon which existed during the Revolutionary War and warn of the pending arrival of British troops.

While re-evaluating the design for the new signs, SADC is interested in obtaining resident opinion about the beacon symbol. Therefore, residents are being asked to submit their ideas about how they see Summit and how they see it represented on the signs.

If necessary, the suggestions should be kept simple and easily recognizable from passing cars and from a distance. All suggestions should be forwarded to SADC in care of the Chamber of Commerce Office at 71 Summit Ave., Summit, 07901.

SADC is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization solely interested in civic

improvements provided with no extra cost to the taxpayers. Most recently, the group was responsible for partial funding of a new garden area near the interchange of Routes 24 and 78, which has been created by a Summit resident and neighbors.

Other ongoing projects include the continuing refurbishing of plantings in the park-and-shop lots, as well as the pocket park with the fountain on Springfield Avenue. This year, the hanging baskets project, long an SADC project, has been suspended because of construction in the downtown area.

SADC also promotes adopt-a-park. A park in the Laurel Avenue area was adopted by school children, with funds for the plantings supplemented by SADC. Anyone interested in adopting a park should call 908-522-1700.

Garbage cans should be put out by 6 a.m.

The Department of Community Services reports that some people are

missing their garbage pickups because they put the cans out too late. Garbage cans should be out before 6 a.m. when residential collection begins, and residents who live in the central retail business district need to put out their garbage by 5 a.m.

Summit has rear yard pickup, and cans should not be left at the curb. The preferred locations are at the rear of the house or near the garage. Use the same location each week. Garbage is collected Monday through Friday, including all holidays and residents are permitted up to four, 30-gallon cans with lids.

Should you wish to dispose of gar-

bage or trash at the transfer station on New Providence Avenue, it is open daily — except Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day — from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Saturdays. A maroon parking-and-disposal-area permit for your motor vehicle, issued by Summit Downtown Inc. is required for admission to the transfer station area.

Call SDI at 908-522-0357 for information about permits. For information about garbage collection, call the city's Community Services Department at 908-273-6404.

Bank donates to city festival

"Chase Manhattan Bank is donating \$4,000 to support the Summit Cultural Heritage Festival because we feel a deep commitment to this community," said Andrea Moody Wilson, manager of the Summit Branch of the Bank. In addition to their financial support, Wilson has been a member of the Festival Steering Commit-

tee since the first festival was planned in 1999 and chair's the Site Committee.

"I cannot think of a better way to demonstrate our commitment to the community than by our participation in and donation to the festival. It is a great event and we are proud to be a part of it," said Wilson.

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