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TWO SECTIONS

From the new jitney to a quarry tour, residents took pride in Spring

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The final year of the century was an active and controversial one for the Township of Springfield. The following are a few of the benchmarks of 1999.

Winter

• The year began with the swearing in of Clara Harolik and Steven Goldstein to the Township Committee. The two Democrats unseated Republicans Judith Blitzer and William Ruocco in the General Election, completing an all-Democratic Township Committee, headed by Mayor Gregory Clarke. Clarke, who had been the township's mayor in 1996, assumed the role once again in 1999, succeeding Sy Mullman.

• "I look forward to working with my colleagues here," Clarke said at the township's reorganization meeting Jan. 3. In working with Clara and Steve, I know they are bringing their enthusiasm and intelligence with them."

The township also welcomed its new full-time administrator, Richard Sheola. Sheola replaced Clerk-Administrator Helen Keyworth, who retired the previous October.

• Robert Wendelen Marshall, Springfield's mayor for five of his six years on the Township Committee, died of a heart attack Jan. 7 at the age of 82. A former infantry captain, Marshall was saluted by members of the Springfield Veterans Alliance prior to being buried at Hollywood Memorial Cemetery.

• Springfield Police Capt. Vernon Pedersen, fired by the Township Committee in July 1998 for making anti-Semitic comments during a recorded telephone conversation with Ivan Shapov, appealed his dismissal before Union County Superior Court Judge Edward Toy Feb. 17.

Toy reinstated Pedersen to his position, ordering that he be suspended without pay for a period ranging between 90 and 120 days. The judge also directed Pedersen's lawyer and the township's labor attorney to begin negotiating the officer's back pay.

"This decision was weighed with the evidence presented, the appellant's record and the March 10 telephone recording between him and Lt.

Ivan Shapov in mind," Toy said. "It does not condone or approve of Pedersen's remarks, which can be reprehensible to any ethnic group."

Pedersen, one of the department's top-ranking officers, had previously made racial comments to Patrolman Walter Brooks. The comments, dating back to 1993, resulted in Brooks filing a discrimination suit against Pedersen, the department and the Township Committee.

• The Township Committee approved a contract in January to run a jitney bus from Duffy's Corner to the Short Hills Train Station. Although the service resulted in some frustration from storeowners who said the service took away a portion of their parking, the service was established and continues to operate.

• After some hard fighting, the township finally triumphed in its attempt to prevent CVS Pharmacy from opening a new store at 225 Mountain Ave. Developer J.D. Mack withdrew his challenge to open the store on Feb. 9, before the township had the chance to ask Superior Court Judge John Pisansky to reverse his original ruling which would have allowed the store to open.

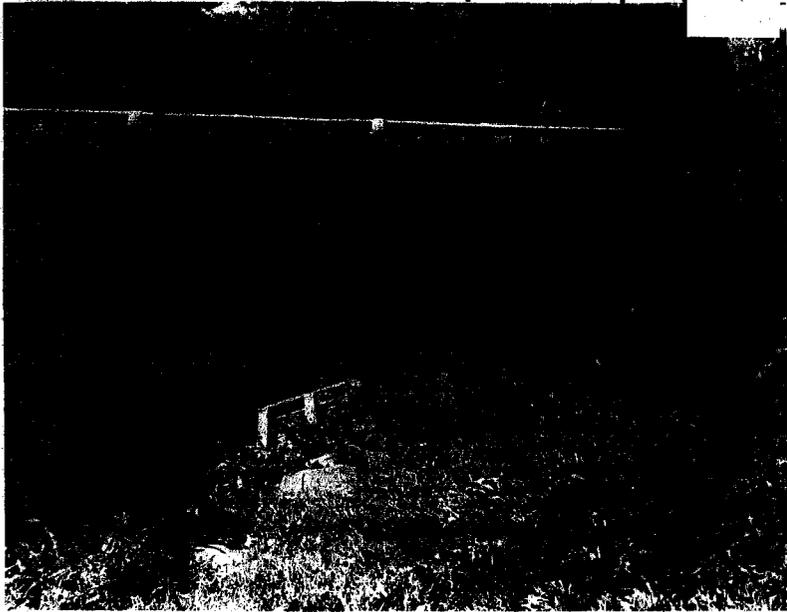
Increased traffic, along with an unwillingness to sacrifice local "mom and pop" businesses for the sake of a large retailer, fired the township's desire to keep the new pharmacy out.

• Kathleen Wisniewski was sworn in as Springfield's new township clerk March 1.

• In the aftermath of the Pedersen decision, in which the officer was reinstated to his position within the Springfield Police Department after having made anti-Semitic remarks to a co-worker, state Anti-Defamation League leader Charles "Shm" Goldstein addressed the Township Committee March 9, urging greater sensitivity and communication between the department and the community.

"The idea is to have those in the upper echelon of the force realize that bigotry, racism and anti-Semitism exists among them. Those three forces are as corrupting to those inside and outside the department as an officer accepting a bribe," Goldstein said.

• Royal Ahold, a Netherlands-based holding company, decided in



The wooden footbridge behind the Hershey Ice Cream building was piled loose from the Mountain Avenue stream because of the water and winds from Tropical Storm Floyd Sept. 16. It landed a few hundred yards down the road against the bridge on Hannah Street.

March to resume its use variance application for an Edwards Super Plaza at 90 Millburn Ave. An issue was a portion of the parking lot behind the old Saks Fifth Avenue store. The variance was issued in 1956 and 1968, both of which allowed for extensions into residential zones.

• In March, the township's DARE program, a school curriculum in which local police officers teach the hazards of drug abuse and the importance of self-esteem, was suspended. Scheduling conflicts within the Police Department was the reason given for the suspension.

• The Springfield Board of Education approved its proposed 1999-2000 budget March 22. The \$20,017,398 budget was placed before voters April 20.

• Echo Plaza lost its Acme Supermarket in March. The supermarket served as the plaza's anchor store since the strip mall opened in 1959. Conflicting opinions concerning both a rent increase and expired lease were given as reasons for the closure.

Spring

• The jitney bus service, taking commuters from Duffy's Corner to the Short Hills Train Station, carried its first passenger at 6 a.m. April 5.

• After months of review, the Township Committee passed the municipal budget April 12. The \$17,066,486 budget marked an increase of \$388,843 over 1998.

and Keith Kurzner all were returned to their positions.

• In April, after a long battle by neighbors, Suburban Treatment Associates, a methadone clinic, moved from Roseylee Place in the Vauxhall section of Union to Progress Street in Union, a location too close for comfort for many Springfield residents. As a result of the move, the township filed two lawsuits against the Union Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

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Borough year marked by salary ordinance, commuter lot, dress codes

By Joe Lugara and
Pamela Isaacson

In 1999, Mountainside residents and officials dealt with issues that ranged from salaries for Borough Council members and the mayor to cable television contracts to school uniforms, among other topics that made this year one to remember.

Winter

• As with all municipalities, the borough began the year with a few swearing-ins. One veteran, Warren Schen, and one newcomer, Glenn Mortimer, each took the oath of office for Borough Council the first week of January. Councilman Thomas Porrota was appointed council president.

• The draining of Moxlin Pond in July 1998 was still resulting in complaints by residents of New Providence Road six months later. Public Works Director Bob Wyckoff explained in January that the regular draining of the pond prevents flooding and subsequent erosion and downstream property damage.

• Freezing temperatures early in the year enabled citizens to take to the borough's "rink," assembled atop the borough's tennis courts. Mayor Vigilanti suggested the idea for the rink the previous September.

• The borough was granted \$185,000 from the state Department

of Transportation for the construction of a \$190,000 parking lot near the library and the borough's historic Hoffield House. The lot, designed by Borough Engineer Michael Disko, was developed as a viable means of alleviating parking congestion at Borough Hall.

• Nine borough police officers were recognized for their outstanding work throughout 1998 at the Jan. 5 reorganization meeting at Borough Hall.

• The Board of Education listened as Police Chief James Debbie extolled the virtues of the "Cops in School" program Jan. 12. Designed to combat violence in schools, the federally-funded program allocated a \$125,000 grant for police departments to hire officers to assist directly in school buildings.

The board gave its permission for the borough to seek the grant on Jan. 26. Mountainside later received the grant, appointing Sgt. Scott Worswick to Deerfield School.

• An ordinance to increase the annual salaries for the mayor and members of the Borough Council unanimously passed at its first reading Jan. 19.

• Mountainside's school district received an increase in state aid for the 1999-2000 school year, amount-

ing to \$522,801, an increase of 0.4 percent.

• Ordinance 1004-99, "increasing the annual salary" for the mayor and members of the Borough Council, "and eliminating the provision for reimbursement of unvoiced expenses," met with some public outcry at the Feb. 16 regular meeting of the council.

After more than one hour of public debate, Mayor Vigilanti tabled the vote until the council's next meeting.

• The Board of Education passed a preliminary \$8.8-million budget at its regular meeting Feb. 23.

• Borough Chief School Administrator Gerald Schaller took to the Deerfield School room in early March as a challenge to his school's students to read at least 2,000 books during "Read Across America" month in February.

• A petition, signed by 395 borough residents, protesting the ordinance that set salary ranges for the mayor and council members, went unmentioned during a March 9 work session of the Borough Council, as a number of the signees looked on. The petition was organized by resident Adele Magnolia.

• Formal negotiations with Comcast of New Jersey began in March. "During this period is when we will reach out to the borough," then-Administrator Greg Borin said. "This is not going to happen in the dark. We are going to have multiple public hearings."

Comcast's 10-year contract with the borough was scheduled to end Oct. 17.

• Board of Education candidates Peter Goggi, John Perrin and Pat Knodel appeared off March 15 at a "Meet the Candidates" forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Knodel and Perrin were the incumbents with Goggi the challenger.

• Comcast representative Robert Smith told council members and interested citizens at a March 16 public hearing that "the council has made

a priority to find out if we can make the Berkeley Heights channel available in Mountainside," an adjustment that would give the borough's residents access to information concerning Governor Livingston High School which Mountainside students attend.

• After a public hearing, the Board of Education voted on and approved a \$8.8-million budget, an increase of \$19,533 from that of 1998-1999.

• The borough's tennis court fees were raised unanimously by the council March 16.

Spring

• The Foothill Club, an organization that reaches out to borough residents in distress, celebrated its 36th anniversary April 1.

• Goggi and Perrin were elected to the Board of Education April 20,

ending Knodel's 26-year tenure.

• The Borough Council voted unanimously in favor of a \$7.38-million budget April 20, a vote which led to no municipal tax increase for residents. Vigilanti said council members found sources other than taxpayers through which to fund programs within the borough.

• For the fourth time in four years, Democrat Steve Brocner decided to vie for a seat on the all-Republican Borough Council. Brocner was the lone Democrat to challenge the Republicans in November.

• With the resignation of Administrator Borin, Police Chief Debbie became the borough's part-time acting administrator April 20. Debbie agreed to a six-month trial period, at which time the operation was

reviewed. He has been retained as the borough's administrator.

• Borough resident Bart Barre became Mountainside's first commissioner of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority May 20. Barre was unanimously appointed to the position by the Borough Council.

• A ceremony for America's war dead, held in conjunction with the Mountainside Elks, was presented on Memorial Day at Constitution Plaza. Robert Farley, commander of the Mountainside Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10136, conducted.

• The Board of Education held a forum on school safety at Deerfield School May 27. Among the guests were Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan. Mountainside parents

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First Baby 2000

Expectant couples are reminded that we will be seeking the First Baby of the year 2000.

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See inside this newspaper for complete details of our First Baby of the Year Contest.

And keep our telephone number on hand to alert us to the birth of your child — (908) 686-7700.

Plans for the Park and Ride lot adjacent to the Mountainside Public Library and the Hetfield House include 74 spaces. Because of a \$180,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the lot is only costing the borough \$15,000. Construction began in the fall.

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Behind closed doors



Deerfield School's seventh-graders display their winning door decorated with the theme, 'Christmas in July.' Mountaintside students in grades five through eight were given three days to select a theme and decorate their homeroom door. Winners were treated to a Holiday Breakfast hosted by the Student Council Dec. 17.

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 managing editor, Echo Leader, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Sunday
• The reorganization meeting of the Springfield Township Committee will be at noon at Town Hall.
• Patrons visiting the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can discover what Y2K really means at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. This program is for children ages 6 and up. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens.
• Visitors to the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can learn about early buttons, used for clothes and games at 2 p.m. The cost is \$2 for each child.

Tuesday
• The Mountaintide Borough Council will have its reorganization meeting at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Wednesday
• Leslie Turkoff will discuss "ADHD's Impact on the Family" at the Western Union County Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder meeting at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaintide from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information call Regina Monaha at (908) 301-0709.

Ongoing
• 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.

Hadassah chooses Graham as chapter's woman of the year

Rena Graham of Springfield, a 50-year woman of Hadassah, has been chosen Woman of the Year by the Springfield Hadassah. Graham will be honored at the chapter's annual fashion show and spring luncheon at the Chanticleer in Millburn on April 6, according to co-presidents Irene Chotiner and Dorothea Schwartz. Graham, a former accountant and company comptroller, was active for many years in the Whitesone Hadassah Chapter in Queens, N.Y. before moving to New Jersey. There she held positions as the chapter's monthly bulletin editor, financial secretary, chatwoman for Youth Aliyah and bazaars and other activities. Equally active since joining the Springfield Hadassah, she has served in such capacities as the chapter's fund-raising vice president, recording secretary and raffle chairperson.

Graham, widow of the late Gene Graham, is active at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, and the temple's sisterhood, serving in many capacities on their respective boards. She currently is treasurer of the temple's Renaissance Group and has helped to compile two temple cookbooks. Graham has three children and five grandchildren. Hadassah is the largest women's volunteer organization in the United States with a membership of 300,000. It is the largest Jewish group in the country and the largest Zionist organization in the world. Hadassah supports projects in Israel which include a college of technology, job training, resettlement for thousands of persons who emigrate to Israel and two major research hospitals. The organization sponsors camps



Rena Graham

in the United States, as well as the Young Judea Youth movement and offers scholarships for American children to visit Israel. It also takes a strong stand on women's health and reproductive rights.

NEWS CLIPS

Municipalities prepare reorganization meetings

The Springfield Township Committee will have its annual reorganization meeting Sunday at noon in Town Hall.

Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik will be sworn in as mayor and Township Committeeman Steven Goldstein as deputy mayor. Sy Mullman will again take his oath to serve as a committeeman after being re-elected in November. All five seats on the committee will be held by Democrats for the second consecutive year.

The Mountaintide Borough Council will have the reorganization meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Robert Vigilanti again will take his post as mayor, and Councilmen Keli Turner and Paul Mirabelli will renew their oaths to serve. They all were re-elected in November. All six seats on the Borough Council again will be held by Republicans.

Library closed for repairs

The Springfield Free Public Library is closed through Tuesday to install new carpeting.

The two-and-a-half week closing is necessary to remove carpet damaged by Tropical Storm Floyd and to install new carpeting. The library was flooded on Sept. 16 when the nearby VanWinkle Brook overflowed its banks and rushed through the municipal complex.

For those who borrowed books, videos, books-on-tape and compact discs before Sunday, they are not due until Jan. 10. The library also will be offering an amnesty period beginning Wednesday through Jan. 14. Any overdue library materials from any time will be accepted with no fines accrued. Patrons can take this opportunity to clear their records and start the new year without fines. The library will reopen at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Springfield Free

Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Regular library hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Township department offers co-ed volleyball

The Springfield Recreation Department offers a co-ed volleyball program Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the gymnasium at Sandmeier School on South Springfield Avenue.

This program is open for all township residents. For more information call (973) 912-2227.

County posts schedule for local leaf collection

Leaf collection along county roads is under way. The county's Division of Public Works is trying to keep to the following schedule but may be behind by a day or two.

County roads in Mountaintide have been completed.

The following county roads are scheduled in Springfield for a second leaf pickup:

- Shunpike Road from Orchard Street to South Springfield Avenue, Monday.
- Mountain Avenue from Morris Avenue to Route 22, Tuesday.
- Morris Avenue from the Summit line to the Summit line, Jan. 6.
- Baltusrol Road from Summit Road to the Summit line, Jan. 7.
- Main Street from Morris Avenue to the Essex County line, Jan. 10.
- Hillside Avenue from Mountain Avenue to Route 22, Jan. 11.
- South Springfield Avenue from the Mountaintide line to Mountain Avenue, Jan. 12.
- South Springfield Avenue from the Mountaintide line to Mountain Avenue, Jan. 12.
- Meisel Avenue from South Springfield Avenue to Morris Avenue, Jan. 14.

Public library sponsors film series

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its Luncetime Video series, "Hollywood Classics: Old and New" with "Ghosts of Mississippi" 1996, 131 minutes. This program is scheduled for Jan. 18 at noon.

In the film "Ghosts of Mississippi," for decades Myrtle Evers had waited, hoped, prayed and worked for the conviction of the white supremacist who murdered her husband, civil rights leader Medgar Evers. Yet after two bungled juries and 30 years, justice had not come. How Evers' killer was finally convicted comes to the screen in suspenseful style and with shattering emotional force.

This series continues at noon on the following Tuesdays of every other week as follows:

- Feb. 1: "As Good As It Gets," 1997.
 - Feb. 15: "My Best Friend's Wedding," 1998.
 - Feb. 29: "A River Runs Through It," 1992.
 - March 14: "Philadelphia," 1994.
- Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For information call (973) 376-4930.

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Council considers raising pool fees

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Mountainside's last Borough Council meeting of the century was probably also one of the shortest.

With less than a handful of residents in attendance, the council ran through its agenda items in approximately 20 minutes, then adjourned to a closed session to discuss a single personnel matter.

As the council voted its way through a brief list of resolutions, Mayor Robert Vigilanti paused to explain the haste to the small gathering and the TV-35 audience.

"These are obligations to the citizens of Mountainside," he said. "Some of these resolutions are no-brainers."

Among the "no-brainers" was a resolution refunding various tax account overpayments to six borough homeowners, totaling \$4,377.90. Resolution 150-99, moved by Councilman Paul Mirabelli, allowing for an annual temporary debt budget of \$157,000, to be placed by Jan. 1, 2000, also was adopted.

"Resolution 150-99 is provided for by New Jersey statutes," Mirabelli said. "It's to be used until we pass the regular budget."

Among the ordinances, 1020-99, voiding all existing parking designations and parking permits at the municipal complex, was introduced. The suggested changes come on the heels of the establishment of the borough's new lot, near the public library.

According to the ordinance, 42 of the 74 spaces at the library would be reserved for permit holders, with 31 for library visitors and library staff. Of the 86 spaces at the municipal complex, 42 would be designated for borough staff and emergency services personnel, with 44 reserved for visitors.

In regard to visitor parking hours, a maximum of four hours, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., would be allowed for public purposes Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays. Permit parking provides for the same schedule, minus the four-hour maximum.

Borough residents would have first dibs on the permits. Quarterly resident permits would cost \$90; monthly non-resident permits would cost \$40. Quarterly resident permits would be available only for the 42 designated spaces at the library. In the event that

less than 42 of the borough's residents apply for the quarterly permits, monthly permits will be made available for the remaining spaces; any remaining spaces will be offered first to borough residents, then to non-residents. A lottery, administered by the Police Department, will be conducted if more than 42 applicants apply for permits.

Renewal permits must be paid 15 days prior to the permit's scheduled commencement. If the holder fails to renew 15 days in advance, then the permit will be awarded to the oldest applicant on the Police Department's waiting list.

Permits are transferable only to a member of the permit holder's family residing in the same house. Violators will be towed and can face a penalty of as much as \$500.

Another introduced ordinance would raise membership fees for the borough's community pool. Resident family fees would be increasing by \$5, with single resident memberships and senior citizen memberships rising by \$3. Non-resident family fees would be going up by \$15. Adult guests would cost \$7 on weekends and holidays and \$5 on weekdays. Guests younger than 18 would cost

\$4.25 on weekends and holidays and \$3 on weekdays.

An ordinance authorizing the position of a temporary municipal judge was given a second reading, with no public comments made. The ordinance would allow the mayor to appoint the judge with the advice and consent of council. The position must be warranted by "a special need of limited duration," with a term not exceeding one year.

Additional resolutions included the awarding of a \$55,890 bid to the Mid-Atlantic Truck Center Inc. for a new public works truck; the previous vehicle, according to Vigilanti, was damaged in September by Tropical Storm Floyd. Resolution 160-99 also was adopted, allowing for the advertising for bids for leasing the communications tower behind Borough Hall.

"We have two towers back here," Vigilanti said, "built by a private enterprise. We're collecting just shy of \$100,000 a year in rent from them. We have the potential to bring in another \$35,000 if we can rent them now again." The \$35,000 figure was mentioned as the minimum bid price.

A resolution appointing Patricia Scherer to permanent status as Assistant Treasurer also was adopted.



Springfield resident Stacey Katz, third from left, celebrates First Lady Hillary Clinton's birthday with White House co-workers and President Bill Clinton. Katz, an intern with the Council on Environmental Quality, recently received a position as a legislative liaison staff member for the Department of Agriculture.

White House welcomes Stacey Katz

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The FBI and Secret Service are doing a background check on Springfield resident Stacey Katz. Again.

Katz left Springfield in September to begin a White House internship with the Council on Environmental Quality. Three months later, the former Jonathan Dayton High School and Syracuse University graduate is staying on, as a Presidential Appointee with the U.S. Department of Agriculture — with a title, desk, business cards, security pass and contact to go along with it.

Katz went through a full security check when she arrived in Washington, D.C. "It was an adrenaline rush," she said as she recalled her first day, walking up the stairs of the White House's Old Executive Office building and using her pass to gain entry.

"I wanted an easy day to enjoy my first days," she said. "But everything down there is rush, rush, rush — they gave me letters to write and photocopies to make up."

Katz' first assignment involved writing constituent letters concerning the Makah Indians of Oregon and issues of animal cruelty related to their long-standing tradition of whale hunting.

From her former office, Katz immediately noticed other characteristics — some silent, some subtle — of the nation's capital. "There was a protest outside every day, a protest for everything on the planes," she said, "and snipers on the roof. It made me feel secure, but also said."

Katz' previous experience, as the first-ever undergraduate research associate at Syracuse's prestigious Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, helped get her transferred to a position with the White House Climate Change Task Force. Katz graduated to a bay window office and her own desk, in a Jackson Place townhouse preserved by the efforts of Jackie Kennedy.

Katz' "big project" with the task force was a project called the "Greening of the White House." "It started in 1994 by Executive Order," Katz said. "We spent most of our time redrafting the final 1999 version and starting the actual process of helping conserve energy by converting from halogen to fluorescent light. The president and the White House decided it would be a good idea to convert the lights in government offices, beginning with the Old Executive Office building."

Katz was in charge of informing every major national newspaper, the foreign press and non-profit organizations of the project. The "Greening"

project even attracted national television coverage.

"Bob Vila visited from CBS' 'The Early Show' in the beginning of November," Katz said. "He did a tour with John Podesta, the president's Chief of Staff. The president was sick that day but he showed up anyway, and the three of them went around taking the lamphades off and discussing the nature of the project."

According to Katz, the project which has attracted the interest of such companies as Phillips Light, Maytag and Home Depot — involves more than simply changing light sources. Dan Reicher, a secretary with the Department of Energy, has in Katz' estimation, cut his energy bill "by more than 50 percent" by making physical alterations to his home right down to its shingles.

Katz' publicity efforts culminated in an extensive press conference covered by both CNN and CSPAN, along with personal recognition from Carol Browner, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, who hosted the press conference.

"I thought, what a way to end my time here," Katz said. "But there would be more. While having lunch at the White House mess with the chief of staff of the Council on Environmental Quality, Katz found herself sitting next to Donna Shalala, secretary of Health and Human Services and also a former Maxwell graduate.

"I'd met Donna before. She's a famous alumni at Syracuse," Katz said. "I'm sure she didn't remember me, but she overheard me say I went to Maxwell. I eventually wrote her a letter, telling her I was ending my internship, and that I'd had to work for two congressmen to go to work for them on the Hill, and asking her if she had any advice."

Shalala responded with 12 "good" White House contacts, one of which happened to be with Presidential Personnel.

"The only way you can get into Presidential Personnel is if you know somebody," Katz said. "I went on a whim on my last day. They looked at my work and they were satisfied. They told me they were in charge of all Presidential Appointees, meaning that they'll place you in a job within the government as a representative of the administration."

Within 12 hours, Katz got a call from the Department of Agriculture, whose Farm Service Agency was looking for a legislative liaison. Katz eventually met with Tade Sullivan of the Farm Service.

"I couldn't believe I was interview-

ing for this position," she said. "He told me they wanted to make me a 'GS8' — that's a government ranking for position and pay. I was bewildered; it was twice as much as I was offered for the other positions."

Within another 24 hours Katz was offered, and became, "Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Legislative Liaison Staff," responsible for dealing with communications, constituent requests, some speech writing and White House affairs.

Katz was nominated for the position on Dec. 10 and began officially on Dec. 13. She attended the First Lady Hillary Clinton's birthday celebration at the White House, during which she had the opportunity to talk with the President, and also the White House's holiday party. But her job has really yet to begin.

"The only thing going on right now is my FBI check," she said. "This job has become something not only for me, but for everyone I've ever known who the FBI will contact."

Katz' responsibilities will end when the President leaves office in January 2001.

Out-of-towner arrested by Bridgewater police

A suspect identified as Sean Gorman, 24, of Findeme, was arrested by members of the Bridgewater Police Department Dec. 23 on an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside for \$250.

A man identified as Silas Ramos of Union was stopped on eastbound Route 22 Dec. 21 for a headlight violation; investigation revealed him to be a suspended driver. He was given a court date of Jan. 13 and released on his own recognizance.

A suspect identified as Fatima

POLICE BLOTTER

Khan of Plainfield was transported from Scotch Plains to Mountainside on an outstanding warrant.

Springfield
As a result of Tropical Storm Floyd, the Police Records Bureau is currently in the process of being moved to a second-floor conference room of the township's municipal building.

Police records will be unavailable to this newspaper until further notice.

Kupisk named Distinguished Cadet

New York Military Academy conducted its Academic Assembly Dec. 9 for the second marking period. Cadet Michael Kupisk, son of Alla Shor of Springfield, has been named Distinguished Cadet for academics with a grade point average of 90 or higher.

New York Military Academy, founded in 1889 by Civil War Veteran Colonel Charles Jefferson Wright, is a private, co-educational, college preparatory school for grades six through 12.

Section removed after fire

FIRE BLOTTER

A garage fire sent all units from the Springfield Fire Department to a Christy Lane residence Dec. 21.

The fire, which burned upward into a closed overhang outside the garage, was extinguished without incident, but resulted in firefighters having to remove a section of the structure's outside brick in order to check for extension.

Asbes from legal documents, burned in a metal garbage can by the homeowner and later left in the garage in a plastic trash bag, caused the fire.

A failing boiler filled a Tooker Avenue basement with steam on Christmas Eve.

Engine One responded. The father of the homeowner, who had no key, looked on as firefighters were forced to break down the rear door leading to the basement. Both the boiler and its water feed were shut down to prevent further damage. Gas service also was shut down. There were no injuries.

One motor vehicle accident, two

activated alarms and one medical service call were handled Dec. 23.

One report of an odor, one motor vehicle accident and two medical service calls were the business of the day Dec. 22.

One call for a water condition and seven medical service calls were placed Dec. 21.

Two medical service calls and one activated fire alarm at the Gaudinier School were answered Dec. 20.

The department responded to Morris Avenue to absorb fluid from a motor vehicle accident at 3:21 a.m. Dec. 19. There was one activated fire alarm.

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EDITORIALS

Drink responsibly

When the ball drops in Times Square on New Year's Eve and the champagne is poured, toasted and quickly finished, the excitement of the moment makes it easy for all of us to forget the dangers of drinking and driving.

While drivers' blood alcohol concentration must register at or above .10 for them to be considered drunk, more than 20 percent of all alcohol-related traffic fatalities in 1998 involved drivers below this level. Even with a blood alcohol content level as low as .02, alcohol affects driving ability, reports Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Let's face reality: Many of us, at some point in our lives, have gotten behind the wheel when we thought we were all right, but knew we should not drive. Most of us have said, "I'm fine," knowing we probably should have waited a little longer.

Most of us probably were very lucky.

When you join in the countdown tomorrow night, drink responsibly and designate a driver. Know your limit, and eat food while drinking to help slow the absorption of alcohol into your body. As parties tomorrow night can run into the wee hours, make other arrangements if fatigue sets in. With slow reactions and impaired judgment, the dangers encountered with a tired driver are often the same as a drunk driver.

If you are hosting a party, collect all car keys when guests enter. Make sure there are plenty of non-alcoholic options. Stop serving drinks well before anyone may leave your home. Most importantly, watch people as they leave for signs of drunkenness or fatigue, and do not hesitate to intervene.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Dawn of a new era

By tomorrow, people around the world will be getting ready to usher in the new year. Whether going to an expensive, fancy bash; staying home for a quiet evening with family and friends; participating in First Night activities; or being on call to handle any type of potential meltdown at the office, tomorrow night will be memorable.

The year 2000 has been either like a jubilant goal or an ominous cloud that has been dangled in front of us for several years and has been approached with caution, urgency and glee.

People around the world have been getting ready for this day for several years, and the reasons have not been solely to book and plan a big New Year's Eve bash. Utility companies, public safety agencies, transportation companies, businesses and families all have had to deal with Y2K, and for some that has not been easy. Our local communities individually have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars and numerous hours to make sure our local municipalities are "compliant" and will not shut down when the clock strikes 12:01 a.m.

But the new year should be about more than just computers.

As we near the end of this millennium, let us look back at where we came from. Take the time not just to review international and national events, but take a close look at your local community and, most importantly, yourself.

Witnessing our towns grow and change on a daily basis sometimes makes it more difficult to take a step back and see how much things have changed. Just in your lifetime, try to think of all the new houses that have been built, the people who have moved into town, the businesses that have come and gone, the historical and community landmarks that have disappeared and have been established. Take stock and see if it resembles the hometown you remember as a youth, or even when you first moved into the area.

In addition, this time of year always is a time to look ahead and determine the path we would like to take our lives and how we would like to see our communities grow. We must ask ourselves what kind of involvement do we want to have in shaping the future of our communities and how we can have a positive impact.

All of this has taken on more importance because this is not the beginning of just another year. It is the year 2000, and getting off on the right foot will set a path for the town as we embark on a whole new era.

All this hype aside, we would like to wish our readers a happy, healthy and prosperous new year, and let us hope we all can make a difference in the year 2000.

"The greatest threat to freedom is the absence of criticism."

Wole Soyinka
Nigerian playwright

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BEST OF FRIENDS — Puppets join Springfield's Walton School students to teach them about friendship and drug awareness. The Walton School Parent-Teacher Association recently sponsored Sadecky's Puppet Theater.

Taxpayers helped fund freeholder campaign

My Two Cents

By Mark Hywno
Regional Editor

Taxpayers may not realize it, but they helped subsidize the Democratic freeholder campaign this year. They didn't contribute to any campaign fund, but in a more indirect manner which they might not even notice. Message & Media of New Brunswick — that's in Middlesex County, by the way — was awarded a \$45,000 contract in the spring to design new county signs. The firm was hired to implement "a new graphic and thematic image devoted to projecting a new identity" for Union County.

Freeholders aimed to raise awareness of what county government is and what it does for citizens, in addition to "renewing a sense of pride" in the county.

The new signs sure are attractive, and helpful too. People can actually drive around the traffic circle in the Watchung Reservation and not have to guess where to get off. There are lovely gateway signs when entering the county and directional signs telling motorists where various county parks and buildings are located.

The county produces the signs in-house. There will be approximately 120 welcome signs at a cost of \$5,000

each to produce and install; a total price tag of approximately \$600,000. There also are park entrance signs which cost \$17,000 since they're double-sided and require two posts.

Message & Media recently received another contract — this one \$55,000 — to produce promotional materials for the county-operated Rummely Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights. Freeholders didn't ask any questions about why a firm from Middlesex County was being hired for the job, yet the administrator of Rummely's Hospital is grilled each time he presents a resolution to hire someone from outside the county, usually on a per diem basis.

I understand that the freeholders realize it's important to remain consistent with who is developing the signage and similar materials. But I

would guess they also understand the importance of timing the party line.

What does this all have to do with the freeholder campaign?

Coincidentally, the Union County Democratic Committee spent approximately \$125,000 with Message & Media for work on the freeholder campaign this year. In another remarkable coincidence, the glossy campaign fliers for the Democrats bore a striking resemblance to the new signs Union County taxpayers paid for; almost like subliminal advertising.

Have to give the Democrats credit. It was a shrewd move. Republicans could learn a thing or two for next year. It would probably work better than wasting their entire election season drawing cartoons.

That's the beauty of professional services contracts. You can virtually award them to anyone you'd like. As one freeholder put it, that's where all the "candy" goes.

Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth and Alexander Mirabella of Roselle Park will become the chairman and vice chairman of the freeholder board,

respectively, when it reorganizes Sunday.

Sullivan had the best attendance of any freeholder in 1999, having not missed a meeting, while Mirabella missed only two meetings. I'm sure that had a lot to do with gaining their new positions.

Linda Stender, along with Don Goncalves, brought up the rear when it came to freeholder attendance; both missed eight meetings but were still at an 80-percent attendance clip.

As a whole, the board fashioned a solid 88-percent attendance rate in 1999 with most of the board sporting an attendance rate of better than 85 percent.

Freeholder	Meetings Rate
Dan Sullivan	42/42 100%
Alex Mirabella	40/42 95%
Deborah Scanlon	39/42 93%
Nicholas Soutari	38/42 90%
Lewis Mingo	35/42 86%
Chester Holmes	35/42 83%
Mary Ruotolo	35/42 83%
Linda Stender	34/42 81%
Don Goncalves	34/42 81%

Business as usual for campaign fund-raising

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

The presidential race is in full swing and not infrequently the phrase "reform fund-raising" is uttered. Even many of the biggest fund-raising candidates are mouthing their terms, "campaign reform." But, while the words are loud and clear, the actions are absent.

In actuality, government by check-book is becoming so prevalent it is becoming dangerous. And this emphasis on the checkbook is a dramatic negative departure from how we should contact our political campaigns.

Nowadays, it seems that for a few thousand dollars donors can have tea with the president or the governor and, for a few more thousand, a good table at a big banquet, or better yet a night in Lincoln's bedroom in the White House. Everything is for sale, but the price may be high. What maddens the waters even further is that foreign powers also are getting into the act. Therefore, we have found out if favorable trade treaties or other types of business arrangements are sought, the money flows into the right pockets to influence the powerbrokers.

Some years back, President Clinton admitted bank regulators were attending political events, which was in violation of their code of ethics. And, while the president admitted the bank regulators should not have been at a political fund-raiser, that is no excuse. Where were the political advisers, or worse yet, were they all out to lunch?

During President Clinton's reelection campaign, there were many accounts of fund-raising hanky panky, which really in the long run went basically unpunished. After all, Vice President Al Gore is fund-raising for president now and he was evidently

the go-between to get funds from a Buddhist temple in the west.

At the same time, this candidate professes to live by the rules of a good, family man with the "correct" American values.

Campaign reform talk has been in the works for years. John McCain, another presidential candidate, seems to really want to bring about change, but how likely is that to take place when the cost of running elections is astronomical and, when candidates spend money for each primary election like it was going out of style? Maybe in this economy, some of these candidates think the money is going out of style, but where does that leave the rest of us?

Does that mean if you cannot pay the piper you are on outside looking in? As an example, look at Elizabeth Dole. Without discussing her qualifications for the presidency, she dropped out not because she didn't think she should be president, but because she could not raise the money.

And these major fund-raising efforts are not going on only at the top.

In the last senate race, Robert Torricelli spent almost \$6 million to win the race. His opponent, Dick Zimmer, spent almost the same amount, and he lost. And then there's the case of Newt Gingrich, who spent a few million dollars to hold on to his seat. And

you know what happened next — he quit.

Buying elections is nothing new. In some cities, it was often said, the "regulars" went out to vote and to vote often. Dead men showed up at the polls, as long as they were paid. But, just because money has poured in the coffers in the past, it doesn't mean it should go on forever.

Some years ago, we wondered what would happen in the year 2000 if the president and his minions did not take action to reform campaign fund-raising.

Well, 2000 and the presidential election is upon us now, and no action has been taken. So, it looks like it will be business as usual.

Politicians sometime wonder aloud why they get no respect. Perhaps they should look to their own fund-raising

and understand the voting public, affluent as it may seem at this time, is more than just a wee bit suspicious of all this money being flung around to get to an elected post where the public should be served.

Let alone getting no respect, politicians are often considered just this side of the law, for why else would anyone run for office, unless there was something really in it for them.

Certainly all this money is not being spent on the voter. But elected officials should remember, there is no free lunch. Sooner or later the public will rebel, and they will be out in the street, probably with a hand out for some more money.

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

E-MAIL

Government forces costly EPA tests

To the Editor:

The absurdity of turning so much power over to the dictatorial federal government: They have forced states like New Jersey to adopt new and costly emission tests for the Environmental Protection Agency that is so concerned with our air quality and health.

Did they calculate how much extra pollution is being generated by the cars' idling engines while waiting in those long inspection lines? We are watching our tax dollars go up in, nitrous oxides.

Frank Marchese
Mountainside

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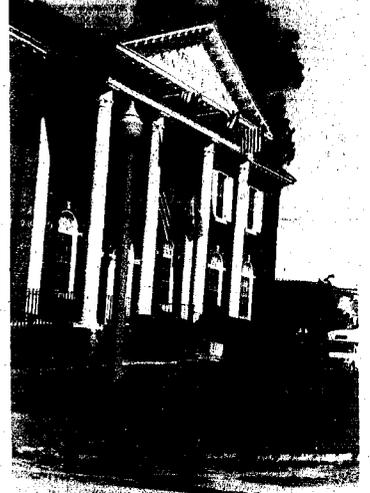
Cecilia Dee

"Good health is the main thing."



Kaye Feenstra

"That people would see the Lord and find a relationship with Him."



Springfield's Town Hall was one of the buildings hit hardest by Tropical Storm Floyd Sept. 16. The Police Department continues to operate from the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

Safety forum leads to dress code discussions

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at the forum expressed a good deal of interest in hearing more on the subject of school uniforms.
Based on the overwhelming response to the idea of school uniforms at the May 27 forum, much of the discussion at the June 8 meeting of the Board of Education centered around dress codes and school uniforms. The board expressed general enthusiasm for the safety forum, indicating that additional forums, of more specific natures, might be arranged.
In the June 8 primary elections, Mayor Vigilanti, who was unopposed, received 114 votes. Councilmen Paul Mirabelli and Keith Turner, also unopposed, received 109 and 100 respectively.

Summer
Among student cars painted with "We're Outa Heres" and "We Finally Made It." Mountaineers seniors graduated during the 39th commencement of Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights June 22.
The Board of Education honored Khodel for her 26 years of service to Mountaineers' school system.

"We'll miss you, Pat," board member Frank Geiger said. "When I started with the Board of Education, I didn't know who was friend or foe. Pat was a friend. She helped me get established."

An excited crowd of nearly 1,000 celebrated the nation's 223rd birthday with a fireworks display at Lady of Lourdes Field.

The Mountaineers Free Public Library began a new service for word-processing projects and document creation.

A lot of the computers in libraries are for research or database searching or CD-Roms," said Miriam Bein, the library's director. "But now people can come into our library and do their own projects. In the past we wouldn't let people use their floppy disks in our system because of the threat of virus. But now we have virus protection, and since there's no comprehensive information on our hard drive to save, there's no data we have to worry about losing."

School officials worked with the



Resident Zachary Worswick practices his ice skating technique at Mountaineers' rink on the tennis courts next to Borough Hall. Last winter was the first time officials decided to construct the rink.

Police Department to begin developing a crisis management plan in mid-July. A draft of the plan covered various emergencies that include bomb threats, media relations, death and suicide, emergency bus procedures, explosions, hostage/terrorist situations and weapons in the school.

The Borough Council voted unanimously July 20 to table a resolution that would renew the municipal franchise granted to Comcast Cablevision for the borough's cable services.

Borough Attorney John Post said the move was due to a language dispute with the Union County Office of Cable Services and the borough.

Board of Education members decided to complete a self-evaluation provided by the New Jersey School Board Association.

A special committee was appointed by Vigilanti to address the idea of setting salary ranges for members of the Borough Council and the mayor. The nine-person, bipartisan committee consisted of four Independents, two Democrats and three Republicans. They met for the first time in July to review "an expense, reimbursement, salary policy for the borough," the mayor said.

In August, members of Mountaineers' Board of Education were introduced to Richard Bozza, the new superintendent of the Berkeley Heights School District.

"I want you to know that I value your kids. They're an important part of our high school," Bozza said. "You can be sure we'll work together, in the best interests of the students."

Borough officials decided in early

September to spend about \$90,000 to complete roof work and interior lighting upgrades to the fire house. The building was constructed in the early 1970s and has had minimal work done since.

New math textbooks made their debut at Deerfield School with the start of the 1999-2000 school year.

Construction began in September on the 74-space parking lot adjacent to the public library.

The Board of Education instructed an architectural firm to conduct a feasibility study of the school facilities in Mountaineers.

"They will look at how we can use space differently," said Board of Education President Pat Tasescher. "People ask, 'Have we thought about opening up Beschwood for kindergarten

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Officers settle after filing lawsuits against captain

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Pastor Jeff Markay, of the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, along with Associate Pastor Julie Yarborough of Christ Church in Summit, were chosen to participate in a "needs assessment" mission to war-torn Kosovo in April. The pastors left within 48 hours of agreeing to the mission.

Residents from Springfield and beyond were invited to take a car tour of the township's Houdaille Quarry May 2.

About 350 marchers, representing 20 local groups, paraded from the Wallon School to the Municipal Building May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. Some 1,400 spectators lined the 1.25-mile route.

In June, the township began its first bicycle patrol with the acquisition of a 1999 BMW 1050i by DMK BMW Dealership.

In the June 8 primary election, uncontested races and a low voter turnout resulted in Democrat Sy Mullman garnering 124 points among 14 polling stations, with Republican challenger Florence Parano receiving 54 votes.

The township's DARE program returned to the district's schools in June. Scheduling issues, involving the running of the program on the officers' day off, were resolved when the school district adjusted its schedule to suit the department's requirements.

Jonathan Dayton High School's Class of 1999 presented 106 proud graduates at its commencement exercises June 24.

Summer

More than 4,800 people attended the township's "Take Pride in Springfield" Fourth of July festivities. Music, food, rides and fireworks entertained Springfield's citizens in a day-long event held at Meisel Field.

Tom Farrell, a member of the Township Planning Board, Recreation Committee and Union County

Revenue Sharing Committee, resigned July 13 as a protest against what he said was mismanagement and poor conditions at the municipal pool. Farrell said that his daughter, a six-year employee of the pool, had not been rehired as head lifeguard due to a disagreement with pool manager Pat Farley. Farrell also said the pool's grounds were sometimes strewn with garbage, with other areas overgrown with weeds. Pool budgets, unsupervised lifeguards and issues regarding CPR certification also were mentioned.

The following week, in response to Farrell's resignation, Springfield's poolgoers circulated a petition complaining of conditions at the facility.

In July, Capt. Pedersen was assigned to serve on a three-member screening committee responsible for making preliminary selections of new-hires within the police department. The news drew a heated response from Anti-Defamation League Director Shai Goldstein, who called the appointment "chilling."

In August, Brooke, the black patron to whom Capt. Pedersen allegedly made racial remarks in 1993 and Lt. Shapow also a recipient of the captain's remarks, settled out of court with the township on their respective discrimination lawsuits.

A third lawsuit, filed by Sgt. Peter Davis, also was settled. Davis, a friend and co-worker of Brooke, said he suffered retaliation from the department for defending Brooke. Brooke was awarded \$185,000 and Shapow \$300,000 while Davis received \$150,000.

In August, Springfield firefighter Joseph Pepe, allegedly involved in placing a false alarm in his own department in company with fellow firefighters Christopher Latovec and Donald Voorhees, sued for back pay from his suspension, pleading innocence in the matter. In late summer,

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Salaries spark mayoral candidate

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ten through second-graders." Others say they like having all the students together. We will get professional opinion. We will use of space."

• Although some residents dug canoes out of their garages to paddle along borough streets, Mountside fared relatively well when Tropical Storm Floyd hit Sept. 16. Volunteers assisted homeowners in clearing water from their basements.

• Members of the Borough Council unanimously approved a 15-year contract with Comcast Sept. 21. It gave Mountside its own cable access channel with local programming available 24 hours a day. The borough now would have to share a channel with Fanwood and would receive programming that is developed by Berkeley Heights.

The borough also received \$2,500 in cash from Comcast to purchase video equipment.

• The Mountside Education Foundation was formed in September to keep students "competitive and productive in an increasingly competitive, complex and changing world and marketplace." Its mission is to generate finances to support programs that will enhance academics and enrich the curriculum.

• Elizabeth Keshish was welcomed in September as Deerfield School's assistant principal. Her responsibilities include the logistics of running the school such as scheduling, disciplin-

line, running the lunchroom and working with the curriculum.

• Lou Thomas, a member of the special committee appointed to review the issue of salaries in the borough, submitted a minority report Oct. 5.

"The mayor told the public, and he told our committee specifically, that we would have autonomous power to conduct our investigation. We could have the council testify to make their case as to why salaries are justified. We could have open public meetings to hear from concerned residents of Mountside," Thomas wrote in his report.

"The committees did not call any witnesses. The committee meetings were private and the press was barred. The committee shirked their responsibility."

• Mountside children joined together to participate in Clean Communities Day in early October. They picked up cans and bottles and other debris from the corner of town up to the Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Wachusett Reservation.

• A Sparked by her opposition to the salary ordinance, resident Adele Magnolia agreed in October to serve as a write-in candidate for mayor in the Nov. 2 election.

"A democracy is a government that encourages free and open discussion," Magnolia wrote to the 400 signers of the petition that opposed setting salaries for the mayor and council mem-

bers. "If that cannot work at the local level, what can we as citizens expect at any other level of government?"

• Resident and artist Harry Devlin donated one of his prints in October to help the victims of Tropical Storm Floyd in Bound Brook.

• Nov. 2 saw the re-election of council members Keith Turner and Paul Mirabelli. Vigilanti also was re-elected, as he accumulated 1,026 votes.

• Vigilanti and members of the Borough Council decided in November to consolidate the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

"About two or three years ago, the Borough Council discussed it, and we decided then that we needed time to talk about it and think further about it," Vigilanti said.

• The salary committee recommended that residents vote on whether the mayor and council members should receive annual salaries of \$2,500 and \$1,500, respectively. The committee also recommended no salary raises; rather, future raises would come in ordinance form.

• Veterans were honored with red, white and blue symbols at the war memorial 11 a.m. Nov. 11.

• The issue of school uniforms was addressed during a special forum at Deerfield School Nov. 23 after an anonymous survey was sent to every parent regarding the issue.

"I feel this topic of school uniforms is making the right subject," said one



Mountside Mayor Robert Vigilanti addresses the small crowd of borough veterans who gathered on Memorial Day to recognize the soldiers who died during World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

parent. "The children have issues coping with each other and learning how to disagree — that's the real subject. We need to teach them ways to solve these issues."

• Resident Claire Butler earned a gold medal in archery at the U.S. National Senior Olympics. More than 12,000 senior athletes attended, competing in 18 sports. More than 300

athletes competed in archery. • Club officials decided in December that parents will be asked to vote in early February whether they are in favor of uniforms or not. If the vote indicates strong support for uniforms, the committee studying the concept will move to the next step.

• Data came from the Board of Education regarding project enrollment in

the Mountside school system. Board members and school administrators currently are discussing options regarding expanding Deerfield School or moving grade levels into Beechwood School.

To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Floyd devastates Municipal Building

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Superior Court Judge Jay allowed Pepe to receive his three months back pay. Voorhees was fired and Lavelee resigned as a result of an investigation into the incident.

• While crossing the English Channel on the cruise ship, "Norwegian Dream," in August, the family of mayor Springfield left Katz survived injury when the window of their cabin was shattered in a collision with the Taiwanese cargo ship, "Ever Decent."

• After having been suspended and then hurriedly reinstated at the end of the previous school year, Springfield's DARE program was delayed in getting started in September. Police Department scheduling problems were again cited as the reason for the hold-up.

• In mid-September, Tropical Storm Floyd hammered the township,

causing Van Winkle's Creek on Mountain Avenue to overflow, flooding the Municipal Building's basement. Electrical panels and numerous pieces of phone equipment were submerged under at least six feet of water, as were a few police department offices.

The Municipal Building's Annex also suffered from flooding, as did the library and Department of Public Works Building. The Police Department's patrol division was moved to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, where it still remains.

The township will continue to be under a State of Emergency under the patrol division returns to the Municipal Building.

• In a preliminary report presented by the Board of Education, damage caused by Floyd was estimated at approximately \$300,000.

• Assistant Engineer Sam Mandini presented his proposal for the Community Development Block Grant Program at the Township Committee's Oct. 12 regular meeting.

Suggested improvements included changes to the Municipal Building's stairs, which would prevent the kind of flooding which occurred at the building.

• Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole presented a \$215,000 check to the township in late October. Fifteen thousand was designated for a thermal imaging camera for the Fire Department, with \$200,000 going toward work involving the Railway River.

• On Dec. 6, Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland announced his resignation in a letter of intent read to the Board of Education. Friedland stated his desire to leave is not an indication of dissatisfaction.



Stephen, 2, and father Bernard Domaratzky play water games in the Springfield Community Pool this summer. Controversy was sparked by accusations made about the cleanliness of the pool grounds and competency of the staff.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
TAKE NOTICE that the Organization Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, will be held on Monday, January 2, 1990, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 1515 Oak Road, Springfield, New Jersey. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:
1. Report of the Mayor
2. Report of the Council
3. Report of the Board of Education
4. Report of the Board of Health
5. Report of the Board of Zoning Appeals
6. Report of the Board of Public Works
7. Report of the Board of Finance
8. Report of the Board of Ordinance Enforcement
9. Report of the Board of Planning and Zoning
10. Report of the Board of Community Development
11. Report of the Board of Economic Development
12. Report of the Board of Cultural Affairs
13. Report of the Board of Parks and Recreation
14. Report of the Board of Senior Citizens
15. Report of the Board of Veterans Affairs
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City set for First Night celebration

Whether you are 2 or 82, First Night Summit 2000 has something to offer just about everyone.

"First Night 2000 represents all that is good in our community at the turn of the millennium: generous volunteers and patrons, friendly audiences and performers, a safe event in a well-run municipality and the warm feeling of families and friends sharing a special evening together," said Jill Bernstein, First Night Summit 2000 Committee co-chairman.

Badges, which give admission to all events, are available for \$10 at local downtown stores. The shops include Kings Supermarkets, Summit Downtowns Inc., Burgdorf Realtors, Cards Galore, Christopher's Books, The Connection for Women and Families, Liss Pharmacy, Natale's Bakery, Proud Brown Fowler Realtors, the Sampler, Sealoff's and a Siegel's Stationery through tomorrow. They can be purchased at key performance sites during First Night. Children under age 5 are admitted for free with an adult.

Volunteers are still needed to sell badges and monitor crowds during events. Volunteer coordinators Carol Reed and Jenni Stieler invite anyone who is interested to call them at 522-1722. Each volunteer works half the evening and receives a free badge to enjoy performances during the night.

Eighteen of the evening's performers are new to First Night Summit this year, including the New Jersey Saxophone Ensemble, the Latin duo of Greg Ribot and Francisco Navarro, the cappella quartet Augmented Four and a magic workshop for children.

Old favorites include the Summit Symphony Orchestra, Summit's extreme biker Chris Clark, the unusual Music

for Homemade Instruments and Solid Brass. The popular teen site will be housed at the YMCA, with a DJ, a video wall, inflatable games, a big-screen television and coffee house. A total of nearly 80 performances are scheduled.

"Performance sites have been consolidated this year to 13 locations centered around the Village Green," said First Night Committee Co-Chairman Holly Sretzick. "We've minimized the walking that people need to do to get from one event to another, making First Night practically weatherproof."

Downtown streets will be closed to vehicular traffic and major performances are indoors.

The events begin at 3:30 p.m. with musicians, puppets, magic, crafts and dancing at the middle school for young children and families. A procession will lead from the middle school to the Village Green for special "preliminum" fireworks at 7 p.m. Evening performances begin at 7:15 p.m. and conclude with the traditional First Night fireworks at midnight.

"Throughout the year, the committee has put together a range of performances that will reflect the wealth of outstanding artistic achievement that is available in our community," said Bernstein.

Many local restaurants are offering First Bites, a 10-percent discount on dinners from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Reservations are suggested. Food also is available in the middle school's Concourse Cafe and the First Night Coffeehouse at Central Presbyterian Church.

A full program of events is available wherever badges are sold. For more information call First Night headquarters at 522-1722.



The Latin duo of Greg Ribot, left, and Francisco Navarro will perform during First Night Summit 2000 tomorrow. They come to Summit via Carnegie Hall and movie, television and radio performances with traditional and original South American music. They will perform in the City Hall courtroom.

Young children and families can choose a variety of events to begin celebrating with First Night Summit 2000 tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. About 80 groups will be available after 7:15 p.m. in locations near the Village Green. These schedules were provided by the First Night Summit 2000 brochure. The event, a non-alcoholic festival, is a project of Summit Downtown Inc.

Tips make First Night a success

- Members of the First Night Planning Committee have offered the following tips for patrons of First Night Summit 2000.
- Be smart: Car pool or walk. Parking is limited. Note site locations and performance times.
- Be flexible: If you are unable to get into an event, choose a nearby alternative event.
- Be polite: There will not be admission to many performances once they begin.
- Be prepared: Buy your badge early. Arrive early. Wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes. Bring a flashlight.
- Be considerate: There is absolutely no smoking, eating or drinking in any performance site.

SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL 272 HOBBS AVENUE

	3:30	3:45	4:00	4:15	4:30	4:45	5:00	5:15	5:30	5:45	6:00	6:15	6:30
Location:	Summit Middle School 272 Hobbs Avenue												
Band Room	Jill Tetter Kinneman: Sing-song for kids of all ages.			Jill Tetter Kinneman: Sing-song for kids of all ages.			S'reck's Balloon Show: Balloon art and the crazy creation.						
Auditorium	Tales of the Brothers Grimm: "Cinderella" puts on puppet show using string tools.			Tales of the Brothers Grimm: "Cinderella" puts on puppet show using string tools.			Lynette: Children's classical program: "Familiarize the ball" and "Carnegie Hall's Auditions" in live presentation.						
Cafeteria	Lera's Bunk: Only pure woodblock print, musicals provided.			S'reck's Silly Magic: Silly, clown-like magic, contest, puppet, and a real live bunny.			Music for Homemade Instruments Workshop: Make real instruments from common objects; play in the Procession. Materials provided.						
Concourse	Dance! Manon: Still-water will be at various locations inside, then leading to the Procession.												
Gym	W. R. Lewis: Magic and juggling to amuse all ages.			Over the Moon: Rock combo plays original songs for kids at their parents.			W. R. Lewis: Magic and juggling to amuse all ages.						

SPACE BY PROVIDERS

Site #	Location	7:00	7:15	7:30	7:45	8:00	8:15	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:45	12:00	
1a	Calvary Church Parish Hall	The Committee	The Committee	Alejo O'Donnell	Alejo O'Donnell																		
1b	Calvary Church Sanctuary	Sonnet Chamber Singers	Jane Bland	Alisa Bland	Ni Sa Quartet	Ni Sa Quartet																	
2a	Central Pres Church Sanctuary	Moan Dance	Phonetic Theatre	Phonetic Theatre	4th Stage	Lighting Lab	Lighting Lab																
2b	Central Pres Church Sanctuary	Lynette	Kevin Moulton	Kevin Moulton	Apunt Haborado	Apunt Haborado																	
2c	Central Pres Youth Lounge (eastside)	Polynesian/ Rite	Ballet of the Birds	Polynesian/ Rite	South St. Jazz	South St. Jazz																	
3	City Hall Courtyard	Summit Band Brass	Laura Negredo	Laura Negredo	South St. Jazz	South St. Jazz																	
4	Connection (formerly YMCA)	Summit Chamber Singers																					
5	Fishouse	Summit Chamber Singers																					
6	Library	Mary Rachel Paul	Mary Rachel Paul	Eric White	Eric White	Eric White																	
7	Methodist Church Auditorium	Gony Johnson Music	Gony Johnson Music	Heiler Street	Heiler Street	Heiler Street																	
8	Middle School Auditorium	Summit Chamber Singers																					
9a	Middle School Cafeteria	Street Magic Workshop																					
9b	Middle School Concourse	Street Magic Workshop																					
9c	Middle School Gym	Street Magic Workshop																					
9d	NI Center for Visual Arts I	Summit Chamber Singers																					
9e	NI Center for Visual Arts II	Summit Chamber Singers																					
10	Playhouse	Playhouse	Playhouse	Playhouse	Playhouse	Playhouse																	
11	Post Office	Summit Chamber Singers																					
12	Senior Citizens Building	Summit Chamber Singers																					
13	YMCA Gym & 3 rooms upstairs	Summit Chamber Singers																					

All sites handicapped accessible. *Reservations available. Visit our website for further info and latest updates: www.firstnightsummit.org. Schedule subject to change.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" - 242 Shungake Rd., Springfield, N.J. 07081. Pastor: Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors: 10:30 AM Worship Service and Prayer, 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11, 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Interfaith: High Ministry, Active Youth Ministry, Wide-Range Music Program. Super Session 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Child Life provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AMI 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0538. Mark Mallich, Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor, Paul M. Peyer, President. Beth Ami is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon.-Fri., 7:00 AM Sun. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sunday, 10:30 AM. Festival & Holiday programs 9:00 AM. Family and youth services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-through-grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are also classes at the High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The program also sponsors a Pro-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through eighth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. A Senior's League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHARAY SHALOM 76 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-3187. Joanna Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Danzberg, Cantor/Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Bruce Pizano, President. Temple Sharay Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. We offer a Shabbat program, enhanced by volunteer choirs, begin on Friday evening at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, 07081. 201-379-4522. Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Tetz, Pastor. Sunday worship services later than 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our children, teens, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Tuesday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS

229 Cooperstown Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Reich, Pastor. (908) 722-1317. Beginning Sunday, July 4, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning Nursery available; Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated all year around in all church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Hill in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join us in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 AM, with childcare available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education opportunities for children begin during the Worship Service with a special time for children led by the Pastor before the service for classes. Services of Prayer and Healing held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Please call and ask about our Adult Christian Education, Young Adults Ministries, Bible Studies, Small Group Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other

opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, interest in opportunities to serve others, or have prayer requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Markley at the Church Office: 973-376-1695.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. the emphasis of which is to always have a "good" week because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purposes". The sermon us uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and "wacky" children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and a very lively program for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you can have a "good" week. Call the church office or Pastor Lee Weaver for more information at 908 277-1700.

PENTECOSTAL NON-DENOMINATIONAL

VISIONS OF GOD FAMILY WORSHIP - "RASING PRIDE OF POWER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY", 242 Shungake Road, Springfield (located at Evans) Baptist Church, Office location: 1123 Shungake Rd., Mountainside, Phone: 908-228-2212. Pastor: Paul & Sharon Dean. Worship Service - Sunday at 2:00 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study - Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Ministries include: Single, Married, Complex, Women, Men. We welcome everyone who is someone to come and worship with us.

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave., Church Hill, Springfield, 973-4320. Sunday Church Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m., Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (Inquiry call 973-4320 a.m.) with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personal growth through worship, Christian education, choir, church activities

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-3004. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sun. 7:30, 9:40, 10:30 a.m., 11:30 Noon, Reconciliation: 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Openly), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass - 9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume September 10th; Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM; Sunday Masses: 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM impromptu Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

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Dayton athletes All-Conference

As many as 15 Dayton High School athletes earned All-Conference honors from the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference.

Carmine Santarella was the lone first-team selection from the boys' soccer team. Joining him, as third-team players, were Nathan Denner, Justin Katz and Dario Rugiero.

Jeff Marx was named to the boys' cross-country first-team, while teammate Tim Hornish received an honorable mention.

Running back B.J. Jones was among nine players from the Bulldogs' 6-4 football team who were honored.

Jones was named to the division's offensive team, David Woodruff was named the team's all-purpose player, while tackle Todd Walters, nose guard Justin Azran and linebacker Matt Fischer were on the division's defensive side.

Lorenzo Williams, Charles Beyer, Keith Allen and Dan Dell'Acaccone received honorable mentions.

Santarella, Rugiero, Woodruff and Williams are presently members of the boys' basketball team, which began the week with a 2-0 record.

Dayton opened with wins at Manville 77-37 and at home against defending Group 1 state champion New Providence 40-22.

Ryan Freundlich scored 26 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in the win over the visiting Pioneers.

Dayton Boys' Basketball

- Jan. 4 Bound Brook, 7:00
- Jan. 7 Oratory, 7:00
- Jan. 11 at Brearley, 7:00
- Jan. 13 at Roselle Park, 7:00
- Jan. 14 North Plainfield, 7:00
- Jan. 18 at St. Mary's, 7:00
- Jan. 20 Manville, 7:00
- Jan. 21 at New Providence, 7:00
- Jan. 25 at Bound Brook, 7:00
- Feb. 1 at Oratory, 7:00
- Feb. 4 Brearley, 7:00
- Feb. 8 Roselle Park, 7:00
- Feb. 11 at North Plainfield, 7:00
- Feb. 15 St. Mary's, 7:00
- Feb. 18 at Johnson, 7:00

Dayton Girls' Basketball

- Jan. 4 at Bound Brook, 4:00
- Jan. 6 Mt. St. Mary's, 7:00
- Jan. 7 at Oak Knoll, 7:00
- Jan. 11 Brearley, 7:00
- Jan. 13 Roselle Park, 7:00
- Jan. 14 at North Plainfield, 7:00
- Jan. 18 St. Mary's, 7:00
- Jan. 20 at Manville, 7:00
- Jan. 21 New Providence, 7:00
- Jan. 25 Bound Brook, 7:00
- Jan. 28 at Mt. St. Mary's, 7:00
- Feb. 1 Oak Knoll, 7:00
- Feb. 4 at Brearley, 7:00
- Feb. 8 at Roselle Park, 7:00
- Feb. 11 North Plainfield, 7:00
- Feb. 15 at St. Mary's, 4:00

Dayton Indoor Track

- Jan. 5 County Relays at Eliz., 4:00
 - Jan. 5 County Relays at Eliz., TBA
 - Jan. 7 at Summit, 3:45
 - Jan. 16 State Relays at Princeton
 - Jan. 19 County Meet at Eliz., TBA
 - Jan. 26 B County Meet at Eliz., TBA
 - Feb. 8 at Millburn, 4:00
 - Feb. 13 State Meet at Princeton
 - Feb. 20 Meet of Champs at Princeton
- ## Dayton Swimming
- Jan. 5 at Rahway, 3:30
 - Jan. 11 Piscataway, 3:15
 - Jan. 14 at Linden, 3:15
 - Jan. 18 Roselle C., 3:45
 - Jan. 20 at East Side, 4:00
 - Jan. 28 Johnson, 8:30
 - Jan. 31 at Union, 3:30
 - Feb. 2 vs. New Prov. at Drew, 3:15
 - Feb. 11 Sayreville, 8:15

Dayton Ice Hockey

- Jan. 5 at Bernards, 8:30
- Jan. 8 at Nutley, 8:30
- Jan. 13 at Mahwah, 5:15
- Jan. 15 at Gov. Livingston, 8:15
- Jan. 16 at Rumson-Fair Haven, 7:00
- Jan. 22 Bernards, 8:15
- Jan. 23 Passaic Valley, 5:45
- Jan. 27 at East Side, 4:00
- Jan. 29 Northern Highlands, 8:15
- Feb. 2 Fair Lawn, 8:45
- Feb. 3 at N. Highlands, 5:00
- Feb. 6 at Ramsey, 9:15
- Feb. 9 Ramsey, 8:45
- Feb. 12 Tonawalla, 8:45
- Feb. 13 Gov. Livingston, 4:15

Hole in one

On Nov. 18 Charles Mondelli, guest of Summit resident Charles Moschella, hit a hole in one on the sixth hole at the Summit Municipal Golf Course.

Summit was out to even record

Hilltoppers topped Dover

The Summit High School boys' basketball team was after its second win in a row Tuesday night when it hosted Chatham in the second game of the annual Suburban Classic.

The first game Tuesday night was Madison at Hanover Park.

The consolation game is scheduled for today at 1 p.m. at Hanover Park and the championship game for today at 6 p.m. at Summit.

The Hilltoppers began the week with a 1-2 record and snapped a two-game losing streak by beating Dover 56-49 Dec. 22 at home. Senior Kurt Forsyth scored 21 points and junior Ryan Carey poured in 13 to pace Summit in its first win of the season.

High School Boys' Basketball

In previous Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division competition, the Hilltoppers were bested at home by Parsippany Hills 42-38 Dec. 17 and were then defeated at Hanover Park 64-52 Dec. 20.

Forsyth scored 13 points, Carey seven and senior Jon Campagna five against the Hornets.

Other players on the roster include Jason Holmes, John Marini, Lamar Freeman, Ted Schaffel and Dan Dugan.

First-year head coach John Thies, who had previously coached at Dayton in the early 1990s, had to resign for personal reasons after the first game. Volunteer assistant Eugene Maxwell has stepped in as the head coach.

Dayton began week at 2-0

The Dayton High School boys' basketball team took a 2-0 record into Tuesday's first Tri-County Tournament contest at Rahway.

The Bulldogs, leaders of the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference, were scheduled to host Union Catholic and then J.P. Stevens was to play Rahway.

Dayton head coach Bill Berger used to coach at Union Catholic. The consolation game is set for tonight at 6:30 at Rahway and the championship game to follow at 8.

Dayton opened with Valley Division victories at Manville 77-37 Dec. 17 and at home against New Providence 40-22 Dec. 21.

David Woodruff scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the win against Manville. Ryan Freundlich had 15 points and Carmine Santarella 11 points and 10 assists.

Freundlich had an outstanding game against New Providence, a team Dayton lost to three times in three tries last year. Freundlich scored a game-high 26 points and hauled in 13 rebounds. Santarella scored seven points.

Dayton lost to New Providence last year in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 final after being swept in MVC-Valley Division play in the regular season. Although New Providence won the section and then went on to win the Group 1 state championship, it was St. Mary's of Elizabeth that won the Valley last year.

Dayton won the Valley Division in 1998. The Bulldogs and St. Mary's figure to battle it out for this year's crown.

Governor Livingston in Panther Pride

The Governor Livingston High School boys' basketball team, which opened with a Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division loss at Hillside Dec. 17, is participating in the Panther Pride-Sports Authority Holiday Tournament at Roselle Park.

GL faced North 13th St. Tech of Newark in Tuesday night's first game. The second contest pitted host Roselle Park against McKee of Staten Island Tech.

The consolation game is scheduled for today at 4 p.m. at Roselle Park, with the championship game to follow at 5:30.

Oratory hoop team rallies for victory

Oratory Prep's boys' basketball team evened its record at 1-1 as it rallied for a 65-50 victory over non-conference foe Whippany Park.

The opposing Wildcats came off to a 14-9 lead in the first quarter because of their aggressive rebounding and pressure.

The Rams made adjustments and took control on both sides of the floor and won the last three quarters by a combined score of 56-36.

Senior Denis Kelleher led the way again by scoring 19 points and grabbing 13 rebounds for Oratory. He also dished out five assists.

Fellow senior John Schimelpfenig also had an outstanding game, scoring 14 points, pulling down six rebounds and handing out three assists.

"Despite our amount of seniors, we are a young team in attitude and are learning to win," Oratory head coach Bob Conway said. "Each day our confidence is growing and though we have a long way to go, if anyone takes us lightly they could be in for a surprise."

Oratory improved to 2-1 with a 50-37 Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division victory over Bound Brook.

Oratory managed to net back-to-back wins over Whippany Park and Bound Brook after opening with a 61-53 MVC-Valley loss to Brearley in Kenilworth.

Although the Rams handled Bound Brook by some 13 points, not all was well.

"To say this was not pretty is an understatement," Conway said. "We are learning many things as we develop. Our outside shooting was not there against Bound Brook and they worked hard to take away our inside efforts."

"We started to force the offense and got all carried away with the flow of the game. I give Bound Brook credit for that."

"However, at every crunch moment our kids responded. We learned that when our offense is not going, our defense can keep us."

Senior Ron Cartledge paced Oratory with 16 points on 6-of-7 shooting. Kelleher added 14.

Senior Eric Calabrese and Schimelpfenig grabbed eight rebounds each. Oratory's modest two-game winning streak came to an end last Thursday when the Rams were dominated by non-conference foe South Amboy 64-40.

Senior forward Ed Behnen had an outstanding game for the Middsex County school, pouring in 34 points. He scored 25 of those in the first half.

Brian Howell, Mike Busch and Kelleher had their hands full trying to cover the talented upperclassman.

For the second consecutive game, the Rams shot poorly, connecting on only 31 percent of their shots. Conway attributes that to poor shot selection and lack of execution of the offense.

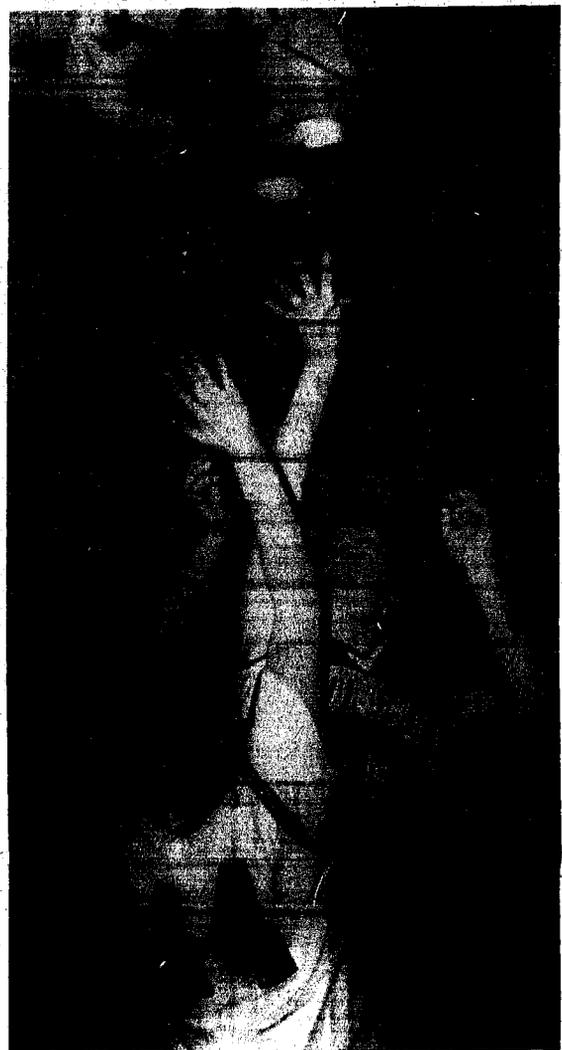
"We will go back to the basics to get ready for our tournament," Conway said prior to the start of this week's competition.

Swimmers splash Rahway Once again the Oratory Prep swim team, Mountain Valley Conference champions the past four seasons, took on a Group 3 opponent in Rahway and once again the Rams came up victorious with a score of 108-61. Oratory improved to 2-0 with the victory.

Sophomore Andrew O'Neill, as he did in the first meet, came back with four first-place finishes. He was first in the 100-yard backstroke; the 200-yard individual medley and was a member of the winning 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard medley relay teams. Senior Nick Russo finished first in three events, excelling in the 200-yard freestyle and was a member of the winning 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard medley relay teams.

Freahman Ed Sincoc took first in the 100-yard butterfly and joined Russo as members of the winning 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay teams. Oratory had yet another freshman come up with three first-place finishes as David O'Dogherty took first in the 100-yard breaststroke and was a member of the 400-yard relay and 200-yard medley relay teams.

Hilltoppers over the top



The Summit High School girls' basketball team, sparked by the play of senior Danielle Proper, began the week with a 2-0 record. Proper scored 14 points and teammate Stephanie Bruce-21 to spark the Hilltoppers to a 63-38 win over Hanover Park Dec. 20 in Summit. The Hilltoppers were scheduled to host Chatham Tuesday night in the second game of the Suburban Classic. The championship game is scheduled for tonight at 8 at Summit and the consolation game for today at 3 p.m. at Hanover Park.

Dayton girls' basketball shows comeback ability

Bulldogs entered tourney with 1-1 mark

Providence, evening its overall record and Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division marks at 1-1. The Bulldogs used a 16-8 second quarter to open a seven-point half-time lead of 24-17.

The hosts opened the third quarter with a five-point run to pull to within two. That was as close as New Providence got as Dayton never relinquished the lead.

Rennie was impressed with the work of 5-foot-7 Rachel Tise, who held 6-1 center Michelle Williams to just six points.

"Rachel has been doing that for three years," Rennie said. "She battles taller players and holds her own against anybody."

The victory may have been the prototypical team win, as five players tallied between six and nine points for Dayton.

"I think the girls showed a lot of composure in holding the lead," Rennie said. "Everybody was willing to take the big shot and they weren't afraid to shoot."

"Whatever five players I put on the floor, they're all trying to score. That's not being selfish, but being aggressive. That's what we've tried to preach to them all season."

Dayton was scheduled to play Westfield during Tuesday's opening round of the Panther Invitational at Roselle Park High School. Play concludes today with a 2:15 p.m. consolation game and a 7 p.m. championship contest.

Roselle Park was scheduled to host Roselle in Tuesday's second game.

Upcoming: Jan. 4 at Bound Brook, 4:00; Jan. 6 Mt. St. Mary's, 7:00; Jan. 7 at Oak Knoll, 7:00; Jan. 11 Brearley, 7:00; Jan. 13 Roselle Park, 7:00; Jan. 14 at North Plainfield, 7:00; Jan. 18 St. Mary's, 7:00; Jan. 20 at Manville, 7:00; Jan. 21 New Providence, 7:00; Jan. 25 Bound Brook, 7:00; Jan. 28 at Mt. St. Mary's, 7:00; Feb. 1 Oak Knoll, 7:00; Feb. 4 at Brearley, 7:00; Feb. 8 at Roselle Park, 7:00; Feb. 11 North Plainfield, 7:00; Feb. 15 at St. Mary's, 4:00.

GL girls' sought New P. win

The Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball team took a 2-0 record into Tuesday night's New Providence Tournament contest against host New Providence.

The Highlanders have opened with Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division victories at home over Hillside 53-22 Dec. 17 and at Roselle Catholic 42-37 Dec. 20.

The New Providence Tournament concludes today with the consolation game at 6 p.m. and the championship game at 8 Rahway, which was also 2-0, faced Whippany Park in Tuesday's first contest.

Jan Calabrese scored 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the win against Hillside. She hgd 15 points in the victory over Roselle Catholic.

