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Happy New Year — 5760



Matthew Stolz, right, takes lessons on blowing the shofar from Rabbi Joshua Goldstein at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield. This weekend's Rosh Hashanah holiday celebrates the Jewish new year.

Students put new math books to the test

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

At Deerfield School, math is becoming more fun. Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller introduced the school's new math textbooks at the Board of Education's Aug. 24 meeting. The enthusiasm, from both Schaller and parents in attendance, was obvious.

"No single math publisher does truly everything you want it to," Schaller said at the meeting. But, after an extensive review of the math curriculum, and an equally exhaustive study of the various math texts available, the board appears to have come to a satisfactory decision regarding the new math textbooks.

The new lessons are more interactive. "Prior to paper and pencil exercises, the children need to play around with it and see it," Schaller said. "The primary grades need to have their math as interactive as possible. If they can manipulate it and see it, they can apply it to many aspects." Some of the new textbooks offer lessons with drawings. The first-grade book, for example, encourages children to draw a picture with one to 10 black dots. The actual number represented by the dots is then added to the card by the child.

In another lesson, students are given numbered cards and cards with a corresponding number of illustrations. The students, then, play "lost and found," matching the numerical cards to the proper illustrated cards.

Schaller has constantly reminded both his fellow board members and parents

that the work on the math curriculum should not be considered a completed task. He has repeatedly emphasized the curriculum is "a living and breathing document," subject to constant review and revision. He said he expects the teachers to provide the board with feedback and evaluation.

In the new curriculum, the goal is to teach the concepts of mathematics. The Mathematics Curriculum document issued by the board to the parents attending the Aug. 24 board meeting, the notion is stressed that mathematical comprehension comes through "various learning strategies," and that "a variety of evaluation techniques must be employed. Assessment of the students' knowledge base and problem solving ability must not be limited to only paper and pencil testing."

According to Schaller, a curriculum review cycle occurs every five years. The enthusiastic review given to the new textbooks by the parents indicated a long-desired change. "The parents have been waiting, too," Schaller said. "This is a process that's been going on since before I even got here."

One parent was enamored enough of the new curriculum and textbooks to ask when such a change would be made to language arts. Deerfield's Assistant Principal Elizabeth Keshish, who assisted Schaller in the presentation of the new books, answered.

"Not for quite a while," she said. "This is a lot of change. It has to be done at an acceptable rate."

Slick spill still b

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

A mysterious oil spill tied up westbound Route 22 traffic for a little more than five hours Sept. 2, causing one vehicle to make a rough landing. The Springfield Fire Department responded to the scene on a call from the Springfield Police Department at 5:16 p.m. According to the Fire Department's report, the spill "of some type of heavy oil" stretched approximately one-quarter to one-half mile, from the Hillside Avenue entrance ramp to the South Springfield Avenue overpass.

The substance, which covered an eight-foot wide area of the roadway, widened as it reached the area of Benigan's Restaurant, eventually covering both lanes by the time it neared the overpass. Several vehicles reportedly slid and spun out, with one vehicle, a 1993 BMW, losing control and sliding on its side, eventually righting itself, striking a curb and coming to rest in some bushes in the driveway of Barnes and Noble. The front driver's side was damaged, but the driver was not injured.

The roadway was closed as crews from Springfield's Engine-Two and Rescue One began applying the granulated absorbent Speed-dry.

The Division of Transportation was notified of the spill and requested to respond for clean-up. According to Springfield Fire Chief William Gras, the DOT dispatched a vehicle from its Hillside maintenance facility, only to get caught in the backed-up Route 22 traffic.

Inching its way through more backed-up traffic in the streets of Union, the DOT arrived in the packed streets of Springfield, where it was finally escorted to the scene by a vehicle dispatched by the Fire Department, two hours and 20 minutes after being summoned.

A representative from Rahway Watershed also was notified. "We always notify Rahway Watershed when something like this happens," Gras said. "Rahway residents use water from the Rahway River for drinking, and some of that water comes from our tributaries here in Springfield. If they know there's a problem, they can shut down their pumping stations."

The spill, which began to spread toward the highway's storm drains, was prevented from reaching Rahway's water supply.

Union County Hazardous Materials, Springfield Emergency Management, the township's Health Department and the Springfield Department of Public Works were contacted. Due to the area to be covered, the Department of Public Works was requested to bring a load of sand. Arriving with a small dump truck, Public Works officials spread the sand on top of the 25 bags of Speed-dry that had already been applied.

DOT Supervisor Richard Llewellyn advised the spreading of additional sand but added that the DOT would not be able to sweep up the product due to the state's hazardous materials policy. Gras phoned Laura Fundi at the Department of Environmental Protection, receiving approval for clean-up.

DOT workers, assisted by a sweeper from Public Works, began cleaning the highway at 8:22 p.m. The roadway was finally pronounced clean and ready for use two hours later.

The source of the spill has not been determined.

Programs are re-energized

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Recreation Department's fall calendar allows participants to move slowly or quickly, as they like.

Women's volleyball, men's basketball, youth basketball, a batting clinic, senior exercise, line dancing, morning and evening aerobic classes and Tai Chi all are scheduled to begin in September. Registration for all programs currently is being accepted at the Recreation Office in Borough Hall.

Women's open volleyball is scheduled to begin Monday. Free of charge, the program meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Deerfield gymnasium. No pre-registration is necessary.

Men's basketball tips off Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning Monday. Open gym basketball meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., with 40/40 basketball for men whose age or waist size is over 40, meeting Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m.

Young batting eyes can be sharpened at the fall batting clinic. Instructor Lew Sanitsky will teach

boys and girls age 8 through 12 the correct way to hit and pitch. A pitching machine will be used in the hitting instruction. The program will be held on two dates: Sept. 25 and again Oct. 2 at the Deerfield School Major League Field. Hours are from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The registration fee is \$10.

Low-impact senior exercise is offered in monthly sessions. It meets Monday and Wednesday mornings at the Borough Hall Community Room from 9:30 to 10:30 beginning Monday. The program has a \$15 per person fee. Pre-registration is required.

Aerobic classes are offered in both morning and evening sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays. The morning class is from 9:15 to 10:15, with the evening class running from 7 to 8.

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Instructors wait for DARE to be scheduled

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

With the new school year just underway, Springfield's DARE officers should be gearing up to get back to work. But according to Cpl. Don Dowser, one of the township's long-time DARE officers, the program's scheduling is still up in the air.

"Cpl. Stockl requested that I submit a list of my work days so we could schedule the program," Dowser said. "I did, and it was my understanding that we were supposed to meet with the superintendent to discuss it, but nothing's happened yet."

According to Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman, the district's principals met with Superintendent Gary Friedland Aug. 18, their first day back at work, at which time Friedland supplied them with the officer's hours.

"The principals will work out the hours with the department," Zimmerman said. "We're excited about hav-

ing the program back in the schools and the schedules look workable."

Issues of scheduling are nothing new to the township's DARE program. A conflict between the Police Department's work schedule and the DARE curriculum resulted in the suspension of the program in March, when the department insisted on having its officers teach DARE only during their scheduled work days.

The program was eventually resumed late in the school year, with Dowser and his fellow DARE officers Sgt. Steven Stockl and Officer Ed McNamany having to make up for lost time.

Stockl, like Dowser, has yet to receive concrete word about the DARE scheduling. "I personally haven't heard anything yet," he said. "Don Dowser mentioned to me that the program might be starting in October. But, speaking for myself, I haven't been told anything."

Stockl pointed out the DARE curriculum does not necessarily kick off on the first day of school, "but we like to be there on the first day, to welcome the kids," he said.

"The program officially starts in September," Stockl continued. "That's our past history, that's what we've done — September. Our program happens to run the whole school year, September to June. Some school districts only go one semester with DARE. Traditionally, we do the whole school year."

According to Stockl, the difference in scheduling between past and present is the officers were allowed to develop their own schedules in consultation with teachers and principals in the past. "We had more flexibility then," he said. "It didn't matter if it was a working day. Now they don't want to compensate us for it."

One of the key issues involved in the March hiatus was the break in the relationship between officers and students. "The program isn't just about drugs, it's about how to be assertive," Dowser said.

DARE instructors spend a considerable amount of time with their students, developing relationships with them right from kindergarten. By the time the student reaches the fifth- or sixth-grade, the point at which the DARE program officially begins, a full relationship already is established.

"We were able to complete the curriculum last year," Stockl said, "but it was difficult. Several students were so upset at the suspension that they actually threw out their workbooks. They enjoyed seeing us. We had a good rapport."

The program's suspension resulted in several phone calls from concerned Springfield parents to Denise Zimmerman.

Senior's Day



Jerry and Ida Falck of Mountainside, left, and Gioria Murray Mankowitz of Livingston rest after a meal and entertainment at Mayfair Farm in West Orange. They joined more than 800 senior citizens recently for the eighth annual Senior's Day co-sponsored by Mountainside and Overlook Hospital's Senior Contact.

Football Preview
School is back in session, which means it's time for a new football season. Our special section features the up and coming players, as well as the coaches' inside look at the high school teams in this newspaper's coverage area. Get schedules, rosters, and, of course, a preview of this year's football season. See inside this newspaper.

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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 P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today
• Members of the Foothill Club of Mountaintide will have their regular monthly meeting in the borough's historical Herflood House. Lunch will be served at noon. Attending as a guest and speaker will be Mountaintide's Mayor Robert Vigilanti. A sing-a-long also is on the agenda.

Tomorrow
• The first meeting of the Mountaintide Senior Citizen Club will be at noon at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane. It will be a Welcome Back social with refreshments being served. For more information, call (908) 233-6280.

Saturday
• Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Anyone ages 14 and up is invited, if possible, to bring a lunch, mug for a beverage, shovel, pickaxe and gloves to the Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide. Pre-registration is required. Call (908) 789-3670.

Sunday
• Visitors can learn where to find the planets among the stars and which constellations will be visible in autumn at the Trailside Nature and Science Center at 2 p.m. Each family will take home a fall sky map. The program is for ages 6 and up. The fee is \$3 for each person and \$2.55 for senior citizens.

Tuesday
• Safety Awareness for Everyone, a free safety awareness program will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountaintide. To register or for more information, call (908) 301-5432.

Wednesday
• The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall.

Upcoming events
Sept. 18
• Mary Wislocki, director of The Writing Center at New York University, will present some practical do's and don'ts for creating a solid college application essay at 2:30 p.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

Sept. 19
• Visitors to the Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can learn where to find the planets among the stars and which constellations will be visible in Autumn at 2 p.m. Each family will take home a fall sky map. The program is for ages 6 and up. The fee is \$3 for each person and \$2.55 for senior citizens.

• Visitors to the Trailside Nature and Science Center can learn the reasons for the seasons at 3:30 p.m. This program is geared for children ages 6 and up. The fee is \$3 for each person and \$2.55 for senior citizens.

• A representative from The Princeton Review will provide strategies for students taking the PSAT and SAT examinations at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at 7 p.m. For information and to pre-register, call (973) 376-4930.

• An open forum on energy deregulation will be at 7:30 p.m. at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights. Consumers seeking information on energy deregulation can learn from a panel of representatives from the Public Utilities Commission, the New Jersey Environmental Lobby, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates and the Energy Companies.

Sept. 22
• The Newcomers of Mountaintide will sponsor a new member coffee for anyone interested in joining. For more information, call Teri Schmiedel at (908) 301-0147.

• All are invited to attend the opening meeting of the 1999-2000 season of the Springfield Hadassah at Temple Beth Am, Springfield at 8 p.m. A topic for discussion that evening will be the honor given to first lady Hillary Clinton at the Hadassah national conference in July.

Sept. 28
• The Union County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a networking social at the Office Depot in Springfield from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The store is located in the Echo Shopping Plaza in between Route 122 and Mountain Avenue, Springfield. The fee is \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. For more information, call (908) 352-0900. RSVP by Sept. 22.

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will feature Monique Gilbert, assistant director of financial aid at Fairleigh Dickinson University at 7 p.m. She will discuss with high school students and parents the often-complicated process of applying for financial aid. For details and registration, call (973) 376-4930.

Oct. 2
• Springfield's James Caldwell School Parent Teachers Association will sponsor its annual Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 36 Caldwell Place.
• Members of the Mountaintide Newcomers Club are invited to the club's annual progressive dinner. For more information, call Janine Cardone at (908) 232-6411.

Photography on display at Children's Specialized Hospital

The New Jersey Photography Forum's annual juried show is on display through Sept. 26 at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaintide. The show was curated by Nancy J. Ori and Michael Cressin, co-founders of the New Jersey Photography Forum. Over 300 photographs were invited to submit two prints to be considered for exhibition. Fifty-seven photographs were selected for exhibition by judges Joan Good, executive director of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, Larry Cappiello, director of the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway and Glen Diehl, president of the Watchung Arts Center.

The photos in the state, rivaled only by the American Society of Media Photographers, who are commercially based. Simple presentations, examples

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NEWS CLIPS

Library hosts series for college-bound kids

Attention high school juniors and seniors: As September rapidly approaches, are you starting to worry about applying to college? How will you write a meaningful essay? How will you be eligible for financial aid, and how do you even apply? Are you content with your PSAT and SAT scores, or could you use some test-taking strategies to help give them a boost? To help you and your parents tackle some of these difficult issues, the Springfield Public Library is presenting a three-part series titled, "Getting Ready for College."

On Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m., Mary Wislocki, director of The Writing Center at New York University, will present some practical do's and don'ts for creating a good application essay. On Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. a representative from The Princeton Review will provide strategies for taking the PSAT and SAT examinations.

The third program, scheduled for Sept. 28 at 7 p.m., will feature Monique Gilbert, assistant director of financial aid at Fairleigh Dickinson University. She will discuss the often-complicated process of applying for financial aid. All programs are free, but advanced registration is requested. Refreshments will be served.

Call (973) 376-4930 to reserve a space, or register in person at the library, located at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

Palmer Museum accepts artists' applications

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library is currently accepting applications for artists who wish to exhibit their work in 2000-2001.

Applicants are asked to submit a current resume, 10 slides representative of the work and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Applications will be reviewed by the Museum Committee in November.

The 36-by-50-foot Palmer Museum was opened at its current site in 1939 when the Library Board of Trustees appropriated \$25 to Springfield resident Donald Palmer to purchase pictures of Springfield. Portions of the permanent Palmer Collection are on display throughout the year.

Since 1992, the museum has provided space for the exhibit of art and

historical works and for the presentation of cultural programs.

The museum is currently in the second year of a three-year series of concerts sponsored by the Barber family. Many other events have been made possible through grants from the Union County Department of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

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. 29.

Library seeks donations

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines with one year's date.

The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Clubs use SPL computer

Those organizations in Springfield that wish to have the latest information on their organization in the Springfield Free Public Library's computer, can call the library's reference department at (973) 376-4930, ext. 28.

The library needs the name, address and telephone number of the person to be contacted for anyone interested in further information.

Seniors organize events

The senior citizens of Springfield are alive and well meeting on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning in September.

The group also will sponsor the following trips:

• Oct. 17-18 — The Wonders of the Connecticut Woods — This trip includes a one-and-a-half-hour tour to Newport, R.I. Stops include Foxwoods casino and the Mohegan Sun.

• Oct. 25 — "Platzel Brauhaus" includes lunch, dinner and a day filled with many activities. The Oktober Fest costs \$55 for each person.

• Dec. 13 — "City Lights" — Enjoy dinner in Little Italy, a three-hour tour of the festive lights and a visit to Ferraro's Bakery. The cost is \$65 for each person. All tips and taxes are included.

For more information call Charlotte Faigenbaum at (973) 379-5241.

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Senior Contact



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College-bound student reports missing necessities

Springfield
A Tree Top Drive family reportedly lost a car and a college-bound child's belongings to a thief Saturday. A Ford Explorer containing items as diverse as a computer, printer, television, VCR, cellular phone, prescription medication and luggage containing clothing was broken into, while the family's other vehicle, a Lexus, was stolen. No dollar amount was given for the stolen items. The number of thieves involved is not yet known.

• Gerardo Quaglietta, 26, of Springfield was arrested Friday on charges of burglary and criminal mischief. The reported \$200 theft occurred at Foodtown on Morris Avenue.
• Two Fieldstone Drive residents had their vehicles broken into and spare change allegedly taken Friday.
• Sarah Foster, 19, of Springfield was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol Friday.
• A 1984 Mercury Cougar driven

POLICE BLOTTER

by a Springfield resident spun out of control while pulling out of the First Union Bank parking lot Friday, reportedly striking a utility pole across the street. The driver claimed to have accidentally accelerated.

• A Whippany resident traveling northbound on South Springfield Avenue reportedly struck a telephone pole near the Gaudineer School Sept. 2, causing damage to the front passenger side of her 1984 Chevy. According to police reports, the driver said she had taken her eyes off the road "for a second."

Mountainside
An alert and conscientious driver used a cellular phone to alert members of the Mountainside Police Department to a possible drunk driver Sunday.
A 9-1-1 call brought police to westbound Route 22, where Kevin Castellani of Middlesex was found to be

making unsafe lane changes. Castellani, 21, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. According to police reports, an open container of alcohol was discovered in his car. He was released on \$375 bail.

• Andrew Greco, a South Plainfield resident, was arrested by Middletown police and charged with outstanding warrants out of Mountainside and other municipalities, dating back to 1990. A total bail of \$1,625 was posted.

• Jay Poda of Plainfield was found to be a suspended driver when he was stopped for speeding on westbound Route 22 Tuesday.

• Irvington resident Jeffrey Johnson was stopped on eastbound Route 22 Saturday for tailgating and speeding. He was found to be a suspended driver with outstanding warrants. Johnson posted \$1,544 in bail and was released.
• A cracked windshield attracted

attention to Hector Velastegui on westbound Route 22 Friday. Velastegui was found to be driving with a suspended license, with Automated Traffic Warrants totaling \$157. His bail in Mountainside was \$250. He was given a court date of Sept. 30.

• Heman Ruiz of Plainfield was stopped for speeding Sept. 2. Further investigation revealed a suspended license.

• Silvanio Silva was stopped on westbound Route 22 for failing to maintain a lane and having license plate covers Sept. 2. She was arrested for having a suspended license and vehicle registration.

• Neil Morgado of Watchung was arrested on westbound Route 22 and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. He was released after posting \$250 bail.

• Plainfield resident Kimberly Rodgers was arrested on westbound Route 22 Sept. 1 for reportedly having an unregistered and uninsured vehicle. She was released on \$250 bail.

Eaters can Dine-Out to help out area Red Cross

By Pamela Isaacson
Managing Editor

Local restaurants will join the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross to feast on Dine-Out 1999 Wednesday and Sept. 21. The area chapter, active since 1917, serves Summit, Springfield, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and Long Hill Townships.

The third annual Dine-Out is a fund-raiser in which local restaurants donate a percentage of their profits for the evening to the American Red Cross.

"This is the most participation we've had in terms of restaurants," said Red Cross volunteer Stefanie Paris. "This year we had trouble getting Summit restaurants."

The establishments participating in this year's fund raiser include the following: On Wednesday, Alley Bar and Grill, Auberge Swiss, Aquila, Dimato, Florino Ristorante, Meyersville Inn, and Prestige Diner. On Sept. 21, the restaurants

include Calabria, Chez Z, Hunt Club, Marcello's, Old Glory, Stirling Hotel and Trap Rock.

"What we are trying to do is get the community to support the Red Cross and increase awareness of the Red Cross," said Paris.

Among its activities, the chapter helps transport elderly and developmentally challenged residents to medical appointments and job locations.

More than 150,000 miles were traveled by Red Cross volunteer drivers this past year. According to members of the chapter, last year, volunteers collected 3,145 pints of blood, taught water safety, gave babysitting training to 115 preteens and certified 1,050 individuals in CPR and first aid. The chapter's disaster teams responded to four local and national emergencies, including providing aid to Kosovo refugees.

Restaurant owners and volunteers interested in Dine-Out 2000 can contact the Summit Area Red Cross at (908) 273-2076.

Resident wins champ award

Barbara G. McLaughlin of Mountainside, a systems director with Prudential Investments, Edison, received a Prudential Community Champions

Shining Star Award of \$1,000 for Contact We Care Inc., Fanwood.

The Prudential Community Champions Awards Program, administered by the Company's Local Initiatives Division, is recognizing 795 Prudential employees and retirees who excel in volunteer commitment, leadership and service in their communities. The Prudential Foundation is providing over \$600,000 in grants to the organizations in which these associates volunteer.

"Associates who volunteer are showing a selfless commitment to the communities where they live and work, and we want to recognize and support them," said Mary O'Malley, vice president of Prudential's Local Initiatives Division. "Prudential is proud to honor these extraordinary people through the Community Champions Award Program."

"Contact We Care provides a 24-hour telephone helpline and crisis intervention service. McLaughlin has been a CONTACT We Care volunteer since 1986, and has logged more than 1,700 hours on the telephone since that time.

In addition to answering calls made to the organization's crisis hotline, she also helps train new telephone volunteers in taking "live" calls once they have completed the necessary 50 hours of classroom training.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jake Rudolph of Springfield will celebrate his fifth birthday Monday. He is the son of Wendy and Larry Rudolph. Joining in the celebration are brothers Bailey and Jordan and grandparents Diane and Gary Zimmerman of Springfield and Estelle Rudolph of Scranton, Pa.

Mountainside Newcomers Club announces future group activities

The Mountainside Newcomers Club has announced the following member activities for the near future.

The first is a Ladies Night Oct. 16. Mountainside women are invited to El's Grille. Call Carole Cahill at (908) 233-8426.

• Sept. 23: New Member Coffee — For new members and for anyone interested in Newcomers, gather for an evening of fun and relaxation to learn what Newcomers is all about. For more information, contact Teri Schmiedel at (908) 301-0147.

• Oct. 2: Progressive Dinner — This annual event begins with appetizers in a newcomer's home, then we split up into small groups for dinners in other members' homes and we

complete the evening by all rejoining at yet another member's home for desserts.

Join by calling Janine Cardone at (908) 232-6411.

• Nov. 19 — Annual Holiday Banquet: The Holiday Banquet and fund-raising event will be at Snuffy's with food, drinks, DJ and prizes.

For more information, call Margaret Di Palma at (908) 518-0134. The Mountainside Newcomers Club is a social and charitable organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to newcomers in town, to help them meet other newcomers and to do everything possible to make them feel welcome and part of the community. Membership is

open to new residents of Mountainside or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a child, or a

change in employment or marital status.

For membership information, call Schmiedel at (908) 301-0147.


Artist's exhibit reflects suburban life

"Reflections of Suburban Life," an exhibit by artist Helen Frank of Springfield will be shown at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from now through Oct. 7. An opening reception will be Sept. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

"Reflections," a nostalgic view of life in the suburbs during the last half of this century, is the theme of this exhibition of paintings, watercolors, etchings and monotypes. It encompasses a wide range of diverse subjects such as Route 22, Olympic Park, the living room at Leebman's, sleigh riding at Balussro, the Parkmark parking lot at midnight, Atlantic City casino, the July 4 celebration, Little League games, a Brownie troop and blueberry pickers.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. As of Sept. 11, the museum will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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EDITORIALS

What do we have?

The discrimination suits between three police officers and the Springfield Police Department have finally been settled. Now that the dust has cleared, what do we have left? And, what did this teach our children?

- We have Sgt. Peter Davis receiving a \$150,000 settlement, Patrolman Walter Brooks \$185,000 and Lt. Ivan Shapow \$300,000.
- We have three police officers who say they are glad to have the suits settled, but would have preferred a trial.
- We have township officials who disagree about the settlements. While they agree they have saved taxpayer dollars, some believe a trial would have been more honest.
- Lingered about, we still have the ramifications of alleged racial remarks by Capt. Vernon Pedersen against Brooks, a black officer, and anti-Semitic remarks to Shapow, a Jewish officer. Davis sued after he made public his support of Brooks and then charged retaliation by the department.

What don't we have?

Residents of Springfield do not have a unified department. They still have a force corrupted by politics, favoritism and biased remarks. No financial settlement can erase these blemishes.

Our children have learned that money is the same as saying, "I'm sorry," that an apology and anti-discrimination counseling is unnecessary, that high-ranked police officers who should represent and enforce the law actually are considered to be above the law.

The best thing we can all do is try to put the past behind us. We don't have a choice. We still have a common goal — to serve the Springfield community to the best of our ability.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-6886, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Infocourse hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



'L'shana Tova' for a good year

The High Holy days are once again upon the Jewish community.

The holidays of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are often celebrated in a festive manner. However, there is an underlying solemnity to the holidays that is not as evident among the non-Jewish community.

Among the more commonly known traditions of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur — the sounding of the Shofar and the symbolic meals — is the deeply rooted Biblical belief of God's judgment.

Rosh Hashana, which falls on the first day of the seventh month — Tishri — on the Hebrew calendar, Sept. 11 on the Western calendar, is the beginning of the Lord's judgment, which culminates 10 days later on Yom Kippur — the Day of Atonement.

For those 10 days, Jews sit in reflection on the past year and ask God for repentance and to be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good year to come.

Whether or not you believe in God, reflecting upon the past year is a good idea. There is no one who walks this planet who is without sin.

Although in our heart we may mean well, we are still guilty of sin. The world we live in is conducive to it. Becoming a better person by analyzing our past and changing the error of our ways is a benefit that can be shared by all.

When people are starving in a land of plenty, when kids are killing other kids, when the sacred bond of marriage is nothing more than a piece of paper, and when certain governments oppress their citizens for their own gains, something's not right.

The point is that in becoming a better society, we need to look to our past to see our errors so we don't commit them in the future. Live and learn, as the saying goes.

We could all be better in our own ways. For many of us, it would not take a life-altering change to become a more valuable member of society.

Little things, more often than not, mean the most.

So the next time you begin to lie to get out of a commitment, cheat to win at a game, or use the company car for non-business purposes, stop and ask yourself if you're doing everything you could to be a better person.

"L'shana Tova" — for a good year.

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—James Russell Wiggins
Newspaper editor
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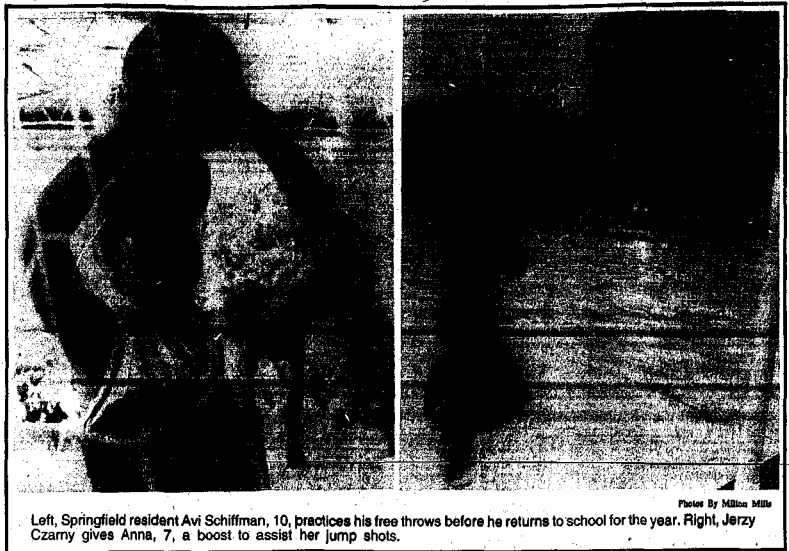
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Left, Springfield resident Avi Schiffman, 10, practices his free throws before he returns to school for the year. Right, Jerzy Czarny gives Anna, 7, a boost to assist her jump shots.

Congressmen should analyze their expenses

Maybe it's just what is called commonly as human nature. But there is a quirk in ourselves which tends, at times, to take the stand that what's ours is ours and what's yours, yours.

This attitude takes many manifestations. It could be a fancy new car or it could be a brand new boat or it could be something not as concrete, but just as important to the person who "owns" it.

Not too long ago, Congressman Bob Franks sent out a questionnaire asking his constituents questions about important issues of the day, including Social Security, Medicare, balancing the budget and other weighty subjects. One of the questions asked if the respondent would take a cut in Social Security if it would assure that future generations would be able to tap the system.

You had better believe that 83 percent of the respondents replied they were not willing to take a cut 10 percent said it would be willing, while 7 percent said it "would depend" on circumstances.

It figures the respondents on Social Security were talking about their children and grandchildren.

While even talking about their own progeny, evidently people on Social Security look at the monthly check as

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

an entitlement, not from the government, but money earned from years of hard work, monthly paycheck deductions and loyalty to the company. Actually, it is evidently viewed as a God-given right.

Before we label this attitude as completely selfish, let's remember that for many older, that monthly Social Security check represents their only source of income, through no fault of their own. Among the members of the older generation are people whose companies never had separate pension systems. And, their salaries were such there was little chance for much in the way of savings because of the nature of their employment. For Social Security to be cut for these people would be disastrous.

But, for others, it seems Social Security does not provide security but luxuries. As an example, not too long

ago, a friend told me her parents were completely dependent on Social Security. Furthermore, they were having a hard time trying to keep their heads above water. They had no particular savings and what little they had disappeared in the spiral of inflation.

But she was resentful. Her in-laws, also on Social Security, were well-endowed with other sources of income. Consequently, they used their Social Security checks to buy expensive goods, fund overseas vacations and generally live a fairly lavish life.

Her in-laws lost part of the Social Security payments through taxes. But she still felt they really should not be getting any payments, which would help her parents, who might see an increase in their monthly checks.

The politicians in Washington are still saying the Social Security system could go under. And, given the actuality that this country's population is living much longer than before, that argument seems reasonable.

Yet, there are others who say there is nothing wrong with the system, and it will not go under. These people point out payments are going in every month, and they imply that if others would keep their heads off the Social Security fund, it would be just fine.

Maybe some aspects of the Social

Security system seem unfair. But wealthier people did make payments into the system, just like less wealthy individuals. And there are probably many who do not collect the monthly check, if for no other reason than increased taxes.

But while Congress is chattering about the future of the Social Security system, that Washington legislative body should look in its own backyard, where what's mine is mine is more prevalent than in many other parts of the country. Just look at the pork barrel expenditures; just look at unnecessary expenditures; such as \$400 hammers and \$10 screws. Just look at Congressional jaunts at taxpayers' expense to study overseas conditions first-hand, when that information is obtainable, free of charge, from citizens who are knowledgeable and not one-glance visitors.

Before Congress looks to cutting important programs in this country, including Social Security, let them look to the copers in their own house and sweep out the dust of unnecessary expenditures and the trash of pork barrel projects.

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

Motor-vehicle registration was always a hassle

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

One of the most dreaded occasions by a modern motorist is a visit to a state-licensed motor vehicle office, with its long delays and longer lines of persons waiting for services.

However, these people are usually those who have a special problem that made it necessary to appear in person for the solution. Things were different years ago.

Almost as soon as the horseless carriage was invented, the state legislatures began to devise ways of torturing the motorist, and tell him it was for his own good.

Speed limit laws were established that allowed the new motorist to legally travel at the breakneck speed of 10 mph, and some towns required that a person proceed ahead of the vehicle and warn everyone in the area that a noisy, smoky car was approaching and get out of the way.

The powers that be also decreed that two identification tags, one for the front and one for the rear of the car, were now required equipment for the vehicle before it could be permitted to travel on the public roads.

In order to handle the task of registering these new autos, a motor vehicle agency was set up by the state. This agency, of course, would require money to operate, so a fee was charged for the registration of a car or truck.

In order to comply with this regula-

tion and obtain these identification tags, which were referred to as license plates, it was necessary to visit a branch office of the motor vehicle agency, get and fill out a form, present the form, proof of ownership, and the fee to a clerk in the office, and finally receive the plates and a paper certificate of registration.

It was also decided by the lawmakers that instead of this registration being permanent, it was to be valid for only one calendar year, and should be renewed before the end of January. A new registration made any time before the first of July was still charged as though for a full year, although the fee was half-priced.

It was the task of police officers to verify that any motorist had a valid registration for his vehicle, and to make that task a little easier, each January the new license plates were painted a different color from the previous year's issue.

A motorist who renewed his plates for several years acquired quite a number of old plates, and usually nailed them to the walls of his garage, usually to impress friends with the length of time of his driving experience.

People today complain about the long lines at a motor vehicle agency, but it is a simple matter to renew by mail and not stand in line. Years ago, there was no mail renewal, and everyone had to stand in line and wait for his turn.

It was common to see the line extending out of the office door and down the street past many storefronts. Those storekeepers were not happy that these lines hindered customers from entering their stores for business, although most lines would break for a customer.

Another annoyance of standing in line was that this always took place in the middle of winter, when the weather was cold and perhaps snowing, adding to the misery. Even after the plates had been obtained, the misery was not over, for they still had to be fastened to the car.

The usual method of mounting the plates was with a couple of quarter-inch stove bolts, but first the old plates had to be removed to make room for the new ones.

It was rare that the old bolts could simply be unscrewed, as a year's worth of snow and rain had very often rusted the nuts fast to the screws and even liberal doses of penetrating oil

would not loosen them. Now it was time to use a cold chisel or a hacksaw to cut the bolts to two, to remove the old plates. This operation could easily result in damage to fingers and fingernails.

The registration fees charged in those days were quite different from those of today, and could result in some odd situations. The fees were based on the rated horsepower of each model vehicle, using a different method from today of determining the power of an engine.

There was a young man who finally scraped enough money together to purchase a well-worn Ford V8, rated at 30 horsepower, and costing \$15 to register. The young man's father, however, had just purchased a brand-new Dodge Sedan, rated at 25 horsepower, and cost only \$10 for its plates.

There was one thing that could be said in favor of that old Ford. It needed a new battery, and the impetuous young owner could not afford to buy one. As he usually took a brother or two with him when he used the car, it was necessary to push the car only about a foot, engage the clutch and the engine would start.

William Frolich is a member of the Union County Historical Society.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Non-binding committee is a 'sop'

To the Editor:

On Aug. 17 I attended and spoke at the Mountainside Borough Council meeting to protest the autocratic, discriminatory and self-serving assignment of appointees to a committee studying the question of salary/expenses for the governing body. The appointed — four registered Independents, three Republicans and two Democrats — fail to meet nonpartisan standards.

When challenged, Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti said the committee's recommendation was not binding in any event, so the structure was not relevant. It seems to me that a committee, whose decision has no weight, is a useless committee and should be seen as a "sop" to public opinion.

It is obvious that Mayor Viglianti has his own agenda. The mayor and council members should be able to justify their request for salary/expenses to the public.

As a registered Republican, I look forward to the final resolution and will vote accordingly.

Catherine O'Keefe
Mountainside

Club is positive place for kids

To the Editor:

This summer, our Boys & Girls Club served more than 300 children on a daily basis during the past nine weeks. For over 45 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County has made a significant difference in the lives of many children. I, myself, am a product of the Boys and Girls Clubs, having been a member since age six. I know what the Boys and Girls Club meant to me during my life, and I want nothing more than to have each and every child who attends our club to have that same experience that I did.

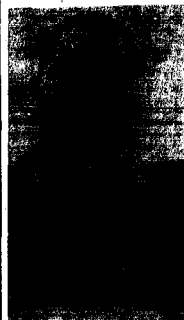
On Sept. 13, we will kick off a new program session. At the Boys & Girls Club, each child is treated with the utmost respect, and we really care for their safety and well-being. This agency is rising to the challenge of ensuring that every child who walks through our doors will have the best opportunity to lead a successful and productive life.

Once again, I thank the parents who understand that we are truly "The Positive Place for Kids!"

Russell Triolo, Chief Executive Officer
Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County

We're asking

Which will be the better team: Giants or Jets?



Jorge Perez
"The Jets. I always like the Jets better."



Jim Debbie
"The Jets, even though I like the Giants. The Jets will make it to the playoffs."



Ron Silbernagel
"Based on the preseason, I'd say the Giants."



John Georg
"The Giants because I'm a Giants fan."

Classics come to public library

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., presents "Hollywood Movies: Old & New" in its continuing Lunchtime Video series. The series will start Sept. 28 with "The Man from Laramie."

- Oct. 12: "Pal Joey," 1957.
- Oct. 26: "Bell, Book and Candle," 1958.
- Nov. 9: "Anatomy of a Murder," 1959.

- Nov. 23: "The Devil at 4 o'clock," 1961.
- Dec. 7: "Gandhi," 1982.

Viewers should bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Correction policy

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, please write Tom Canavan, editor-in-chief, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083.

Look both ways before crossing the street

School is back in session. This is a relief for some parents, who have been counting the days from the last day of summer camp to the first day of school. "Idle hands are the devil's playground" may originally have been said of children in the last days of August.

Springfield and Mountainside students headed back to school yesterday — to elementary schools, the middle schools and Jonathan Dayton and Governor Livingston high schools.

Reporter's Notebook

By Craig Garretson
Staff Writer

Thousands of students are now crossing the streets — grabbing their

books, lunches and homework — trying to make it to school on time.

We will issue the annual reminder to exercise caution when driving in school zones — silent just days ago, now once again teeming with children. In addition to warning motorists to take it slow when in school zones, parents should take this opportunity to remind their children, again, how to cross a street: cross with the green light, don't jaywalk or dart between

parked cars, look both ways before you head across and be aware of cars making a left or right as you cross. Show courtesy to the crossing guards, many of whom have dedicated years to ensuring safety while crossing the crowded roadways. These lessons may seem elementary, but how many adults fail to follow them when crossing Mountain Avenue? Set a good example for children by following the rules.

B'nai B'rith holds trip to A.C.

B'nai B'rith of Springfield will sponsor a trip to Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City on Oct. 31.

The package includes breakfast at Bagel Chateau at 8:30 a.m., 222 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Those in attendance will receive \$12 in coins, plus a show ticket for "LIZA 2000" at 3 p.m. Celebrity impersonators are known to thrill audiences with their impersonations of Jane Russell, Marilyn Monroe, Cher, Barbra Streisand, Madonna and Liza Minnelli.

The complete package costs \$22 per person. Call Jerry Kamen at (908) 687-9120 during the day and (908) 277-1953 in the evening. Reservations must be made by Oct. 4. Checks can be mailed to 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083. The bus will leave from the Echo Plaza shopping center parking lot between Mountain Avenue and Route 22 at 10 a.m.

Our policy on letters and columns

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

This opportunity also is open to all officials and employees of the borough and township and the County of Union. The Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

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

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New Jersey's electric competition law requires that we show the charges for some parts of your electric service separately. We're doing this so that you can better understand the services for which you're paying each month. These changes have always been a part of your total bill.

We will describe these changes more completely in our customer newsletter — **Customer Connection** — that will be included with your bill.

These are some of the terms you'll see on your upcoming bills as part of the introduction of Energy Choice:

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Officers DARE to hope for beginning of program

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program will take place. "We expect to do the full program, no matter how," he said. "The important thing is that the kids get the program."
Dowser was less certain.

"It seems like the department will throw in a DARE day whenever it can," Dowser said. "Around here it's crisis management. They just react to emergencies. It's just the way they do it. It's a habit."

Recreation Department sets community program

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Both sessions meet at the Borough Hall Community Room beginning Tuesday. The instructors are Kelley Allison and Karen McDermott. Enrollment is limited, and pre-registration is required. The fee for either class is \$42.
T'ai Chi is a beginner-level class for adults looking to improve their

heart rate, posture, balance, blood pressure, flexibility and breathing. The class meets Thursday evenings from 8:15 to 9:15 in the Community Room at Borough Hall. The 10-week program, instructed by Earl Baxter, starts Sept. 23. Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$60 per person.
For additional information, call the Recreation Office at (908) 232-0015.

Club seeks new members

To attract new club members, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County-Union Club will launch a recruitment campaign to attract new members. By Dec. 31, hopes to reach 300 new young people.

dedicated to developing their self-esteem, character and life skills," said Russell Triolo, chief executive officer.

Within the next two weeks, the Boys & Girls Club will announce a series of recruitment activities and the events which will be offered to prospective youth members age 6 to 18, who reside in the Township of Union and surrounding communities.

Over the years, it has been the unique blend of public and private support that has enabled the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County to develop and institute innovative approaches to aid youth. William Liebertz, director of program development and services said, "We are moving forward to help children build their future with the aid of programs in the areas of Internet and computer technology, education, conflict resolution, and employability. These programs are the building blocks for our club members' future, to strengthen self-esteem, develop skills and form values."

The boys and girls clubs of Union County-Union Club has been serving the community for over 45 years by providing youth development programs to over 2,000 children annually. "Our success depends upon our importance to our primary customers — the boys and girls of Union County. The Boys & Girls Club belongs to the children. Kids attend our clubs because they want to be there, not because they have to be there. We are

Triolo continued, "Additionally, an increasing number of children spend many hours at home with no adult care or supervision."

Chamber sponsors networking event

The Union County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a networking social at the Offices Depot in Springfield from Sept. 28 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The store is located in the Echo Shopping Plaza in between Route 22

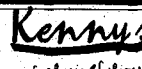
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Presbyterian Group holds monthly meeting

The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall.

field Hadassah at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. Loyce Debra Rasch, vice president of Hadassah's Northern New Jersey Region, will brief Springfield members on the bitter controversy which arose after Hadassah's national leaders decided to honor Clinton, according to Irene Chotiner and Dorothea Schwarz, co-presidents of the Springfield chapter.

Chairman Trudi Linderfelser will lead a short business meeting. The group then will sort rummage for the annual Rummage Sale. The sale will be Oct. 21, 22 and 23 in the Parish House.

Much of the controversy was over Clinton's views calling for a Palestinian Arab State and the fact that she is expected to be the Democratic candidate for senator from New York, according to Eleanor Kuperstein, program vice president.

For more information call (973) 379-4320.

Picnic planned at church

St. James Church will hold a day-long picnic Sept. 19, beginning with an outdoor mass at noon.

Rasch, who has held numerous key positions in her 20 years as a Hadassah member, is a freelance writer and associate editor of "A Tapestry of Hadassah Memories," the book of over 170 memories published by National Hadassah, Kuperstein said. Schwarz and Chotiner said Hadassah is not only the largest women's volunteer group in the nation but also is the largest Zionist group in the world. Among its many roles, Hadassah supports two major research hospitals and a college of technology in Israel and job training and resettlement for thousands of persons who emigrate to that country.

The day will continue with hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and drinks. Dessert, shared by all, is left up to those who attend. Kids can enjoy games of skill, face painting and pony rides.

For tickets, call Jo Ellen O'Shea at (973) 258-9515. Tickets also can be purchased after all Sunday masses. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6 to 15 and free for children under 6. The maximum per family is \$40.

Bring dancing sneakers for the beat of DJ Paul, chairs, tables blankets and desserts.

Presbyterian Church holds rummage sale

The First Congregation of The Presbyterian Church at Springfield, 37 Church Mall, will sponsor a rummage sale Oct. 21 through Oct. 23.

The Hadassah July national conference in Washington, at which first lady Hillary Clinton was honored, will highlight the opening meeting of the 1999-2000 season of the Spring-

The Oct. 21 and 22 sale will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Oct. 23, the event will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Springfield's Hadassah addresses controversy

The Hadassah July national conference in Washington, at which first lady Hillary Clinton was honored, will highlight the opening meeting of the 1999-2000 season of the Spring-

Raffa receives teaching excellence award

Mountainside resident Claudia Raffa, a third-grade teacher at Glenwood School in Millburn, was awarded the Sally S. DeVeer Memorial Award for Excellence in Education in June.



Claudia Raffa

Raffa was selected for the award, named for the former Board of Education president who died in 1994, by a panel consisting of the Millburn High School principal, the principals of each elementary school, the presidents of each Parent-Teacher Association and the previous year's award recipient.

The award is presented alternately to a staff member from the high school, middle school and elementary schools.

Raffa lives in the borough with her husband, Fred.

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In a confidential manner, the FCC hears and decides such matters involving alleged juvenile offenders, as the court refers to it. The committee considers the facts presented by the juvenile, the parents and/or guardians and the complainant, and then makes a recommendation to the judge for a resolution.

Membership precludes police officers, attorneys who handle juvenile delinquency cases, judicial employees and municipal court judges and their spouses. Membership also precludes those who hold or seek any elected or appointed political office.

The Family Court also is seeking volunteers for the Supervised Visitation Program. This program affords a parent who has been prohibited from seeing his or her child the opportunity to visit with their child in a neutral setting. It provides the child the opportunity to establish a normal, healthy relationship with the non-custodial parent. Visits are held at a neutral site such as a YMCA for one hour or more per week.

The Domestic Violence Advocate Program is another area where volunteers are needed. This program is designed to assist domestic violence victims through the Superior Court process of obtaining restraining orders. The volunteer advocates in the program will assist in filling out forms, support victims during the time they spend in Family Court, follow through with victims and refer victims to various agencies and protective services. They also assist the domestic violence unit with various other tasks as needed.

The Superior Court also is seeking for caring people who are willing to help out in the Volunteer Reception Unit. These volunteers are placed in various locations throughout the courthouse complex, in Elizabeth, in an effort to make the complex friendlier and less confusing.

Volunteers will be responsible for supplying general information and directing people to various offices and court rooms. Volunteers can give one morning or afternoon per week at a time of mutual convenience.

There are many volunteer opportunities available throughout the Superior Court in Union County. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Nancy Spano Yurk at the Union County Courthouse Annex, fifth floor, Elizabeth, 07057 or contact Yurk at (908) 659-3360 or by e-mail her at FCOURTVOL@aol.com.

Wild West comes to Caldwell School

The James Caldwell School Parent Teacher Association, 36 Caldwell Place, Springfield, will sponsor its annual Fall Festival Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., root or shine. This year's theme is the Wild West.

Root beer floats will be available at the Saloon, as visitors can chow down on hot dogs, burgers, chicken and sweets at the Chuck Wagon, play horseshoes at the Corral or ride a pony on the range.

There will be rides, games, food, music by the Dancing DJ's and prizes. Some include a birthday party for 16, a weekend camping equipment rental package, theater tickets, restaurant gift certificates and more.

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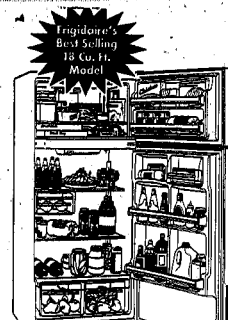
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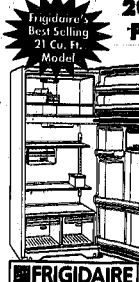
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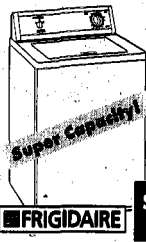
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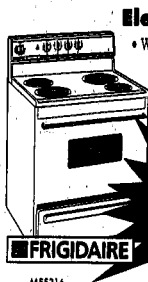
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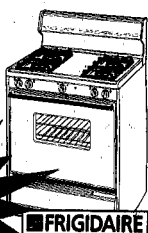
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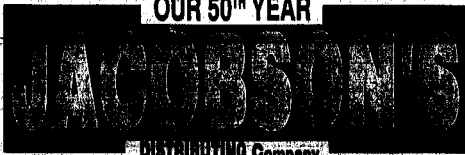
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PERSONAL CHECKS



OBITUARIES

William A. Coade

William A. Coade, 82, of Lakewood, formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 29...

service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Calvary Episcopal Church, Summit.

McVey Graham Sr.

McVey Graham Sr., 72, of Summit, a retired Exxon executive, died Aug. 29...

Before college, Mr. Graham had been a corporal in the Army Air Corps and served as a first lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve...

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Cornelia; a son, McVey Graham Jr., a missionary linguist of Papua New Guinea...

Nancy E. Arnott

Nancy E. Arnott, 94, of Summit died Aug. 27 in the Glenside Nursing Center, New Providence. A memorial

service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Calvary Episcopal Church, Summit.

Mrs. Arnott was a member of the Friday Service Chapter of the Calvary Episcopal Church and the Women's National Farm and Garden Association...

LeRoy Cleaveland

LeRoy Cleaveland, 99, of Mountaintop died Sept. 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Pearl; two sons, Richard and John; two daughters, Christine MacBurney and Leslie Geister...

Anthony M. Nappa

Anthony M. Nappa, 70, of Springfield died Aug. 31 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis; two daughters, Kathy McGinnis and Judy; a stepson, Salvatore Delano; a brother, Charles; a sister, Margie Semirano...

Harry S. Hannaford

Harry S. Hannaford, 91, of Whit-

ing, formerly of Summit, a former music teacher, died Sept. 1 in the Crestwood Manor Health Care, Whiting.

Surviving are two daughters, Joan E. Lawrence and Judith Booth; a sister, Dorothy Ottsander; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hannaford lived in Summit before moving to Whiting 18 years ago. He was a music teacher in the Summit school district for 25 years and retired in 1973.

Surviving are his parents, Richard and Josephine Genevino, and a sister, 76 Ann Saracino.

Richard Genevino

Richard A. Genevino, 44, of Springfield died Sept. 3 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are his parents, Richard and Josephine Genevino, and a sister, 76 Ann Saracino.

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Patricia M. Heck

Patricia M. Heck of Springfield died Sept. 5 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Lau receives scholarship

Springfield's Jessica Lau, a student at Jonathan Dayton High School, received a medal from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The following Mountaintop residents received master's degrees: Jill Adams, special education and learning disabilities; Michael DeCicco, behavioral science and business; Danielle Frantoni; Cheryl Kress, education administration; Erin McGrath, special education and learning disabilities; Jackie Mahyke, special education and learning disabilities and Rocco Vizzuso, education administration.

Keen awards diplomas

Kean University's spring graduation saw bachelor's degrees awarded to the following Summit residents: Marifrances Abbott, history, cum laude; John Everts, teacher of handicapped students; Dmitry Kalika, chemistry/biology and Paul Newell, public administration.

Local students make list

Several Mountaintop residents were named to the dean's list at the Springfield State University for the spring 1999 semester.

He was a co-owner with his late brother, Eugene, of Pfcil's Old Homestead Restaurant, Irvington, from 1945 until the early 1970s. Earlier, Mr. Pfeil had been a machinist with Westinghouse Corp., Bloomfield, from 1940 through 1945.

Walter Peterson

Walter Peterson, 86, of Summit died Sept. 4 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Clara E.; a son, Walter G.; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Students display dreams project

"Decades of Dreams" is the title of a project assigned by Phyllis Harwood to her ninth-grade honors English classes at Summit High School.

Students were asked to complete an oral history project which required them to interview a family member or friend of the family over age 65.

The Summit Cultural Heritage Festival offers the community the opportunity to celebrate its rich diversity.

Other school district programs are the topic of the Summit Cultural Heritage Festival Show being aired on TV-36 Thursdays at 9 p.m.

One step at a time



Summit resident Ryan McDonald, 17 months, relishes the last days of summer as he takes baby steps by the Summit community pool.

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Until Help Arrives... a program designed to teach the public how to act when an emergency occurs, when to call for help and what to do until the ambulance arrives will meet Sept. 28 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

The start of another high school football season is upon us, as matter of fact, upon us as early as today. High school football in New Jersey three days before the opening of the NFL season? Wow...

Because of tomorrow's Jewish holiday Rosh Hashana, a number of games are scheduled for today and tomorrow afternoon as Week Zero kicks off.

Area teams, Cranford (now to the east), Rahway and Linden open this weekend, with our other 10 area schools opening next weekend during Week One.

Tomorrow we have Cranford at Rahway at 2 p.m. and Linden at Irvington at 3:30.

The Cranford at Rahway contest is now a non-conference affair because Rahway is now situated in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference.

Cranford will be guided this year for the first time by 1984 alum Curtis Hull. The first Cranford player to participate in the state's annual North-South All-Star Game, Hull was the defensive coordinator at Roxbury last year, the team that captured the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship.

Message to present high school players: A lot of hard work and a little luck can take you very far.

Two examples of athletes who strive to be the best they can be are Keanan Ogle of Hillsdale and Mike Pringley of Linden. Both were drafted this year after stellar college careers in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Ogle and Pringley were both among the top players in the area six years ago as seniors in 1993. Ogle went on to star at Maryland and Pringley the same spot at North Carolina, each spending one redshirt season.

Ogle, a linebacker, was drafted this sixth round by the Cleveland Browns, the 18th player selected overall; and Pringley, a defensive tackle, was taken in the seventh round by the Detroit Lions, the 215th player selected.

Both should make their respective teams as the pre-season concludes this weekend.

Another Linden standout line-man from the early 1990s who excelled at Temple, Roger Chacono, is trying to make the grade with the St. Louis Rams after soft-landing in an injury last year.

WEEK ZERO

Friday, Sept. 10
 Cranford at Rahway, 2:00
 Linden at Irvington, 3:30

WEEK ONE

Friday, Sept. 17
 Union at Bayonne, 7:00
 Elizabeth at Dickinson, 7:00
 Ridge, at Roselle Park, 7:30

Saturday, Sept. 18

Cranford at Gov. Livingston, 1:00
 Roselle at Johnson, 1:00
 Inmanacatta at Hillsdale, 1:00
 New Providence at Brearley, 1:00
 Bound Brook at Dayton, 1:00
 Union Hill at Linden, 1:30
 Lincoln at Cranford, 1:30
 Parsippany Hills at Summit, 1:30

J.R.'s picks (this weekend)

Rahway over Cranford
 Linden over Irvington
 Last year: 72-23-1 (.758)

- TERRIFIC THIRTEEN**
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 - Linden
 - Hillsdale
 - Johnson
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 - Brearley
 - Roselle
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 - Roselle Park
 - Gov. Livingston
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 - Union (7-3)
 - Roselle (8-3)
 - Hillsdale (6-4)
 - Rahway (5-5)
 - Johnson (5-5)
 - Linden (3-7)
 - Roselle Park (3-6-1)
 - Brearley (4-6)
 - Summit (2-8)
 - GL (2-8)
 - Dayton (2-7-1)

To realign or not to realign? That's the question right now

First proposal not met with enthusiasm

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

To realign or not to realign? That's the question right now concerning the state of high school football in the state of New Jersey.

The first proposed high school football realignment for all varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams that was introduced in June by the proposal committee of the New Jersey Football Coaches Association was not met with a great deal of enthusiasm.

It was configured by enrollment numbers for the 1998-99 season as each school would play only the teams in its district during the regular season.

The plan also calls for the state playoffs to go all the way to a Group champion, while still preserving Thanksgiving Day games for those not involved in the state playoffs.

The four state championship games would be played on the second Saturday in December, so in essence, the season would only go one week further for eight teams.

Walkill Valley assistant coach and athletic director Mike Van Zile, who developed the proposal, said the plan is a move in the right direction.

Van Zile was quoted as saying, "The only thing they've concerned with is doing what's absolutely the best for football in its district during the regular season.

Governor Livingston head coach Joe Hubert, the regional vice president of North Jersey, Section 2 on the coaches committee, said the meeting was designed to come up with a plan that would have the state play to a group champion, have a level playing field so that everyone is playing strictly schools their size based on enrollment and to make no distinction between public and parochial schools, all schools would be classified strictly by enrollment.

The top four teams in each district, based on record, would qualify for the state playoffs and away we would go until we got to the four state champions across the board, Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 and Group 4.

And of course, there would be no more conference champions, meaning no more conference champions. We would have four state champions instead of 20, which we presently crown.

Most area coaches are not in favor of the first proposed realignment, mainly because they feel it's not geographically friendly for a number of reasons. Some like the fact that they would play schools only their size, compared to the present conference configurations that have some schools that are different sizes.

Below is a list of districts, including Union County area teams in bold, that were based on the first proposed realignment which was configured back in June:

North Jersey, Group 4, District A: Elizabeth, Clifton, Dickinson, North Bergen, Bayonne, Union, Passaic, Patterson, Eastside, Paterson, Kennedy, St. Peter's Prep.

North Jersey, Group 4, District C: West Orange, Newark East Side, Ridgewood, Linden, Livingston, Vernon, Plainfield, Fair Lawn, Roxbury, Soton, Hall Prep.

North Jersey, Group 3, District D: Millburn, Cranford, Newark West Side, Morris Hills, Demarest, Rahway, Hackensack, Parsippany, West Essex, Bishop Francis.

North Jersey, Group 2, District A: Northern Highlands, Jefferson, Mendham, Hanover Park, Pascoack Valley, Hillsdale, Montville, River Dell, Weequahic, Union of Peace.

North Jersey, Group 2, District B: Hoboken, Indian Hills, Governor Livingston, Lenape Valley, Dover, Hopatcong, Kilmoryn, Lodi, Ridgedale Park, DePaul.

North Jersey, Group 2, District C: Roselle, Dumont, Cluham, Newton, Summit, Harrison, Walkill Valley, Ramsey, Dwight-Englewood, Paterson Catholic.

North Jersey, Group 1, District A: Ruberford, Leonia, Westwood, Hawthorne, North Warren, Butler, Mahwah, Roselle Park, Lyndhurst, Newark Academy, Montclair-Kimberly.

North Jersey, Group 1, District C: Kinnelon, New Providence, Dayton, Ridgfield, Secaucus, Hasbrouck Heights, Wallington, Cedar Grove, Bonton, Saddle Brook, Montclair Immaculate.

North Jersey, Group 1, District D: Cresskill, Bogota, Waldwick, Weehawken, Glen Ridge, Emerson Borough, Midland Park, Park Ridge, Brearley, Wood-Ridge, Bayley-Bliard.

Twelve area teams are bold-faced and the 13th, Johnson, was not included in any of the four North Jersey, Group 2 districts.

In Group 4 we would not have Union vs. Linden for example, but we would have Union vs. St. Peter's Prep. OK, that's not so bad.

In Group 3 we would have Cranford vs. Hackensack. Not a bad ride if you like to catch up on your sleep. In Group 2 we would not have Hillsdale vs. Roselle, but we would have such stellar matchups as Hillsdale vs. Northern Highlands and Roselle vs. Dumont.

In Group 1 we would not have Roselle Park vs. Brearley and Roselle Park vs. New Providence and Brearley vs. New Providence.

Instead we would have such classic matchups as Roselle Park vs. Leonia and Brearley vs. Weehawken.

How about Dayton vs. Hasbrouck Heights? Where are these 'Burger County ruffians'?

Here's how some area coaches responded to the first proposed realignment:

Paul Sep, Dayton: "We're a little fortunate in New Jersey that we have conferences. With realignment, we're talking about more travel. I like the level playing field aspect."

Mike Colombo, Summit: "I have mixed reviews. It's definitely good for the game of high school football and I really think that teams should be playing the same size schools, but it may pose a geographical problem for the junior varsity and the freshman teams that have to travel on a Monday afternoon to play games."

Jim Hopke, Hillsdale: "At first thought, I thought it was a great idea. Then I saw who we would be playing and then had my doubts. We don't want to lose our Roselle game. I understand the realignment as far as wanting a level playing field, but the rivalries will be hurt. The traveling for the freshman and junior varsity games may be too much as well."

Gary Zakovic, Union: "Putting all these teams together gets to be ridiculous. The positives are playing same size schools and in the long run you won't hear complaints about conference schedules. But it eliminates close rivalries and that's not good. I would like to have one Group 4 champion and I think we can start earlier. Eight teams in the playoffs last year proved that there is a lot of parity."

Lou Grasso, Roselle: "It starts the season earlier and makes the season longer. I just hope they don't do away with the Thanksgiving Day games" (Roselle vs. Roselle Park is one of the longest Thanksgiving Day rivalries in New Jersey).

Mike Londine, Brearley: "For us, the original proposal is a horror show and quite ridiculous. What about junior varsity and freshman games? How are kids going to get out of school for all that travel? No Roselle Park and no New Providence, how is that good for us? I don't think it's a good idea and I think it's dictated by few schools that are very successful every year and who want to see a Group champion. Although we have a history of being early and doing well, I was not in favor of increasing the playoffs and don't see a need to have a group champion. Starting the season earlier and ending it later, I don't think is in the best interests of the kids."

Chris Hull, Cranford: "I'm against it because it puts us in a section of Group 3 schools that have the lowest enrollment and I feel we wouldn't be battle-tested come playoff time. Because we're a smaller Group 3 school, we're thrown in with the other smallest ones. For me, it wouldn't benefit us if we want to be a top-level program."

Bucky McDonald, Linden: "I can really put a lot of pressure on both the coaching staff and the team to get ready for their first game in such a short time. Everyone is in the same boat, though, which is good. It's just a lot of information and knowledge being transferred in a very short time. I hope my kids can retain it all. Our first game (this year) is two days after school starts."

The high school football season in New Jersey, starting last year, starts a week earlier now since eight teams qualify for the state playoffs in each section, meaning an extra round has been added. Although the extra round has been added, it has not extended the season a week later. It has only made the season, essentially Week Zero, start a week earlier.

Well, the proposal must be submitted by March 15, 2000 to be on the ballot at the annual meeting of member schools in December of 2000. The legislation would need a majority vote to be implemented for the 2001 season.

In a nutshell, each school would have a nine-game schedule followed by as many as five playoff games. The four state championship games would be played on the second Saturday of December.

Thanksgiving Day games will continue, except for teams involved in the playoffs. They would be played on the Saturday of Thanksgiving week. Unlike in the past, the playoffs would not skip a week for the holiday.

Since the above-mentioned proposal was met with such disdain, for the most part, another proposal was worked out that the coaches consider more geographically friendly.

According to Hubert, it was computer generated and very objective and presented to Van Zile as another option. This plan still has to be worked on and will take some time. Although it has not been as highly publicized as the other plan, more positive feedback has resulted.

The plan included parochials with public schools and took into account schools by county and population....

What was configured was 85 schools in each of the four Group sizes. To make an even schedule, eight sections were drawn out in each Group, giving a minimum of 10 teams in each section and five left over. What's left to be done is the scheduling of each team and how the schedules would fit into the game plan.

You would still have nine games, play to a group champion, and a Thanksgiving Day game would be optional.

"Plus, this second proposal includes many more of the local rivalries that exist now," Hubert said.

Three local teams open at home next weekend.

Summit, Dayton and Governor Livingston kick off the 1999 campaign at home next weekend.

Summit hosts Parsippany Hills at Tatlock Field at 1:30, Dayton hosts Bound Brook at Meisel Field at 1 p.m. and Governor Livingston hosts Rahway in Berkeley Heights at 1 p.m.

All three will be attempting to rebound from sub-500 seasons of a year ago.

Summit enters the season with a two-game winning streak.

New enthusiasm for Dayton football

There's a new enthusiasm at Dayton High School this year concerning the varsity football team.

The Bulldogs return an experienced senior-dominated squad headed by first-year head coach Paul Sep, previously a longtime assistant at Linden.

"I'm really very happy with the progress so far," Sep said last week prior to the team's scrimmage scheduled at the tomorrow (Sept. 11) at Meisel Field against Group 2 opponent Delaware Valley.

(More about the Dayton Bulldogs is presented in today's annual Football Preview insert.)

Sophomores on the varsity include Ross Rahman, QB/DB, (5-8, 145) and Wojtek Mysliwiec, HB/OLB, (5-7, 145).

Dayton had scrimmages scheduled against McCornistown, Whippany Park and Newark Academy.

The Bulldogs have their game-scrimmages scheduled at the tomorrow (Sept. 11) at Meisel Field against Group 2 opponent Delaware Valley.

(More about the Dayton Bulldogs is presented in today's annual Football Preview insert.)

Outstanding season



Springfield's ice hockey team poses for a picture following its 7-4 win over Bridgewater-Raritan last week to finish in second place in the Varsity High School Challenge Cup. Kneeling, from left, are Eric Decter, Brian Krostofsky, Ross Kretzer, Ari Metz, Gerardo Roman, Jared Cohen, Brent Bravog and Todd Walters. Standing, from left, are Brian Berger, Jeremy Fudge, Jonathan Kovacs, Kevin Tighe, Adam Cohen, 'Paldo' Hollander, Brian Young, Pete Meiler, Kirsten Whelan and A.J. Garciano.

Oratory Prep's Mahoney honored

Named state Coach of Year

Oratory Prep mentor Kevin Mahoney was named state Coach of the Year in boys' swimming by the National Federation Coaches Association.

The New Jersey State Coaches Association Board of Governors, NJIAA staff members and state director Tom Inparato selected Mahoney for this prestigious award.

Mahoney will be honored at the NJSCA's luncheon in March.

"Under Kevin Mahoney our swim program has won the Mountain Valley Conference championship for the past four seasons," Oratory Prep athletic director Bob Conway said. "Kevin has a great love for his sport and his student-athletes. He will always strive to represent Oratory Prep in the most positive manner possible and has insisted that his athletes always conduct themselves in a professional manner."

Mahoney will now advance in the process as he now competes for the NFCA's sectional award, which consists of eight states in the Northeast.

Oratory Prep in Summit will sponsor a Grammar School Cross Country Meet Saturday, Oct. 2 beginning at 10 a.m. at Bryant Park in Summit.

The meet is for youngsters in grades 6, 7 and 8.

Application forms are being sent to schools and more information may be obtained by calling the Oratory Prep athletic office at 908-273-1084, ext. 17.

The school will offer awards to the first five boys and the first five girls that finish the race.

All who participate will receive certificates.

"This is a beginning on our part to let people know about Oratory's interested in athletics," Oratory Prep athletic director Bob Conway said.

"In November we're planning to run a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and are looking at other ideas for grammar school students in the spring," Conway said.

All participants in the race will be invited back to the school for a small reception and a chance to tour the school.

More information may be obtained by calling Conway at 908-273-1084, ext. 17.

Mountainsiders help GL

Most people know what Hark Hansen can do on a baseball field. His exploits the past two seasons have sparked Governor Livingston's varsity team to successful North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championships and this year he helped lead the Highlands to their first ever Group 2 state championship.

Hansen is also a super-talent off the football field.

"Hank's just an outstanding athlete," veteran Governor Livingston head football coach Joe Hubert said.

Hansen is one of many Mountainside residents on the Governor Livingston varsity football roster, but the only one that is a returning starter.

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The 6-4, 220-pounder is a returning starter at offensive tackle and defensive end.

"Hank can do it all," Hubert said. "He has great speed and mobility and is very savvy."

Hansen's movement of the defensive line on offense should provide holes for Governor Livingston running backs, while his ability to get past opposing offensive linemen should result in many quarterback trying to find a way to scramble away from him.

Here's a look at the Mountainside residents who will see playing time on the varsity (seniors, juniors and sophomores) and junior varsity (juniors and sophomores):

Seniors: Hank Hansen, offensive tackle/defensive end, (6-4, 220); Andy O'Dowd, fullback/linebacker, (5-7, 150); Matt Stenczak, wide receiver, (6-0, 160); Mike Enten, wide receiver/free safety, (5-9, 160); Mike Lauricella, offensive guard/defensive end (5-10, 180); Ed Barrett, offensive tackle/defensive end (6-5, 210).

Juniors: Nick Pace, offensive tackle/defensive end, (6-0, 215); Rob Moorehead, fullback/inside linebacker (5-8, 150).

Sophomores: Matt DeAnna, wide receiver/free safety (5-9, 160); Brian Dressed, fullback/inside linebacker, (6-1, 240); Dave Lauricella, offensive guard/defensive tackle, (5-8, 195); Jason Krawczyk, offensive tackle/defensive end, (5-8, 200); Chris Barnett, offensive guard/defensive tackle, (5-8, 210); Dan Leghite, offensive tackle/defensive end (6-3, 220).

Freshmen: Chuck Orlando, Frank Palumbo, Pat Barrett, Pete Klebar, Joe Ciassini, Joe King, Jon O'Dowd.

As of the beginning of last week and before scrimmages against Weequahic, Hanover Park, Watchung Hills and Brearley (game), Enten, Dressed, DeAnna, Barrett and Mike-Lauricella were battling for starting positions according to Hubert.

The Highlands are coming off a 2-8 season, although they did win two of their final five games after a tough 0-5 start.

"We're trying to improve on two things, stopping the big plays on defense and controlling the ball a little more on offense," said Hubert, who is in his 14th season at the helm at G.L., a stint that began in 1986.

Mountainside residents who will make contributions on special teams include Moorehead, DeAnna, Dressed and O'Dowd.

Special teams -- Moorehead, DeAnna, Dressed and O'Dowd.

Governor Livingston's game-scrimmage is scheduled for this weekend against Brearley.

The Highlands are scheduled to commence the 1999 campaign at home against Rahway on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m.

Rahway moved to the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference this year from the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference. The Indians receive Newark Central in the division.

Rahway opens its season tomorrow at home against Cranford at 2 p.m.



Members of the Church and Cannon Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution... celebrate the 219th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield which took place June 23, 1780.

Residents honor anniversary of historic Battle of Springfield

Members of the Springfield National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and local citizens came together this summer to celebrate the 219th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield June 23, 1780. The group met at the NSDAR Cemetery on Mountain Avenue in Springfield to honor the memory of the soldiers and local citizens who fought a valiant battle to keep the British and Hessians from marching into Morrisown, where they hoped to intercept Gen. George Washington.

A highlight of the gathering was the reading of a poem about the Battle of Springfield written by resident James Napier. At the time of the battle, only four homes in what is now the township were left standing, one of which is the historic Cannon Ball House at 126 Morris Ave., owned by the Springfield Historical Society. One home has been torn down and two are privately owned.

For more information about the Church and Cannon Chapter of the NSDAR or the Springfield Historical Society, call Janice Bongianni at (973) 379-2634.

Oven explosion results in burns to face, arms

The Springfield Fire Department's Engine Four responded to a Colonial Terrace residence Friday on a report of an explosion. On arrival, mem-

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bers of the department found a woman waiting on the front stairs with first- and second-degree burns to her face and arms.

According to department reports, she explained to firefighters that a pilotless gas oven had exploded when she tried to light it with a match. Members of the department examined the stove and found no problems, although a gas build-up may have resulted in the explosion. The woman

was transported to the St. Barnabas Burn Unit for treatment. No details were available on her condition.

A call for an activated fire alarm was answered at 2:08 p.m. Saturday. Two calls for water conditions were answered by the department Friday. A police assist at a Baltusrol Way residence and one medical service call rounded out the day. One medical service call was handled Sept. 2. A small brush fire behind Sears Hardware on Route 22 was easily extinguished by the department using

a one-inch hose Sept. 1. The department responded to a Mountain Avenue business on a report of smoke in the building Aug. 31. Two medical service calls and an activated fire alarm also were handled. Two medical service calls were answered Aug. 30. An activated carbon monoxide detector and a call from a New Brook Lane residence reporting an odor in the house were handled by the department Aug. 29.

Laughter surrounds Foothills

Members of the Foothill Club of Mountainside set a date for lunch and laughter.

Reservations are being taken for the comedy show "Never too Late" at the Somerville Elks Club Sept. 30. The cost is \$28.50 per person. Car pooling will be available.

For more information, call Rose Sejk at (908) 232-4043. Members of the club will have their regular monthly meeting at Mountainside's historical Hefford House today. Lunch will be served at noon. Attending as a guest and speaker will be Mountainside's Mayor Robert Vighianti. A sing-a-long also is on the agenda.

The Foothill Club is a nonprofit organization contributing to community needs. Guests are always welcome.

For more information and reservations call Genevieve at (908) 232-3626.

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