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## THIS WEEK

### NEWS

#### The lucky baby

Who will be this year's first baby of the year? Beginning Friday, we'll be looking for 1999's first baby of the year. That baby will be the lucky winner of this newspaper's annual First Baby of the Year contest. As we look we'd like your help too. See inside this newspaper for contest rules.

#### Happy New Year

The office of this newspaper will be closed Friday for New Year's Day. We will reopen Monday. Deadlines for the Jan. 1 edition remain the same. Happy New Year to our readers and advertisers.

### THE ARTS

#### Who's reading?

Theater companies presented a politically correct holiday classic.

See Page B3.

### Images of the West

The Springfield Library's Donald Palmer Museum will host a photographers' "Images of the West" colloquium now through Jan. 7.

### NEW MEDIA

#### News updates

Get local updates throughout the week. Call our InfoSource hot line at (908) 686-9898. For a menu of items, see Page B3.

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### WEATHER

Friday: Partly sunny and cold. 32.  
Saturday: Show and sleet and cold. 31.  
Sunday: Mostly cloudy. 30.

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## Government, schools mark changes in town

By Pamela Isaacson  
Staff Writer

This year saw changes in the government, schools and facade of Springfield. Now is the time to look back at the headlines that defined 1998.

### Winter

The year began when St. Malin was elected as mayor by the Springfield Township Committee Jan. 1, shortly after he and fellow committee member Gregory Clarke and Roy Hirschfeld were sworn in during the annual reorganization meeting.

"I don't think being mayor will hit me until I start getting phone calls," said the jewelry store owner. His appointment as mayor came midway through his second term in the committee.

Before the new year began, Springfield Township Committee members resolved to extend committee members' terms from three to four years.

Springfield residents had the opportunity to share their opinions about a proposed computer project service through the "All About Springfield" directory. Hirschfeld said he envisioned a service similar to MapInfo's, where a multiuser trainees' community could nearly train positions from the town's furthest points.

The Echo Leader was restored as the Township's official newspaper Jan. 27.

The proposed budget for 1999-2000, presented by Committeewoman Judith Blitzer, was the exact figure announced the year before, at \$16,483,894.43.

Springfield resident Ralph DeVino was found guilty of three bribery-related charges in Union County

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Superior Court March 17. After two hours of deliberation and a five day trial, DeVino was found guilty of official misconduct, bribery by an official and flight by extortion.

State Prosecutor Yvanique Imberts asserted that DeVino had asked for and received half of a \$15,000 bribe from Gary Vialonga, Feb. 2. Vialonga, an employee of developer Paragon Associates, testified that DeVino agreed to smooth the way for approval of their site plan application by the Springfield Township Planning Board. DeVino had been a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments and chairman of the Design Review Committee.

In the spring, Union County Superior Court Judge Roy Anzalone sentenced DeVino to serve two consecutive eight-year terms for bribery and theft by deception. He will become eligible for parole November 1999.

### Spring

Green ribbons adorning town centers in Springfield and Mountside marked April, as Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month sponsored by the Overlook Hospital City of Life Committee.

Throughout the spring, the Springfield Police Department was involved in personnel disputes, allegations of bias and internal investigations.

Lt. Ivan Shapiro filed a discrimination suit against the department in

Superior Court April 2, accusing Capt. Vincent Pistori of making two and-a-half hour trips to the Superior Court to be placed on unpaid leave with a reassignment to a non-salaried Chief of Police. William Cheloni filed disciplinary charges against both officers, announced Mayor St. Malin April 26.

Shapiro was charged with taping a public meeting to purchase a tape recorder, making an unauthorized copy of the town's meeting minutes available to a third party and claiming to discuss "these" minutes with Cheloni.

April 25 marked the debut of lights for the first ever night game at Municipal Park field when the Jonathan Dayton High School softball team hosted Elizabeth. The three-month illumination project cost about \$60,000.

Members of the Springfield Clergy Council organized an interfaith rally May 15 to protest the allegations of police department brutality at Veterans Memorial Park. Approximately 170 people gathered to hear clergy members' prayers and urge township leaders to take what they felt would be proper action against certain officers.

The rally was staged four days after Mulman sent a letter to residents protesting their prejudicial treatment of the Township Committee.



Environmental Commission President Clara Harelik and Recreation Director Michael Tennaro utilize one of the new recycling bins behind the Chisholm Recreation Center. This combined effort placed bins in Springfield's municipal parks during the summer.

approved a \$1.41 million bond ordinance May 26, of which \$1.34 million would be toward various capital improvements and acquisitions. Another \$70,000 was earmarked as a down payment as required by the state's local bond law.

Several projects scheduled to receive allocations included 3 new public works compressor, library furniture for the children's room and Donald Palmer Museum, the rehabilitation of various curbs and sidewalks and construction of a new firehouse.

Both Democrat and Republican Township Committee candidates swept their primary elections June 2. Democrat Clara Harelik collected 205 votes and Democrat Steven Goldstein collected 204 tallies. The Republican incumbents also were close with William Brocco at 166 votes and Judith Blitzer at 160.

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## Mayor leads reorganization meeting as year begins

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Staff Writer

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Finally, Richard A. Huber was sworn in at the meeting as the latest addition to the borough's police department.

In educational news, a new five-year plan took effect in January, outlining the direction the school district should take in order to keep up with modern changes in technology. Highlights of the plan included requiring students to demonstrate competency in communication, information processing and real world applications of computer skills.

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Corporal Thomas Murphy examines the new design changes to police cruisers which were implemented in August.

## Emergency services crisis plagues borough

By Pamela Isaacson  
Staff Writer

During the summer and fall months, the Borough of Mountside was plagued with disappointing news in the Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department.

"It has become a state-wide problem and it has now hit Mountside," said Mayor Bob Vigilanti at the Aug. 18 Borough Council meeting.

Although that meeting was scheduled to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., the mayor could bring an emergency session with representatives from the police and fire departments and the rescue squad, members of the Mountside Democratic Club expressed their concerns with the issue and requested that the mayor further clarify the situation.

Vigilanti and council members stated that the borough was searching for a solution and was open to several options. The mayor explained to assure the crowd of Mountside residents would not find themselves without emergency services while the situation was resolved.

Discussion continued at the Aug. 31 work session when the mayor again said that residents would continue to receive uninterrupted fire and rescue coverage despite shortfalls in membership.

At the time, much of the concern rested with the day-time shift of the rescue squad, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., as squad member Ken Carson said five more people were needed to cover that shift. "If you're looking to place blame, look in the mirror," he said. "We understand some people can't do it, but if it's problematically covering you, maybe you're doing something you would like to stop."

Although Vigilanti said the borough was "facing an emergency situation," he stated that adequate protection would be provided by current members. Mountside police officers qualified as Emergency Medical Technicians and through mutual aid coverage from Hillside, Springfield and Summit.

The crisis continued in September, even with the addition of Firefighter Michael K. Dwyer. Nine applications, four arriving since August, landed on the desk of Rescue Squad President Maggi Benninger, but only two were from Mountside residents. While non-borough residents can still serve on the squad, Vigilanti said he had hoped for a greater response from borough citizens.

The squad still faced a shortfall, especially during the day shift. For additional coverage, Mountside Police Chief James DeBate Jr. authorized two of his officers, each of whom are certified as EMTs, to assist Rescue Squad members if they are short-handed, with the understanding that their first priority is to ensure the competency as police officers. Two other officers were also authorized to assist with training courses to increase their certification.

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## NEWS CLIPS

### Sponsors sought for summer campers

The Washington Rock Golf Club Special has many goals through the Union Middlesex and Somerset counties. The club will need financial support to attend either the local or state Camp Lion Hunt, Hoot or any of the five local day camps this year. WRGC is requesting that individuals, local businesses and others contribute during this holiday season. For more information on these events and day camps to make a donation, call Debra Lampert Rudolph at 908-686-7700, ext. 200 or 908-686-7700. WRGC, Camp Donations, 301 Glouce St. East, Westfield, NJ 07091. Debra Lampert Rudolph, fund development, public relations, director.

### Kindergarten, Pre-K registration set

Registration for the 1999-2000 Kindergarten Program in the Springfield Public Schools, as well as the children eligible for kindergarten in September 1999 when new parents enrolled, will begin on Dec. 14. Childs - Corner Pre-kindergarten Program will be held on the following dates:

- First session beginning with Jan. 14, 10:41 a.m. and 1:4 p.m.
  - Second session beginning with Jan. 15, 10:11 a.m. and 1:1 p.m.
  - Last session beginning with Jan. 19, 10:11 a.m. and 1:1 p.m.
  - Last session beginning with Jan. 20, 10:11 a.m. and 1:1 p.m.
- Registration will be held at 415 S. Walnut School Early Childhood Center. Parents are requested to call the school at 973-336-1804 to call firm date and time or to schedule an alternate registration session. It will be eligible for prekindergarten as child must be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 1999. Children entering kindergarten must reach their fifth birthday on or before Dec. 1, 1999. Parents are requested to bring the following materials to the registration:
- Child's birth certificate

### YMCA announces winter registration

The Springfield YMCA is now registering for January classes for children ages 4 through 12. Parents and children join together in a fun and exciting time. Activities and classes include: Fun and Messy World of Arts and Crafts, Preschool Dance, (ages 4 and 5) will introduce children to a variety of dance steps including Ballet, Jazz and Tap. Mothers Day Out is a new program for children ages 2 through 4. For more information, call the Springfield YMCA at 908-686-7700. Registration is open to all children ages 4 through 12. Mothers Day Out is a new program for children ages 2 through 4. For more information, call the Springfield YMCA at 908-686-7700. Registration is open to all children ages 4 through 12.

### College students may use YMCA during holiday

The Mountain Side YMCA is offering a holiday membership plan for college students. The plan includes a three-month membership beginning Dec. 1. The plan is available for \$35.00. The plan includes access to the Y's three branch locations including the Berkeley Heights YMCA and the Summit YMCA. For more information, call the Springfield YMCA at 908-686-7700.

### Gaudineer School announces honor rolls

- High Honor roll**
- Grade 5**
- Paul Ballew, Lauren Bernatow, Kyle Christian, Jordana Colton, Faye Gulding, Lana Gunn, Alexander Marakov, Carolyn Manj, Kathryn Singano
- Grade 6**
- Brandi Boyan, Corey Scott, Roger Jachin Berkowitz, Donald Cherry, Joe Jonathan Denton, Fandine Deha, Roy Vaccaro, Dora, Sadie, Rose, Ca, Ropi Turongua, Maria Gallant, John Gallant, Monika Graywick, Rachel Greenberg, Christine Graywick, Ayad, Harro, Colton, Ruta Lapagante, John Lomas, Mylana Marini, Steven Mandel, Michael Mianowski, Siddharth Mitra, Joseph Mianowski, Margaret Myster, Sap, Venimas, Alexander Peyer, Dana Pollock

## 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 events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to: P.O. Box 100, Union, NJ 07083.

**• The Lakeside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountaintop, will conduct a family program called "Creative Recycling" at 3 p.m. The program will explore creative ways to recycle everyday discards into birdfeeders, toys, etc.**

**• The Springfield Township Committee will conduct a reorganization meeting at 1 p.m. in Town Hall. Steven Goldstein and Clara Harelitz will be sworn in to their seats on the committee.**

**Tuesday, Jan. 10**

**• The Mountaintop Borough Council will conduct its reorganization meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall. Glen Mautner and Werner Schuler will be sworn in to their seats on the council.**

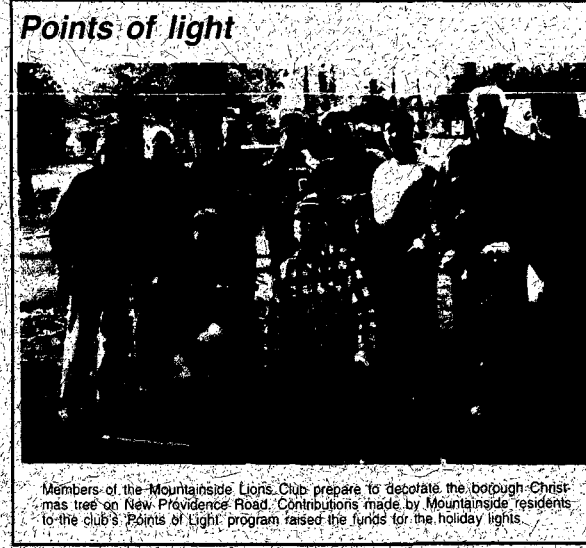
**• Congregation Israel of Springfield will observe the second Yahrzeit of Rabbi Israel E. Turner at the Synagogue, 339 Mountain Ave. Opening remarks will be given by Rabbi Alan J. Yaker and the guest lecturer will be Rabbi Elazar Schauloff. The program will be open to the entire community. For more information, call the Synagogue at 973-336-9066.**

**• The Trubade Nature and Science Center will conduct a Sunday planetarium show called "Once Upon a Winter Night" at 7 p.m. The program will explore the exciting winter sky and stars' battle with Saturn and his systems, the rings, rings and Gemini. Admission is \$7.00 per person. \$2.50 for seniors and 1 year olds ages 6 and up. For more information, call 908-686-7700.**

**• The Knights of Columbus, Springfield Council #5500, is conducting a program to collect glasses for "Eyes for the Needy." Glasses will be sent as far as Kenya, Zaire, Puerto Rico, Guam, and Israel as well as the United States. Glasses are picked up on Wednesdays and may be dropped off at any post office in the Springfield and Summit area. Large quantities may be picked up at the Springfield Public Library. The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of magazines worth a year's subscription from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The library is also open Sundays from 1 to 4:45 p.m.**

**• The Springfield Recreation Department has announced that blood pressure screening will be taken at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, on the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. The screening is open to all residents of Springfield and is done by trained nurses. For more information, call 973-336-2222.**

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Members of the Mountainside Lions Club prepare to detonate the borough Christmas tree on New Providence Road. Contributions made by Mountainside residents to the club's 'Points of Light' program raised the funds for the holiday lights.

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# Lawsuits, construction plague residents

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Chief of Police William Cushman opened a time capsule June 9 that had been buried at the Chisholm Community Center since May 25, 1971.

Inside were several local business cards, a copy of the Newark Star Ledger and the New York Herald, both from 1921. Those in attendance read about an outbreak of violence in Ireland and the death of a Ziegfeld Follies leader. A few Chevrolet coats have been purchased in that year for \$645.

Dr. J. Laurence Kuhl, Capt. Raymond Volin, Myra Terry, Lin White and Dr. Carl Goldstein were inducted into the second annual Jonathan Dayton Hall of Fame June 8. "We are taking this day to honor five individuals who have made outstanding contributions in their community and professions," Principal Charles Serson said.

A group of high school seniors constructed a swing set in the high school courtyard and left the cafeteria to use it during a lunch period, ignoring warnings from the principal to build it. They led to the suspension of 27 students.

The Class of 1998 became the first class to graduate under Springfield Board of Education supervision. The 116 graduating seniors headed to the overnight Senior Graduation Celebration June 24 to join graduates from Kenilworth's David Greene High School.

A decision had been made earlier in the year to combine the party, as the two classes had spent their first three years together at Jonathan Davison Regional High School.

**Summer**

The Springfield Board of Education met June 30 to discuss disciplinary policies and practices. The meeting stemmed from an incident June 19 that led to the suspension of 27 students. It was suggested that the Board of Education kick into an in-school suspension policy so students would not miss out on their education but would still receive a punishment.

The Township Committee formally ratified a new four-year labor contract with Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57 and Superior Officers Local 57-A. It also was determined that the township would acquire the old Shadybrook property for new fire headquarters.

Pederson was dismissed from the police force by a 3-1 vote of the Township Committee July 28. In early August a settlement was reached with Shapiro.

All disciplinary charges against Shapiro were dropped and Chisholm pleaded a \$10,000 fine in the 21-year veteran's record.

The Springfield Planning Board unanimously rejected the J.D. Mack/CVS Pharmacy application, agreeing

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that CVS would generate too much traffic on Mountain Avenue. The applicant was expected to file an appeal.

The Springfield jury service, originally scheduled to begin running on Labor Day, was postponed until October because of administrative and logistic delays.

An amended land-use ordinance to provide zoning regulations concerning low- and moderate-income housing was passed during the first week of September by the Springfield Township Committee. The ordinance increased the maximum population density at the Boyczuk Stone Affordable Housing Zone from 16 housing units per acre to 17 units per acre.

Royal School Real Estate, the developers of Edwards Super Food Store, delivered plans for the Saks Fifth Avenue site to the Zoning Board of Adjustment Sept. 4. Its reception by Board Secretary Lynda Gagliardi meant that the public hearing would resume Sept. 15.

An off-and-on discrimination lawsuit between the township and Police Officer Walter Brooks was back on Sept. 10. State Appellate Court Judge Howard Kestin and Donald Coburn overruled the suit's dismissal by Union County Superior Court Judge John T. Pisansky. With this ruling, the suit Brooks had originally filed could proceed in Superior Court.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Judith Zimmerman reported an overall positive result of the 1998 Grade 8 Early Warning Test, which was administered by March. The test was used to determine which students needed additional instruction in order for them to pass the High School Proficiency Test in 11th grade, an exam required in order to graduate high school.

**Autumn**

The Union Township Zoning Board made a decision Sept. 23 to allow a methadone clinic in Vauxhall to move to a remote industrial park area near the Springfield border.

A badminton tournament was held in early October at Ballantyne Country Club. Open to honor Helen Keyworth's retirement as club administrator.

"Like to call Helen our grandmother to town hall," said Mayor Sy Mullman. "I don't think anyone knows the workings of our government better than Helen."

The Chisholm Recreation Center opened its doors after a 14-month \$1.25 million renovation project. The ribbon was cut Oct. 24, signifying the center's grand opening.

The Township Committee election, held on a debate was planned for Oct. 22, between Republican incumbents and their Democratic challengers. There was not much debate that evening as only Democratic candidates Harelik and Goldstein appeared, addressing a mostly supportive crowd of 13.

Harelik and Goldstein won a large victory over the incumbents in the Nov. 3 election as the township voted for Democrats across the board. The victory filled all five Township Committee seats with Democrats.

A State Appellate Court ruling cast a shadow of doubt over whether Royal School LLC would continue its Edwards Super Food Store public hearing before the Springfield Board of Adjustment, Nov. 17.

The court, in an unanimous ruling Oct. 23, declared that the parking lot and building variances given to original owner Saks Fifth Avenue are not automatically passed to Royal School. This reversed a decision made by State Superior Court Judge John T. Pisansky last year.

Theresa Herkalo, a long-time employee of the township, was recognized for her 25 years of service to local senior citizens and children as recreation secretary and senior citizen coordinator.

At its Nov. 4 meeting the Springfield Planning Board approved the application of K&K Development/Brown Park Continuum to develop the old Carter-Bell factory site on the border between the City of Summit and the township.

The Township Committee began considering diffusing police cars with automatic cardiac defibrillators. The devices are designed to assist heart-attack victims before ambulance or rescue squad personnel can respond and just between \$3,000 and \$4,000 each.

The Springfield Board of Education was presented with an assessment of the administrative structure of the district Nov. 16 after a seven-month study by William Libert of Educational Nexus.

Richard Sheola was hired as the township's full-time administrator, replacing Helen Keyworth. He was named acting administrator as of Jan. 9, 1999 until Keyworth's retirement takes effect later next year.

# Democrats emerge victorious after long, fierce campaign

By Pamela Isaacson Staff Writer

Politics in Springfield heated up in November when two seats on the Township Committee were up for election, Republican incumbents Judith Blitzer and William Ruocco faced Democratic challengers Clara Harelik and Steven Goldstein.

After a sticky campaign that featured a debate in which only Harelik and Goldstein appeared, the Democrats were victorious and will now occupy all five seats on the committee.



Steven Goldstein Clara Harelik

"I want to thank everyone who walked with us, everyone who held a friend to vote for us, everyone who helped with the phone bank," said Harelik as she celebrated after learning the election results.

"Thank you to the people of Springfield for putting your trust in me. As vigorously as we campaigned, we will work as vigorously on the committee."

Harelik and Goldstein campaigned aggressively, targeting issues such as the Boyczuk Stone housing development, the full-time township administrator position and keeping municipal taxes in check. Ruocco and Blitzer's strategy was to campaign on a plat-

form of maintaining two-part politics in Springfield.

When the nonpartisan League of Women Voters hosted an Oct. 23 debate at Town Hall, the Republicans failed to appear and did not provide statements for the league's newsletter. With no opponents to face, Harelik and Goldstein discussed their support of the separation of the township clerk and administrator into the positions. All candidates claimed they were

opposed to the proposed Boyczuk Stone housing development, which many Springfield residents fear will increase traffic congestion in that area.

About 3,800 residents, representing more than 40 percent of the township's registered voters, participated in the election. Harelik received 2,374 votes, Goldstein 2,366, Ruocco 1,426 and Blitzer 1,418.

# Residents, business owners unite in protesting methadone clinic site

By Pamela Isaacson Staff Writer

Throughout the year, strong emotions and clashing opinions surrounded the relocation of the methadone clinic from the Vauxhall section of Union to Progress Street, near the Springfield border. Despite hostility, protest and lawsuits from Springfield residents and Township Committee members, moving to the new location is expected to take two months.

However, this result comes after a long battle that began in February.

For 25 years, the clinic has resided in Vauxhall, where residents allege they have faced difficulties with the facility operating in a residential neighborhood and near Central 3 School.

Before summer began, clinic owners agreed to rent space and move the clinic to Progress Street in Union — a remote industrial park area off Route 22 — by Aug. 1.

Almost immediately, area business owners protested the move by posting their own telephone numbers warning residents in the clinic "will bring dangerous drug and criminal activity to your vicinity, as will affect property values and intimidate customers away from local businesses."

Shortly thereafter, the clinic owners added fuel to an already smoldering fire by deciding to buy the property rather than rent it. Around the same time, the Springfield Township Committee passed a resolution that clearly expressed members' negative view of the events that were unfolding in close proximity to their town.

"We're not interested in having them in our neighborhood," Springfield Mayor Sy Mullman said.

In the meantime, the Legislature was investigating a bill that would deny the clinic a license from the state Department of Health if the clinic was within 1,000 feet of a house of worship, school or residential zone. Because of these restrictions, the clinic had to be out of Vauxhall before that bill was signed into law.

Springfield residents were not the only ones opposed to the relocation. Colette M. Licchadi, the executive director of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber deployed the idea because the clinic would be moving to a business area.

A new attorney to represent the clinic's owners, Paul S. Werber, was selected for their hearing before the zoning board. The original attorney, Stephen P. Hehl, also was selected by Union's Chamber of Commerce.

The Zoning Board ruled in favor of clinic owners when Werber appeared before the board armed with a case law from 1983 in which no residential zone existed that state-licensed ambulatory care facility was akin to a professional office business which is allowed in that industrial zone, part of Union.

Werber said answers to the arguments outlined in both suits would be answered soon.

# Borough's budget reflects cut in spending from previous year

(Continued from page 1)

\$204,637 over spending from 1997. "We are pleased to introduce a budget that does not reflect any additional spending from the previous year," Nordin said.

The Board of Education introduced the official 1998-99 budget March 31, allowing for a total of \$8,696,740. The tax levy, however, totaled \$7,577,199, less than a \$30,000 increase from last year. "This budget will put in place the necessary initiatives to improve educational opportunities for our students," said Board President Pat Tschelker.

**Spring**

Faces remained the same after the Board of Education election April 21, as Board President Pat Tschelker, Vice President Sally Riveccio and board member Richard Kress all ran unopposed.

Renovation projects began April 14 with the awarding of bids for the renovation of the community room on the second floor of Borough Hall, the repair of the Mountaineer Public Library roof and the Deerfield School tennis court lighting system.

Police Officer Tom Murphy stopped a vehicle on Route 22 that was occupied by two Newark men allegedly involved in a string of six armed robberies throughout New Jersey: Montclair, Belleville and Hillside. Melvin and Theon Charles were charged with receiving stolen property, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of narcotics paraphernalia and hindering apprehension.

Gregory Bonin was appointed as the new borough administrator, a position

that had been left vacant since the resignation of Kathleen Tohard in December 1997.

Thomas Michael Nordin 21, began his tenure as a Mountaineer Police Officer May 1, making him the second officer to be appointed to the department this year. Nordin graduated from Syracuse University and then attended the John H. Sumler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

Residents of New Providence Road addressed the council with their concerns about widening the road, a project which is required in order to receive a \$100,000 state grant to renovate the roadway.

Residents were concerned not only about the speed limit but also about their property, which would disappear underneath a water street. In subsequent weeks, they met with Borough Engineer Mike Disto, who assured them that any grass or landscape areas would be replaced, if they were damaged.

L. James J. Debbie Jr. was named Chief of Police after a unanimous vote by the council June 9. Debbie had been serving as acting chief since the retirement of William Alder March 1.

A sea of red and blue waves over the Berkeley Heights football field as the Class of 1998 graduated from Governor Livingston High School June 22. "I hope you will retain your wonderful, positive spirit and accept new challenges," Principal Benjamin Jones advised the 184 graduates.

The day after graduation, the Board of Education approved a mission statement for the school district stating that the mission is "to develop self-confident, independent, responsible citizens by providing the highest quality education to

all students through a school, family and community partnership."

**Summer**

The Lightning Wheelz, 13 athletes from Children's Specialized Hospital, set 34 national records and collected enough money to form the trophy of the number one wheelchair team in the country at the National Championships for Wheelchair Sports in Bellevue, Wash., in early July.

As roof work began at Deerfield School, a contract was awarded to the Baraco Construction & Equipment Corporation in the amount of \$144,447.50 to correct the athletic fields behind the institution.

The Borough made its way to the World Wide Web in July, with Bohn designing a Mountaineer Website to benefit the community.

Due to a community support and departure of staff, the Mountaineer Volunteer Rescue Squad and Volunteer Fire Department were threatened with extinction. Vigilante assured residents Aug. 31 they would continue to receive uninterrupted fire and rescue services.

Linda Schneider, a member of the Mountaineer Board of Education for 18 years, announced her resignation Aug. 25 to take effect the following day.

Resident Thomas Lyons was sworn in as the county's latest superior court judge Sept. 3. Lyons succeeded Scott J. Moynihan in the fourth section of the court, who was transferred to the criminal department.

There were no injuries, but Mountaineer residents felt the severity of the Labor Day storm that tore through the county Sept. 7. About 1,500 homes and businesses west of New Providence lost power, and police officers acted as stand-ins for the dysfunctional traffic signals on Route 22.

Vigliani proposed the formation of an ice skating rink created on top of existing tennis courts for the winter. After the first skate, a waiver on top of the ramps would freeze in the form of a "low-maintenance" outdoor rink.

The Police Department's Detective Bureau officers received Sept. 22 for outstanding work in the apprehension and conviction of individuals involved in identity theft. This type of crime involves assuming existing lines of credit or opening new credit accounts in another person's name.

**Fall**

A letter, written by Mayor Vigilante and distributed to the community, resulted in a heated discussion at the Borough Council meeting Oct. 20. "Only when the Board of Education's budget is defeated by public vote does the governing body have a voice in their process," Vigilante wrote. Although the mayor was obstructive and could not respond, one resident said they "feared and offended" by the letter.

The Republican Party made a clean sweep during the Nov. 3 election with Glenn Morimer claiming 1,242 votes and incumbent Warner Schoon closing with 1,226 votes. Democratic challengers Michael Krasser and Steve Brocner won in the borough's seventh district.

Police began to seek automatic bear defibrillators for as many patrol cars as possible in November. The devices give police officers a chance to assist heart attack victims before ambulance or rescue squad personnel can respond.

Corporal Andrew Scillman aided Scotch Plains and Union County officers when he spotted the van of Michael Terrence Howson on Route 22 in late November. Howson, wanted by law enforcement officers for a bank robbery and murder, was held in the apartment building after Scillman and several other officers closed in on a van. Howson 21.

In December, the borough adopted a resolution asking the Railroad Valley township, a neighbor to Councilor Scott's, to join their Board of Commissioners. Should the KVSA agree, Mountaineer would join 19 towns: Essex and Middlesex, which participate in sharing transit facilities.

# Republicans sweep November council election

By Pamela Isaacson Staff Writer

There were no surprises in this year's Borough Council election as Republicans Warner Schoon and Glenn Morimer were chosen to serve on the committee. Morimer for his first term and Schoon for his fifth.

Democratic challengers Michael Krasser and Steve Brocner accumulated about 43 percent of the vote, with Krasser's 916 and Brocner's 886 votes. Morimer totaled 1,242 votes and incumbent Schoon acquired 1,226. Krasser and Brocner took over in District 7.

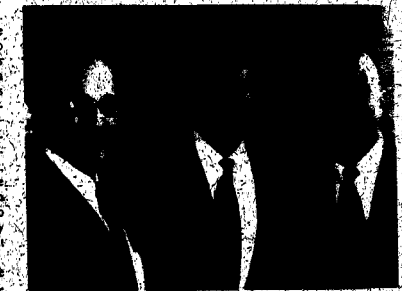
For the Democrats, plans surrounding the campaign included the slogan, "as all seats are occupied by Republicans and incumbents, the candidates called for a more open government that allowed the public more access to decision-making and more direct

discussions with council members. Schoon cited his experience of the council, and his responsibility to "expand existing strengths," as Morimer reflected on his life as a Mountaineer resident and his desire to use his skills "to the borough's benefit."

Tuesday's organization meeting will welcome newcomer Morimer, who stated on election night, "I'm looking forward to serving the voters of Mountaineer. The town is a changing and we're going to change with the town. We are really so move forward into the next century."

The Nov. 3 election forced all the introduction of the borough's most heated political outcome: "I think these members are excellent," said poll volunteer Prof. Benjamin that night.

They will spend things as people become more accustomed.



From left, Mountaineer Borough Councilman Warner Schoon and council candidate Glenn Morimer meet Councilman Bob Franks for brunch last spring. In November, Schoon was re-elected to yet another fifth term on the Borough Council and Morimer was chosen to begin his first.



COMMUNITY FORUM

New leaders must keep promises

The season surrounding New Year's also includes changes in government and fresh resolves from officials who must now take their places on the committees, councils or other seats to which they were elected in November.

Hopefully, the resolutions of our municipal governments will not mirror the frivolous, ill-fated resolves typically made by just about everyone during this season.

Springfield's Township Committee will boast two fresh faces this year with the additions of Steven Goldstein and Clara Harelki.

Similarly, the Mountainside Borough Council will see the addition of Glen Mortimer in 1999.

New Year brings fresh resolves

When the clock strikes midnight later this evening, the infamous ball will drop in New York's Times Square and those who stayed up to witness the change in calendar year will cheer, kiss, loved ones with glee and toast to old acquaintances.

Unavoidably, fresh resolves will accompany the start of 1999 in the form of New Year's resolutions. According to tradition, this season represents an opportunity for people to better themselves by setting goals.

Resolutions such as these are seldom kept as a simple change in the number on our datebooks is rarely incentive enough to drastically alter ingrained patterns.

Start new year responsibly

While we're on the subject of the New Year and its inevitable festivities, we'd like to caution our readers to celebrate responsibly tonight.

Too often, unnecessary tragedy occurs during the holiday season in the form of automobile accidents caused by intoxicated drivers.

No one relishes the thought of starting the new year in the local drunk tank arrested for DWI.

Think before you go out tonight. If for you, having a good time means indulging heavily in alcohol-laden beverages, arrange for a ride with a friend or family member who does not drink but has the same general plans for the evening as yourself.

If this proves impossible, take a cab, preferably both to and from your destination — don't tempt yourself to drive home under impaired judgment by having your car with you at the end of the night.

By the same token, if you are sure that you will be abstaining from drink tonight, offer to act as the designated driver for one or more persons who will not.

New Year's represents a fresh beginning and a time for positive resolutions. We encourage all our readers to enjoy this once-a-year event in a manner each finds most suitable, but above all, to stay safe and ensure the safety of others by planning to celebrate responsibly.

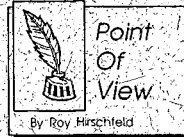
"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance. And a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives." James Madison 4th U.S. president 1822



INDUCTION CEREMONY — Mountainside Rotary Club members Bart A. Barré and Bruce B. Dickerson flank Police Chief James Debbie Jr. as he is inducted into the club.

Sexual McCarthyism caused impeachment

As Americans, we need to remember the history of this country as it relates to the issue of impeachment going on today.



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Non-traditional resolutions offer possibilities

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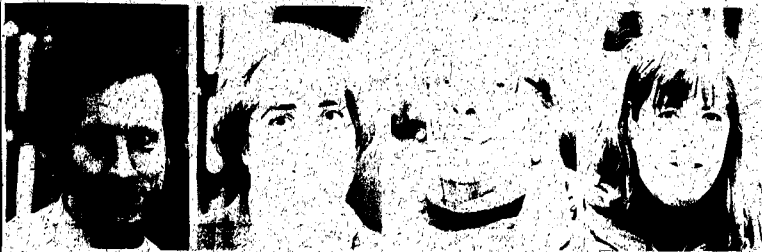
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Echo Leader advertisement containing contact information for David Worrall, Tom Collins, Mark Hyman, and others.

SPEAK OUT advertisement encouraging citizens to voice their opinions on local issues by calling 908-686-9898.

# We're asking What are your New Year's resolutions?



Ron Sokol

Linda Corona

Martin Weisberg

Holly Ruggiero

"I have a bunch of them that all have to do with bettering myself. I need to give up smoking and start being more responsible."

"I want to pursue new areas of study that I'm interested in. I am looking at a lot of different areas to get another degree."

"I am going to change my diet and eat only what is good for me."

"I never make resolutions. They are too hard to keep."

## Board of Ed addresses school calendar

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Drawing a school calendar, questioning a civil suit and a split vote over a high school independent study course highlighted the Springfield Board of Education meeting last week.

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland presented findings he received from staff members and parents about the 1999-2000 school year draft. The original draft featured 105 days off around Lincoln and Washington's birthdays, a three-day Memorial Day weekend and school closure on or by June 23. State law requires a 180-day minimum school year while contract obligations add another four days to most calendars.

"Some of the responses I've received from parents and teachers concerned the spring calendar," Friedland said before the full board. "Some are concerned about the lack of a break between February and May."

The board and Friedland debated among themselves the merits of having two days or five days off in February. Friedland indicated that most Linn County public school districts suffered with two days. Summer, as an exception, took a week off.

"One of the problems that exists with Boyd's Hashanah, which starts on Saturday next year," board member

Jacqueline Shanes said. "We used to have those two days off at the beginning but then when we would think they'd go and be fair? Some parents like a day before the school year starts for their younger children into routine."

"It seems that we tend to create calendar on a year-to-year basis," colleague Ken Fingerson said. "We set a schedule and parents plan their activities around them. We come up with a new schedule with new dates and parents have to plan again."

Other questions about the next school year calendar included placement of staff development days and how many snow days to reserve. Placement of special work days and holidays determines whether the school year starts before or after Labor Day and where it ends in June.

Board Chairman Robert Fish, after conducting a "straw vote" recom-

mended creating a draft 2000-01 calendar to give staff and parents some comparison.

Parent Anna Sattler brought copies of archery and pickleball study guides her daughters are using in the Clatsop Middle School physical education classes. She also brought questions about their relevance to the requirements.

"I understand that children need to learn that the rules are before playing a game," Sattler said. "A question how important it is to know how long a pickleball field is and what all the names to the parts of a bow and arrows are. You see how these guides are written — and what's on here aren't on the tests."

"As a physical education instructor for 26 years, I've never heard of pickleball before," said board panelist Ben Stivasto. "The students do need to

know what the rules are, what discipline to take and about teamwork."

The board failed to pass the policy regarding the high school independent study course. The offering new to the system this year met a 4-5 vote with two abstentions. Those abstaining in voting were concerned in how the policy would be followed.

The course was put into the course catalog earlier this year and the catalogs are at the printers now. Friedland said. "The policy is followed by guidelines used by a group of instructors. Students applying for the course must submit a project proposal and the instructors judge the applicants' maturity and independence. This is done on a case-by-case basis."

The policy will be re-voted by the board during their next meeting. Students who have registered said Friedland will be given an interim course



Thirty-year Auxiliary Police veteran Ronnie Minitsky assists a motorist with directions around a detour on Morris Avenue. The Auxiliary Police came out to help Christmas day when a car accident disrupted power and traffic in the area.

## Auxiliary police volunteer on holiday

At approximately 2:30 a.m. Friday, a motorist while driving east on Morris Avenue in Springfield jumped the curb in front of the Lyon's Building.

Along with two concrete garbage cans, multiple parking signs and trees, the vehicle knocked down a main power pole causing power outages and loss of heat in residences and businesses in the area. With power lines down across the highway, the auxiliary police were called out to assist the Springfield Police Department in closing Morris Avenue in both directions from Mountain Avenue to Caldwel Place.

Despite the Christmas holidays and sub-freezing temperatures, a dozen auxiliary officers volunteered to assist the Springfield Police Department in the power and telephone companies and Springfield's local departments cleaned up the mess.

Auxiliary officer Ronnie Minitsky, 38, of 511 W. Main St., Ralph Carpinis, 36, of 1000 S. Main St., Angelo Palumbo, Joe Pichler, Peter Ouz, Nick D'Alchille, Lt. Jeff Katz, Sgt. Mark Marshall, Sgt. Bernie Kotler and Ben Cohen all participated in this unusual, though, holiday.

Power to the area was finally restored to traffic by Saturday morning, approximately 12 hours after the accident. However, the auxiliary officers still managed traffic past and around the occupants of the building

until temporary generator power was restored at approximately 7 a.m. Saturday evening.

John Cutugno, emergency management coordinator in charge of the Springfield Auxiliary Police, noted

that while it is not unusual for the unit to be called out for this type of event, the holiday, cold temperatures and length of the callout all show the tremendous dedication these men have to the community.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Mountainside resident elected to Overlook Board of Trustees

Mountainside resident Martin M. Driver, publisher of *The Metropolitan Corporate Courier*, a monthly newspaper distributed to corporate lawyers in the Northeast, has been elected to the Overlook Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees.

Previously, Driver was with Martin's Driver's Associates in Manhattan, where he coordinated all investment banking activities. She was also a trustee at Randolph-Macon Woman's College and seven on the Board of the Memorial Endowment Trust of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.

Driver received a bachelor of arts degree from Randolph-Macon Women's College, a master of arts degree from the University of Virginia and a master of business administration degree from Fordham University. She resides with her husband in Mountainside.



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## Boyll passes exam

Springfield resident Jeanne Boyll, a middle school teacher and assistant counselor at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison and a graduate student at Kean University, recently passed her comprehensive exam in preparation for a masters degree in school counseling. The degree will be conferred upon completion of her thesis.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, with a total enrollment of 500 students, is an independent education institution located at 1295 Inman Ave. in Edison. A member of the National and New Jersey Association of Independent Schools, the school serves more than 40 communities in central New Jersey and welcomes students of all races, religions, national backgrounds and economic circumstances.

## Deerfield announces semester honor rolls

Grade & Honor Roll

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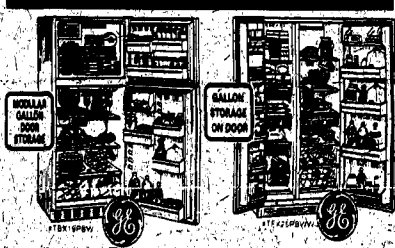
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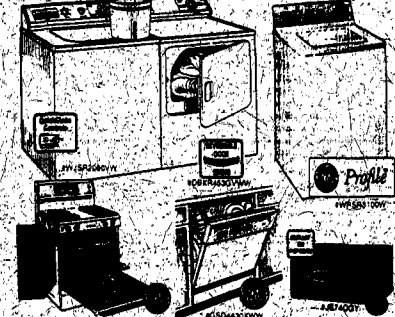
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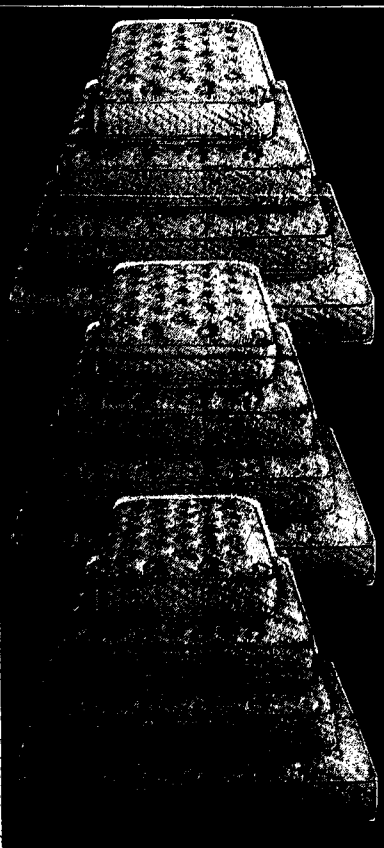
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SPORTS

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Springfield Minutemen teams
record victories over Roselle
8th graders' standing improves to 5-1

Springfield Minutemen basketball
teams were both victorious over
Roselle in regular season play that
was contested Dec. 19.

The 8th grade team defeated Roselle
71-65 and the 7th grade boys
downed Roselle 32-29.

The 8th grade team was split at
Monday as it went up to win a 59-57
win over Maplewood on Dec. 23, but
lost by a 1-1 record in the double
elimination Linden Tournament.

The Minutemen were scheduled to
play again on Monday afternoon.

Andre Callender scored 24 points
and pulled down 13 rebounds to help
the 8th grade team defeat Roselle.
Mike Nittolo had 13 points and seven
rebounds and Nick Peretti had 20 points
and nine rebounds.

Callender scored 22 points and
grabbed nine rebounds in Spring
field's loss to Roselle in the Linden
Tournament. Kevin Dain had four
steals.

Dave Lavanic came off the bench to
score all 10 of his points in the final
quarter, to spark the victory over
Westfield. Callender had 21 points
and nine boards and Peretti had 10
rebounds.

Callender scored 27 points and Peretti
and Callender combined to bring
down 24 rebounds in the team's win
over Maplewood.

Springing up with assists was Yuri
Parulog and coming off the bench to
help out wherever he could was
Donald Volken.

Springfield's 7th graders played
their teams out and came up victori-
ous over Roselle.

Springfield trailed Roselle by a
12-8 score at the end of the first
quarter. Roselle remained on top by a
19-15 score at the half.

Youth Basketball

Springfield played tough stepping
away at Roselle's lead. Leo Ferrine
scored two points to bring Springfield
within one at 22-21. After Roselle
scored a free throw, Ferrine made a
buzzer to knot the score at 23-21.

Springfield managed to slip ahead
by a 25-23 margin at the end of the third
quarter.

Roselle used the game again at
25-25 before Ferrine hit a key three
point shot. Roselle scored again to
cut the Springfield lead to one point
and then again to take a 29-28 lead at
the end of the game.

With a little over three minutes to
go in the game, Jordan Gerber scored
an important basket to help Spring-
field regain the lead at 30-29.

With 17 seconds to go, Ferrine was
felled and then he proceeded to make
one and two free throws to make it
31-29. Dan Scott was then fouled and
he made one free throw for the final
score of 32-29.

With four seconds remaining
Roselle was unable to score and the
nailbiter was over.

Ferrine paced Springfield in scor-
ing with a 35 point effort. He also
grabbed five rebounds and came up
with the steal.

Gerber had six points, two
rebounds and an assist.

Frankie Miceli scored five points
and Scott finished with four Heims
Abdelaziz scored one point.

Miceli lit up the scoreboard
by making three consecutive three-point
baskets against Maplewood in Spring-
field's tough 41-39 defeat. His nine
points on three shots came in the sec-
ond quarter after the game was knifed
at 9-9 at the conclusion of the first
period.

Springfield was ahead 19-15 at the
half and then increased its lead to
32-11 in the third quarter.

However, little by little, Maple-
wood chipped away to close the gap. At
the end of the third quarter Spring-
field's lead was cut to 32-28.

Maplewood's pressure defense
increased in the fourth quarter and it
helped Springfield's Essex County
team eventually take the lead for good.

Miceli paced the Minutemen with
an 18-point effort. Ferrine scored 10
points and grabbed four rebounds and
three steals.

Gerber's play helped keep Spring-
field in the game as he grabbed eight
rebounds and scored three points.

Abdelaziz, always playing strong
underneath, continued to play aggres-
sively and also scored four points.

Scott scored two points and had one
assist and Mike Laurien scored two
points and had three rebounds.

Winter sports
resume next week

The 1998-99 winter sports season
will resume for Dayton High School
teams next week.

The boys and girls basketball
teams are scheduled to play Mount-
ain Brook Tuesday.

The boys' team was 2-0 as of Mon-
day, with wins over Matville and
Morristown-Heard.

Terence Frankish scored 13 points
and Ryan Brundish 11 in Dayton's
55-48 win over Mt.

Dayton
Boys' Basketball

- Jan. 5 St. Johns Brook 7:00
Jan. 6 at Oakley 7:00
Jan. 12 Brearley 7:00
Jan. 15 Roselle Park 7:00
Jan. 19 at North Plain 7:00
Jan. 22 St. Mary's 7:00
Jan. 26 at Millville 7:00
Jan. 29 New Providence 7:00
Feb. 2 Mount Brook 7:00
Feb. 5 at Gov. Livingston 7:00
Feb. 9 Oratory 7:00
Feb. 12 at Brearley 7:00
Feb. 16 at Roselle Park 7:00
Feb. 18 North Plainfield 7:00
Feb. 19 St. Mary's 7:00

Dayton
Girls' Basketball

- Jan. 5 Highland Brook 7:00
Jan. 7 at St. Mary's 8:30
Jan. 8 Oak Knoll 7:00
Jan. 12 at Brearley 7:00
Jan. 15 at Roselle Park 7:00
Jan. 19 North Plainfield 7:00
Jan. 22 at St. Mary's 8:30
Jan. 26 Matville
Jan. 29 at New Providence 7:00
Feb. 2 at Brook Brook 7:00
Feb. 5 St. Mary's 7:00
Feb. 9 at Oak Knoll 7:00
Feb. 12 Brookley 7:00
Feb. 16 Roselle Park 7:00
Feb. 18 at North Plain 4:00
Feb. 19 St. Mary's 7:00

Kobel twins a key
to GL's success

Mountainsiders spark Highlanders

By Andrew McGinn
Assistant Sports Editor
The start of a new sports season signals yet another challenge for the Kobel
twins. Alison and Lauren and the Governor Livingston High School girls' sports
victories are now looking to propel the girls' basketball team to the same heights
they helped the girls' tennis team reach in the recently completed fall season.

While a spurned twin will keep Alison, a reputable defender, in a cast and
quarantined for some points in January, Lauren has played off the sick list for
nearly a year by scoring 24 points and grabbing 22 rebounds in GL's season
opening upset victories over Mountain Valley Conference Mountain Division
opponents Hillsdale, 51-43, and Roselle Catholic, 45-39.

High School Girls' Basketball

The senior forward scored a game-high 17 points in the Jan. 6 win over Hillsdale and
has led seven against Roselle Catholic while helping to captivate the Lions' fan
base. Senior forward Schene Isidoro, who also happened to be the top of the
top players in the state.

"We played a 2-3 zone against Roselle Catholic with one person foul (in fact
that should be O'Grady) and two people down low on (right), you're trying
my foul behind her. Lauren said GL's successful execution game plan."

Lauren also played solid defense for head coach Don Knopke against Hill
side, helping the Highlanders limit their number of three-point shots. The
referee-motivated Carpet team was able to launch.

"We're feeling very confident right now," said Lauren, who averaged 35
points and nine rebounds a last season. "It's always nice to win your first
game of the season, so we were excited about that and beating Roselle Catholic
like we've a lot of momentum going into the New Providence Tournament. We
keep Roselle Catholic was going to be tough, but our slugging guards came up
and everything else clicked for us."

Last season Governor Livingston went 10-10 and split a pair of games with
Roselle Catholic, one of the pre-season favorites to capture the Mountain
Division title in 1998-99, along with Immaculate and Union Catholic. Roselle Catholic
won the first meeting 48-37 and GL took the second game between the bestest
win, 42-39 in a 55-50 overtime thriller.

GL's 12th) commenced play in the New Providence Tournament Tuesday
night with a game against Rahway. A win would have put the Highlanders on
the last night's final against the winner of Tuesday night's New Providence
Whitney Park contest.

Should GL have lost its first game, it would have played a consolation game
yesterday.

Lauren and Alison both earned first-team All-Conference and Courier New
third-team All-Ancients after leading the GL girls' tennis team to a 17-2 mark
and a MVC Mountain Division title.

Alison was 19-3 at third singles while Lauren won 18-4 in second singles
play for the Highlanders, who finished third in the Union County Tournament
behind Westfield and Summit and reached the second round of the North
Jersey Section 22 Group 2 playoffs where they were defeated by Chatham.

Brearley wrestlers - Wrestling standings
1998-99

The Brearley/Dayton co-op wrestling
team participated in yesterday's
Wayne Orange Tournament after win-
ning one of three matches in a season-
opening tri-meet held Saturday, Dec.
19.

Brearley defeated Roselle Catholic
and lost to Millburn and Governor
Livingston.

The team as it did last year
includes Springfield resident students
who attend Dayton High School.

Returning at 145 is Anila Vignante,
who was 16-8 last year, which class last
year including a victory in the Roselle
Park match against Gary Talaris (13-2).

With the exception of the freshmen
and junior heavyweights Eric Vialto
and Joe Kohn for the first time, all
of the other wrestlers completed on the
varsity level last year for coach Brian
Lucepao.

Here's a look at this year's lineup:
103: Mark Yoshin, freshman
115: Mike Moran, sophomore
112: Alay Vignante, sophomore
149: Stefano Saracino, freshman
218: Sean Cunningham, junior
125: Joe Ruggiero, sophomore
130: Mike Puorro, sophomore
135: Billy Fitzgerald, freshman
100: Scott Ferguson, junior
145: Aifile Vignante, junior
152: Giancarlo Pesante, sophomore
170: Dave Vazquez, junior
171: Rick Miceli, junior
189: Matt McCochan, freshman
215: Mike Harris, senior
155: Chris Hynes, sophomore
HWT: Eric Vialto, junior

Mountainside soccer teams
have outstanding seasons

Two Mountainside Magic girls
soccer teams, 14-and-under, and
12-and-under, each won their respec-
tive division titles in Inter-Country
League play while both finishing with
impressive 9-1 winning records.

The 14-and-under team included
coaches Jane Blasi and Ted Zawistak
and players Elizabeth Jilly, Kaitlin
Sullivan, Brielle, Lacianna, Leana
Blasi, Anna Hoss, Cecilia, Maureen,
Danielle Pace, Kristin Widge, Jamie

Boyer, Jenna Spadocini, Katie Moore,
Jennifer Hauser, James Zivjak,
Marissa DeAmis, Erin Sanders and
Karina Blasi.

The 12-and-under squad included
coaches and players Brian Dempsey,
Patrice Casiano, Clytia Phillips,
Rachel Talbot, Jessica Landis,
Julianne Boyer, Jack McCurdy, Sara
O'Sullivan, Vera Souverov,
Christy McCurdy, Lauren Hauser,
Hilbin Barone, Lynette Burnerford,
Rebecca Goulin and Wayne Boyce.

Another Mountainside girls'
12-and-under team, the Alpha Tan-
gos, coached by Rick Bostad and
George Furze, placed third after
Scott's Plains among a total of 11
teams as the division they played in.

A third Mountainside girls' 12-and-
under team, the Green Ho Shilly
Peppers, coached by Mark Massa and
Rudy Gessinger, also had a success-
ful season.

The coach 14-and-under team, the
Big Green, coached by Doug Tramp-
ler, did very well, finishing second in
the league.

Much credit goes to Susan Thau,
who once again coached the Mount-
ainside Blasi — the boys' 14-and-
under Morris County travel team.
Thau was ably assisted by Vicki
Kolando and Pete Gelombo.

The Blasi continued to play compe-
tively, and a key player suffered a
season-ending injury in the first game.

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Springfield Recreation
registration taking place

Springfield Recreation wrestling, indoor soccer and girls' basketball registra-
tion is now taking place at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center on 34 Church Mall in
Springfield from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Here's a look at all three:

Wrestling: This program is for youngsters in grades 4-6 and a non-
refundable fee of \$25 is required.

Check may be made payable to: Township of Springfield.
The team will compete in a county league and practice times/dates will be
determined after registration.

Indoor Soccer: This program is for youngsters in grades 1 and 2 and a non-
refundable fee of \$20 is required.

The deadline is Wednesday.
Games will be played on Saturday afternoons from Jan. 16 to March 20.
No games will take place on Jan. 30 and Feb. 7.

This is an instructional league that teaches the basic skills and indoor soccer
rules.

Children should wear sneakers and shorts.
The program will be held in Gym B at Dayton High School.
More information may be obtained by calling 908-467-4600.

Girls' Basketball: This program is for youngsters in grades 2-8 and teams
will be split in three: 2-3 grades, 4-5 grades and 6-8 grades.
A non-refundable fee of \$25 is required, checks made payable to: Township
of Springfield.
More information about the wrestling and girls' basketball programs may be
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# OBITUARIES

## Mary Tennant

Mary Tennant, 93, of Summit, practitioner and patient of the arts, died Dec. 28 at her home.

Born in Hastings, England, Ms. Tennant came to the United States in 1921 with her parents, who settled in Michigan. She lived in Summit for more than 60 years, and she had a summer house in the Adirondacks and a winter house in St. Croix. She graduated from the University of Michigan with bachelor's and master's degrees in the arts and drama in the 1940s. Mrs. Tennant traveled around the country giving lectures, lecturing on subjects on the "artistic spirituality of women." In 1965, she received the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire award from Queen Elizabeth II for her work with national and state chapters of the Daughters of the British Empire. Mrs. Tennant's travels included a pilgrimage to Jerusalem with the Queen. She was listed in "Who's Who Among Women" and "Two Harbors and Women of Achievement."

## Carole Coeyman

Carole Coeyman, 56, of Summit, died Dec. 15 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Coeyman lived in Union before moving to Summit 30 years ago. She was a full-time writer for 35 years with Chubb's Insurance and retired, eight months ago. Surviving are her mother and step-father, Catherine and Mary Spratt, and a sister, Alison Ryan.

## Norma L. Altman

Norma L. Altman of Springfield, a real estate broker and Millman agent, died Dec. 21 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in the Bronx, Mrs. Altman lived in Newark before moving to Springfield 42 years ago. She was a real estate broker and had owned and operated North Lawn of Albany Real Estate. Millman for 30 years. She was a member of the North Central Jersey Board of Realtors, of Millman and Short Hills, and was named as the Realtor of the Year in 1993 by the Board of Realtors of the Chubb's and Millman Co. Mrs. Altman was a member of the Board of Realtors of the Chubb's and Millman Co. She was a member of the Board of Realtors of the Chubb's and Millman Co. She was a member of the Board of Realtors of the Chubb's and Millman Co.

## Paul H. Schaaf Jr.

Paul H. Schaaf Jr. of Mt. Pleasant died Dec. 15 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Schaaf lived in Springfield before moving to Mount Pleasant 25 years ago. He was a self-employed mechanical engineer at the Mechanical Engineering of the Princeton University. Mr. Schaaf had been vice president of sales for York Plastics Inc., where he worked for 27 years. Mr. Schaaf was a World War II Army aviator and served in the Pacific. He was a 1949 graduate of Newark College of Engineering.

## Robert Zetterstrom

Robert B. Zetterstrom, 74, of Springfield died Dec. 18 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Zetterstrom grew up in Berkeley Heights, and Chairman there from 1965 to 1995. He was a chemist for Bell Laboratories-Murray Hill for 35 years and retired in 1985. During World War II Mr. Zetterstrom served as a technical sergeant, radio operator and flight instructor at B-17 with the Army Air Corps 463rd Bomb Group in Europe. He was a member of the 304th Bomb Group Association, also known as the Swoose Group, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6259 in Berkeley Heights and the Telephone Pioneers' Jersey Chapter of Murray Hill. Mr. Zetterstrom worked here

## Margaret Wolf

Margaret Wolf, 94, of Elizabeth formerly of Springfield died Dec. 19 in Elizabeth General Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Born in Astoria, Mrs. Wolf came to Elizabeth in 1908 and lived in Newark, Highlands, Irvington and Springfield before moving to Elizabeth five years ago. During the Depression, she went to work in millinery sales in New York City. In the 1930s, Mrs. Wolf worked in sales at Bond's Clothing Store in Newark. She financed the medical education of her son, Dr. Dr. Shegoff-Wolf, who had graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and went on to become a world renowned, leading physician, researcher, teacher and medical consultant to several of the National Institutes of Health, and to Johns Hopkins in Bethesda, Md., and to Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, where he chaired the department of medicine. He also wrote more than 300 scientific papers and book chapters, was recognized by his colleagues as the preeminent

## Carolyn Rush

Carolyn Rush, 54, of Mountain Lakes died Dec. 15 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are her husband, Lyman, two sons Jeffrey and a daughter Jennifer.

## Madeline Voss

Madeline Voss, 85, of Chapel Hill, N.C., formerly of Summit, died Dec. 17 in the University of North Carolina Hospital, Chapel Hill.

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## Judith Mischel

Judith Mischel of Maplewood died Dec. 19 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Mischel lived in Summit for 11 years before moving to Maplewood three years ago. She completed nursing training at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. Mrs. Mischel was a member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of New York and was its

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