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Photo By Milton Mills

Celia Salda shows off her daughter Alexa Chantre, Mountainside's first baby of 2000. Alexa was born Jan. 15 at 9:20 p.m. at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston and weighed in at 7 pounds and 15 ounces.

Borough welcomes baby 2000

By Darcey Doyle
 Staff Writer

On Jan. 15 Mountainside residents Celia and Domingos Salda became the proud parents of the town's first baby of the new millennium. Alexa Chantre Salda was born at 9:20 p.m. and weighed in at 7 pounds and 15 ounces.

"I had some problems, it wasn't an easy pregnancy," said Celia, who suffers from diabetes. Alexa was due on Jan. 11, but when she was late, they decided to induce labor. Celia said the couple was just happy the baby arrived healthy.

This is the couple's second child. According to Celia, their son Michael, 9, "wants to help with

everything. He keeps saying how beautiful she is." Michael shares a middle name with his sister, Chantre. Both children were given the name because it is their mother's middle name too.

For Celia, having another baby after nine years is like starting all over again. "I'm used to getting sleep," she explained. "Now I have to go back to diapers and sleepless nights."

According to Celia, Alexa's sleeping schedule leaves something to be desired. Her mother said Alexa is often awake from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. so Celia has taken to catching some shut-eye when she can — during the day.

Domingos is a sergeant in the Newark Police Department. Celia, who will be returning to work part-time, is a mammography technician at Newark University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

The couple has resided in Mountainside for eight years and plan to stay in the community and raise their growing family. The couple also will get some extra help from Celia's parents who live with them.

For Alexa's future Celia said, "you wish for the best of everything for your children. Most of all I hope that she leads a healthy life. That's really the most important thing and that she prospers in whatever she wants to do."

State Supreme Court rules in of Royal Ahold in variance dispute

By Joe Lugara
 Staff Writer

One aspect in the back-and-forth battle between Springfield and the Netherlands-based company Royal Ahold has finally been settled in the state's highest court.

Ahold, known in this area for its ownership of Edwards Food Stores, triumphed in state Supreme Court Feb. 9, when it was ruled that two variances, issued to Saks Fifth Avenue, the previous occupant of Ahold's proposed Edwards store at 90 Millburn Ave., were deemed transferable to the Dutch company.

"All we need now is site plan approval," said James Segreto, the Haledon-based lawyer representing Royal Ahold. "We have an application pending right now before the Board of Adjustment." A hearing before the board was scheduled Tuesday night but was postponed because company officials were not present.

Springfield Mayor Clara Harelik had not received a copy of the decision at press time. "Knowing that it's a 47-page decision, I'm sure it's not a black-and-white issue," she said.

"I have no information on the Ahold decision," said Springfield's Zoning Officer, Richard Coan. "I

don't even get involved. That's part of the court case."

The first variance, issued in 1956, allowed for the extension of the Saks parking lot into residentially-zoned property. The second, issued in 1968, permitted for an extension of the building, also into residentially-zoned property.

A second hearing, involving the rezoning of the property, was held Dec. 6. According to Township Attorney Bruce Bergen, the rezoning would change the residential portion of the property to senior citizen/Mt. Laurel housing. It also would change the area from a "general commercial" designation to a "neighborhood commercial" designation, which would limit any new business to 7,000 square feet, conflicting with Ahold's interest in establishing a 70,000-plus square foot facility. The dimensions of the proposed store were confirmed by both Segreto and Hans Kempers, president of Ahold Real Estate Co.

"The amendment to the zoning ordinance does not affect our right to develop the property," Kempers said. No decision on the rezoning issue has yet been reached. Bergen expects the ruling from Superior Court Judge John Pisanaky in two months.

Last year, a Springfield zoning official ruled that the variances would not pass on to the site's new owners. Following the ruling, Royal Ahold officials lodged an appeal with the town's Zoning Board of Adjustment. The board upheld the zoning official's decision, sending the case before Pisanaky.

In July 1998, Pisanaky ruled in favor of Royal Ahold, citing the company's proposed use as similar to that of the Saks retail clothing operation. The decision required the Springfield Zoning Board to begin site plan hearings. Royal Ahold began presenting its application that same month.

Attorneys representing Springfield, Millburn and Village Supermarkets/Shop Rite then stepped in, filing a suit in Appellate Court to have Pisanaky's decision reversed. In a unanimous decision, the Appellate Court ruled that Pisanaky's decision was in error. Royal Ahold, in turn, filed an appeal to the state Supreme Court.

Edwards Food Stores are a fairly common sight in New Jersey. According to Segreto, Shop & Shop is now only in operation in New York and Connecticut. A previous attempt by Royal Ahold to purchase Pathmark failed.

Pedestrian killed on Fadem Road

By Joe Lugara
 Staff Writer

For the second time in several weeks, a pedestrian was killed in Springfield.

Isaias Amaya, 26, of Elizabeth, was struck down at approximately 6:17 a.m. on Feb. 9 after stopping to use a mailbox on Fadem Road. According to a police report, Amaya stopped his vehicle curbside, facing south on

Fadem, to cross the street to deposit his mail. He was apparently standing in the street when he was hit by a vehicle driven by Maria J. Mercado of Newark.

Mercado, who was traveling north on Fadem, claimed not to have seen Amaya in the roadway as she crossed Diamond Road. She said she was not aware she had hit Amaya until he struck her windshield. According to

Mercado, Amaya tumbled off the windshield as she stopped her car, his body coming to rest on the road along the curb.

Mercado told police that Amaya was standing in a very dark area where there was no artificial lighting. No streetlight exists at the corner of Fadem and Diamond roads.

Mercado's headlights were on. See ANOTHER, Page 10

Children's Department has variety of activities

By Darcey Doyle
 Staff Writer

The Springfield Free Public Library Children's Department is getting rave as one of the best in the area. According to visitors the department stocks a wonderful selection of books and the staff is knowledgeable and friendly. The department offers programs for children and parents.

"This is a place we like to encourage moms and kids to come," said Kathy Perocco, head of the Children's Department. "It's especially good for first-time and young mothers. Often they feel lonely and come here and find people they have something in common with."

There are baby and toddler programs. Library babies promotes language-building skills through nursery rhymes and songs.

"Mothers and fathers bring their babies. We meet monthly," said Perocco. "We work as much with the adults as the babies. We encourage parents to take what they learn and use it at home."

According to Perocco, often parents who don't grow up in this country or have learned English as a second language are especially glad to learn some of the nursery rhymes and traditional children's stories.

There is a toddler's program called the Mother Goose Group, which is an expansion of Library Babies. At that point, Perocco said they are trying to get

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Photo By Milton Mills

Adam Sandler partakes in the selection of kids' materials at the Children's Department of the Springfield Public Library.



Photo By Barbara Kikkalis

Above, Teri Schmedel works on a craft with Abby Perasso, 2½, during the Mountainside Newcomers Club's 'Mommy & Me' Valentine's Party Tuesday. Left, Jeremy Klein, 4½, shows off his talents with a triangle.

Huge infrastructure project mullied

By Mark Hrywna
 Regional Editor

The Mountainside Borough Council is embarking on what may be the largest infrastructure improvement project in the borough's 105-year history.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti Tuesday night presented a multi-year, multi-million maintenance and upgrade plan for the borough's storm and sanitary

sewers, roads and curbs. He estimated 76 roads and intersections would see work to some degree over his projected timeline of five to seven years.

The council, at a work session meeting Tuesday night, began to discuss how the borough plans to pay for the upgrades. The borough's auditors, Vigilanti said, believe there would be no problem to get a bond with Moun-

tainside's exemplary debt ratio and bond rating.

"Our debt ratio is truly enviable within the county," the mayor said. "Our rating is extremely good for a community our size."

He presented several options to the council for the infrastructure project, with the price tags for both near \$16 million. One option was likely high-

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Orange you glad you weren't on 78

By Joe Lugara
 Staff Writer

A tractor-trailer carrying fruits and vegetables caught fire on Route 78 East Feb. 7, assaulting members of the Springfield and Summit Fire Departments with the odor of burning grapefruit and oranges.

The trailer, owned by Thomas Williams of Astor, Fla., began smoking from one of its tires, said its driver, Andrea Johnson. According to a Springfield Fire Department report, damage to the vehicle corroborated Johnson's description of the fire's origin, with officials establishing the original location as the left side wheel well.

The report described the tires as burning "furiously." No specific cause for the blaze has yet been determined, although a subsequent investigation revealed the truck's brake system had been functioning normally.

The blaze began around 6 a.m., causing severe traffic backups for the morning commute. Many drivers exited the highway, spilling out onto Routes 24, 22 and 124 as police shut down all but one lane on the east-bound side of Route 78. The burning trailer caused rubbernecking delays, adding to the traffic headache.

Johnson had enough time after spotting the fire to pull over to the shoulder and detach the trailer from the tractor. The trailer remained on the shoulder by the Morris Avenue bridge, where it burned.

The fire spread throughout the produce, which was stored in cardboard boxes stacked on wooden pallets. Firefighters unloaded the truck and examined its contents.

"Between the boxes and the pallets there were a lot of hot spots," said Fire Chief William Gras said. "It took quite a while — we were there for a couple of hours. We had to put out every hot spot we found."

Gras described the trailer as "totally destroyed." Wood-framing within the trailer helped spread the fire throughout the vehicle. Firefighters got their water from a hydrant down on Morris Avenue. According to Gras, no water source exists on the highway.

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Roads will be closed for work

Sky Top Drive in the Borough of Mountaineers running through the Watchung Reservation from the intersection of Glenside Avenue and Valley Road in Berkeley Heights to Glenside Avenue in Scotch Plains will be closed beginning on or about Monday. The hours of operation will be approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tracy Drive in Mountaineers running through the Watchung Reservation from Deer Path to the traffic circle at Summit Lane will be closed beginning on or about Feb. 28. The hours of operation will be approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Due to the nature of the work involved and the amount of men and machinery required, partial or full closure of the road may be warranted in the area of work to optimize the safety of the work crews and motoring public alike. It is anticipated that the work on both projects will take approximately four days to complete, weather permitting.

Clearly marked detour routes will be established and maintained by county forces. The roads will be opened to traffic at the conclusion of the workday. Emergency vehicles may not be able to pass through at all times. The established detour routes may be used or you may plan an alternate route.

The county recognizes the inconvenience that any road closures may cause and apologizes for any difficulties encountered. The county will make every effort to expedite the work to open the roads as soon as possible.

Should you have any specific traffic inquiries, call the Traffic Bureau at (908) 789-3353 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you have any other questions regarding this project, call the Parks Division at (908) 527-4900 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For any emergencies that may arise, call your municipal police department.

Full-day kindergarten plan to be presented

The administrator and the kindergarten staff of the Mountaineers School District will deliver a presentation to the Board of Education at its public meeting on Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Deerfield School, Central Avenue and School Drive.

The topic of the presentation will be the enhanced kindergarten program and the district's plan to change the length of the kindergarten school day from an extended day to a full day, with dismissal at 3 p.m.

Historical society has open house Sunday

The Springfield Historical Society sponsors a special open house on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. to celebrate the birthday of George Washington at the historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., Springfield.

Admission is free and guided tours will be available. The handwritten letter by Washington penned just before the famous Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780 will be on display. For more information call (973) 376-3348.

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.

Today

- The North Jersey Association of Female Executives hosts its monthly dinner meeting at 6 p.m. at the Spanish Tavern, Route 22 East. Admission is \$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers and \$5 extra for walk-ins. The topic for the evening will be "Women on Wheels," car care. For more information call LaDonna Carr at (800) 275-1767.
- The Berkeley Heights Board of Education meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Clausen Administration Complex.

Sunday

- The Springfield Historical Society hosts a special open house from 2 to 4 p.m. to celebrate the birthday of George Washington at the historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave. Admission is free and guided tours will be available. For information call (973) 376-3348.
- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineers, presents a print workshop at 2 p.m. Try your hand at a variety of printing techniques from thumb prints to sponge printing. Admission is \$2 per child. For more information call (908) 789-3670.
- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineers, presents "Winter Wonder World," at 3:30 p.m. Learn where to find the planets among the stars and which constellations will be visible. For children 6 and up. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors. For more information call (908) 789-3670.

Monday

- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineers, presents "The journey of sap to syrup," from 1 to 2 p.m. and Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. No pre-registration is required. Admission is \$3. For more information call (908) 789-3670.
- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineers, presents "Blowing in the wind," from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. for families and children ages 6 and up. Pre-registration is required. Admission is \$3 per kid. For more information call (908) 789-3670.
- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineers, presents "Wildlife watch," from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. for families and children ages 6 and up. Pre-registration is required. Admission is \$3 per person. For more information call (908) 789-3670.
- The Springfield Environmental Commission meets at 8 p.m. in the Annex at 20 North Trivet Ave.

Tuesday

- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineers, presents a planetarium show, "The sky inside," 11 to 11:45 a.m. for children 4 to 6, with an adult. No pre-registration is required. Admission is \$3 per person at the door. For more information call (908) 789-3670.
- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineers, presents "Fantasy, illusion and magic," from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for families and children ages 4 and up. No pre-registration is required. Admission is \$4 per person. For more information call (908) 789-3670.
- The Springfield Township Committee meets for an executive meeting at 7 p.m. and a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Wednesday

- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineers, presents "Winter's Feathered Friends," from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for families and children ages 6 and up. No pre-registration is required.

required. Admission is \$5 per family. For more information call (908) 789-3670.

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Upcoming events

Feb. 24
• Springfield resident Howard Stark, senior consultant in Central New Jersey for Life Alert Emergency, will speak before the Springfield Hadasash at 1 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield. The public is welcome.

Feb. 25
• Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineers, presents a planetarium show, "The wonders of winter," from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. for families and children ages 6 and up. No pre-registration is required. Admission is \$3 per person at the door. For more information call (908) 789-3670.

Feb. 25
• Members of the Mountaineers Senior Citizen Club will meet at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane. A rescheduled program featuring Sue Winans, who will offer up-to-date information on the Recreation Department activities. The meeting will begin at noon with light refreshments.

Feb. 26
• Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineers, presents "Snakes of New Jersey," from noon to 1 p.m. for families and children ages 6 and up. Pre-registration is required. Admission is \$3 per person. For more information call (908) 789-3670.

Feb. 26
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Feb. 26
• The Governor Livingston Band Parents Organization will sponsor a Highlander auction from 7 to 11 p.m. at Governor Livingston High School, 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights. The show date is March 10. For information call (908) 464-3100.

Feb. 27
• The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present Roberta Kallig in Concert, "How Can I Keep From Singing." Kallig will be singing songs accompanied by the piano and a chorus of nine women. Admission for this concert is free by ticket only which may be picked up at the Circulation Desk. For more information call (973) 376-4950.

Feb. 28
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

Feb. 29
• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Luncheon Video series "Hollywood Classics: Old and New" with "A River Runs Through It," a 1992 film, at noon.

Feb. 29
• The Mountaineers Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive.

March 2
• The Football Club of Mountaineers birthday luncheon will be at noon at B.G. Fields. Members will celebrate 37 years of community service and will bring an item for show and tell. Guests are welcome. For reservations call (908) 232-3626.



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Collecting change for a good cause



Students at Deerfield School in Mountainside collect spare change from home, from their family and from friends and relatives during the month of February to donate to the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America.

Council reorganizes Police Department

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The unexpected and sudden retirement of Police Lt. John Olock after 27 years on the force moved the Mountainside Borough Council to reorganize the hierarchy of the Police Department Tuesday night.

Contingent upon Olock's official retirement March 1, Lt. Richard Ossiga will be promoted to captain and Sgt. Todd Turner will fill Ossiga's lieutenant post.

The police chief and police commissioner will then begin the procedure for promotion exams to fill the

sergeant's position and down the line of the organization.

The current chain of command of the Police Department includes one chief, who currently also serves as acting borough administrator, two lieutenants and five sergeants.

The personnel moves fill a captain's position, which has been "on the books," according to Mayor Robert Vigilanti, for some 25 years but never filled and will leave one lieutenant's position open.

As acting administrator, Police Chief James Debbie "devised a very sound position to allow the captain's

position to be more administrative than a lieutenant's used to be," Vigilanti said.

It allows for a more defined line of command, Debbie said.

The promotions are contingent upon the lieutenant's official retirement because in New Jersey, there is a time period when a retiree can change their minds. Vigilanti said the governing body would not want to create a captain's position unnecessarily.

Debbie does not anticipate any change in Olock's position. The lieutenant was on vacation this week.

Council begins planning upgrades

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or at approximately \$16.4 million because the debt would be paid off at a slower rate.

Vigilanti stressed that since the project is still in a very preliminary stage, cost estimates are simply indicators and not concrete. The estimates are based on a 5.2 percent interest rate which could change over the 15 years the bonds are expected to be repaid.

In the first option, which is approximately \$340,000 cheaper overall, the average assessed home in Mountainside at \$150,000 would see its municipal taxes rise \$27.07 in each of the first three years before a \$173.12 hike in 2004. After 2004, and each remaining year, the increase would decline

by \$15.21 until 2012 when the mayor said, "it really drops."

The same concept is in play in the second option, with average municipal taxes rising \$27.07 in each of the first three years but in 2004 the increase would be \$123.75 versus \$173.12. The following years, however, the increases would not decline as rapidly as in the first option.

With modest inflation rates of 2 to 3 percent per year, Borough Attorney John Post said the additional \$340,000 in the second option would effectively be wiped out by the end of the repayment schedule.

Councilman Paul Mirabelli agreed, calling the \$340,000 savings over the 15-year period "not that significant."

Vigilanti described the council's decision as a philosophical one "on how we want to spread our loads."

The borough's current debt of approximately \$4.6 million is a result of the recent renovations. That debt is scheduled to be completely paid off by 2009.

The \$4.6 million represents 0.054 percent of Mountainside's total equalized valuation, according to Chief Financial Officer Michelle Swisher. The state limits a municipality's bond capacity to 3.5 percent of total equalized valuation.

Vigilanti expects to present the plan to the public within two months.

'Astronomy Sunday' awaits at Trailside

An astronomy extravaganza awaits you at Union County's "Astronomy Sunday 2000," at Trailside Nature & Science Center on Feb. 27 from noon until 5 p.m.

"Astronomy Sunday promises a range of presentations and hands-on activities for the whole family," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan. "The theme for the day, Astronomy for the New Millennium, tells a lot about the program. New concepts about the universe will be introduced at age-appropriate lectures and activities. There will be something for everyone."

At 1 p.m., Lonny Buitnis of Raritan Valley Community College will present "Life in Europa," a non-technical look at a fascinating new idea that life can exist inside the moons of giant planets.

At 2:30 p.m., Karl Hricko of Kean University will speak about what some of the new space telescopes will reveal during "Astronomy in the New Millennium." Vince Henderson of Project Astro Nova will offer "Beginner Astronomy" for all budding astronomers at 3 p.m.

The planetarium will show "Calendar" at 1:30 p.m. for star-gazers ages 6 and up; "Sky Stories" will be shown at 2:30 p.m. for children ages 4 to 6 with an adult; and "The History & Future of Astronomy" will be shown at 3:30 p.m. for viewers ages 6 and up.

Planetarium tickets are \$3 for children and adults, and \$2.55 for senior citizens. Tickets will be sold in the Visitor Center.

Astronomy fans will have an opportunity to visit table displays and meet representatives from astronomy clubs, which will include Amateur Astronomers Inc., the New Jersey Astronomical Association, and the Star Trek fan club, USS Avenger. The Director of Project Astro Nova will be available to answer questions about how astronomers are joining forces with classroom teachers to make astronomy accessible and fun for everyone.

Weather permitting, there will be a group walk to "Pace Out the Solar System" and show the scale of our Sun's family. Solar observing also will take place through special filters



Bill Worswick of Mountainside shows off his alien craft that he made out of recycled materials at last year's Astronomy Sunday at Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside.

to check out the peak of the Sun's magnetic storm or sunspot activity.

Children will be encouraged to use their imaginations to create astronomical crafts. These include building an alien, a rocket or a space station out of recycled materials for children in the third grade and up, while those in grades K-2 may create a constellation viewer, a moon phase flipper or a spaceship pop-up card.

Tickets for crafts and children's face-painting are \$1 each. All guests are invited to take part in comet and

crater making and participate in playing the "Stellar Guessing Game."

The suggested admission donation of \$1 for Astronomy Sunday includes a chance to win a door prize. Light refreshments will be on sale.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located in Mountainside at 452 New Providence Road, and is easily accessible from Routes 22 and 78.

For more information and this and other Trailside activities call (908) 789-3670.

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EDITORIALS

Give it a try

It won't be long before the weather gets better and it's summer again. The kids will be out of school and the Jersey Shore comes calling to be visited again. The Springfield Township Committee already is giving the warmer months some thought. The committee last week introduced an ordinance to establish a farmer's market at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Farmer's markets have become increasingly popular in suburban municipalities within the past several years. Farmer's markets can be found in many nearby towns, including Summit, Millburn, Cranford, Madison, Roselle Park, Maplewood, South Orange, West Orange and Rahway, just to name a few.

Millburn has its farmer's market on Fridays, while Summit has its market on Sundays; both are in proximity to the respective downtown areas. That is one reason why many towns have instituted a farmer's market; to bring more residents to the central business district, which means more potential shoppers to local businesses. Hence, many chambers of commerce have been the driving forces behind luring these markets to town.

The committee also should seriously consider the appropriate area for a market. Dayton High School likely would make a good spot for it, however, the school is not in proximity to any of Springfield's business areas.

Many markets were formed to bring potential consumers downtown. While Springfield lacks a true central business district or downtown, the township has several smaller strips of retail and commercial areas. There may be other areas where the market could be held that might benefit local merchants, such as those on Morris Avenue.

But is the farmer's market "market" flooded? That is a question the Township Committee must ask itself. With so many farmer's markets beginning in the area, will there be enough consumers for Springfield to have its own? The township may have to create a different spin or selling point for the market — create its own niche, if you will — to ensure its success. Consumers would need a reason to choose Springfield's market versus others.

We hope Springfield gives this idea a try. Residents would have the opportunity to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables in their hometown rather than traveling to neighboring areas. It may not be a long trip, but there is something to be said about shopping in your hometown.

A celebration of black history

Education and community groups are holding events during February to mark Black History Month. This is a time to observe the significant contributions of African Americans to the development of our culture and society.

The civil-rights struggle is certainly a prominent part of this observance. Activists such as Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King and Thurgood Marshall are recognized for their significant achievements in classrooms and other events.

This month is also a time to recognize those who are less known — teachers, government officials, ministers, scientists and military officers who have made their mark on society. Some were among the first to break the color barrier in their respective fields, while others continue to show that people should be judged by their abilities and not the color of their skin.

A history month means more than simply remembering people and events of the past. We must also learn how these things shape our present and future. While many strides have been made, the black community and American society as a whole still has a long way to go to achieve full equality and harmony. Economic, educational, housing and employment — these are just a few of the areas where progress is needed.

Some may argue that singling out a particular group during Black History Month does more to create divisiveness than generate unity. We disagree. America's history of slavery and discrimination cannot be forgotten, and black people, more than any other minority group in this country, were the main victims of these assaults. The achievements and advancements of African Americans in the face of this cannot be overlooked. Acknowledging our mistakes is the only way we can improve conditions in the present and future.

We encourage all residents to attend the various Black History Month programs being held during February.

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A DAY OF BOWLING — Members of Tiger Cub Scout Pack 177 of Mountaintops, from left, B.J. Giannone, Nicholas Youmans, Joey Hoy, Danny Morgan, Matthew Arrigoni, Patrick Eichner, Jimmy Murdock and Eric Whyte, enjoy a day of bowling at Madison Lanes.

Is using the Internet making us less busy?

As I See It

By Norman E. Rauscher

For some reason, use of the Internet to communicate with others has reached incredible bounds. With anyone, who is anybody, resorting to this type of communication. While I freely admit I do have succumbed to the temptation of sitting at the computer to contact my friends and relatives, I am at a loss to understand why anyone else would do so.

But, as they say, "Each to his own." And, let others do what I have not attempted nor am likely to do. However, I do have some real concerns about this type of communication and most especially the use of the Internet to try to persuade me to buy something or invest in something.

There is barely any ad on television which does not refer to a .com for amplification or for sales purposes. For instance, I often watch the evening news from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Usually, I use one of the "big" stations, such as Channel 4 or 2, for one hour. Then I switch to Channel 13. No matter what channel I watch, at the end of the program, there is a caution that if I want to know more about the subject, then I can turn to that station's Internet site. Why not just report all the news?

In a more commercial way, if I want to trade on line, that is buy stocks via the Internet, I can afford myself access to any number of brokerages without spending the usual brokerage fee, but only less than \$10.

For instance, if I can stand watching a so-called mantra session, I will find out after learning about Debbie and her beautiful garden, that I can

trade online with some firm. Do I know these people? Not at all. But, just like peddling soap, the brokerage house, unknown until recently, assures me wealth.

Then, there are the Internet access which give me the opportunity to learn how to knit. While my wife assures me she learned how to knit at her mother's knee, evidently mother has been replaced by www.sewfastiseasy.com. How this web site, termed "colorful," will help anyone learn how to knit is beyond me.

I can see some advantages to using the Internet. First of all, it eliminates going to the mailbox to mail letters. And, that eliminates the need to go to the Post Office to get stamps. Of course, the Post Office has already found about that potential loss, and you can buy stamps online.

Also, if you receive messages on the Internet, you can read them at your leisure. But then you can do the same with letters, since you can open your mail anytime you want. There is the advantage of being able to send and receive mail on Sundays.

From my point of view, however, I would be easily disturbed if I turned on the computer and found, "You have 25 messages." Whom do I

answer first? Where do I place my priorities? Does my business come ahead of my mother? In the work place, there would appear to be a need to hire someone to read the messages each day, all day, as they come in.

That might be fine with a large corporation, but I seriously doubt if small companies are in a position to hire someone just to sit there and read the e-mail. Then, after it is read, it has to be printed out and given to the appropriate person, who then takes over and reads it, composes an answer, and then gets back to the computer to answer the original mail. I think if it is necessary to communicate and a letter is written, more care is taken and words are not just sent off for the sake of sending off words.

Other factors are also disturbing. We all know about the potential for negatively influencing young people. We also know parents have the obligation to oversee what their children do, whether its the Internet or any other means of communication.

But, what about the desirability of having all your business on the Internet? Order a product, and right away everyone has access to your credit card number. Bank by Internet, and everyone has access to your account and Social Security number.

Then, we get to the reliability of the products being hawked. At Christmas, one big toy firm was forced to give \$100 credits because they literally could not deliver. Never mind the delivery; what about the quality? Suppose you don't like the object or you find it substandard? How does it get

back to the seller? It certainly would mean a trip to the Post Office or the nearest UPS station. This does not look like saving time to me.

Now we can buy groceries on line, using the famous .com. It seems the first time around, you can get the lower price, but not necessarily the next time around. And, where does this save anything, except some money some times? You still have to go to the store to buy and pick up the food.

It has been said we are a busy society, too busy. Yes, many people are very busy. But is using the Internet making us less busy?

Time still has to be spent figuring out the morass of .coms. And, how does one keep track of all these .coms, .orgs, .govs, .edu and .nets? Is there a dot directory? And how is it accessed? I would probably forget what I stored under what.

What is more worrisome than finding the last .com listing is what all this type of communication really means. There is no chance to learn about body English, through voice or actions, when using a computer. Again, we see evidence of the dehumanizing effects of resorting to machinery to communicate with our fellow beings.

A lot can be learned from the printed word in a letter and from seeing a person face to face. There surely must be a better way. Or, at least I hope so.

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

Union County is ready for it, so let it snow

Freeholder Forum

By Daniel Sullivan

One of the most visible and important services Union County offers is snow and ice removal from county roads and highways. County roads are important conduits between transportation hubs like the airport, rail yards and train stations, and state highways. They also are the lifelines that allow emergency vehicles, school buses, trucks and commuters to move freely.

Each time it snows, Union County sends out a fleet of plows, salt spreaders and personnel to clear the streets. This freeholder board believes that ensuring the safety and efficiency of 172 miles of county roadways is one of the key responsibilities of Union County government.

This can be a challenge throughout the winter, as nature throws snow and ice storms, sub-zero temperatures and freezing rain at Union County.

Snow and ice removal is the responsibility of Union County's Division of Public Works, which is part of the Department of Operational Services.

Throughout the year, this department monitors weather conditions with a sophisticated weather station located at its offices in Scotch Plains. Workers there look for incoming snow and ice storms, as well as any other inclement weather that may cause a road response.

This station receives satellite weather data in the same way that television and radio stations do, and costs about \$1,000 a year to operate. It

more than pays for itself by boosting our response time. In fact, in a recent storm, county trucks and personnel were on the road 15 minutes before the first snowflakes fell.

In a snowstorm of more than a few inches, Union County sends out about 50 trucks, including our salt spreader-plows and front-end loaders, and musters about 60 workers. Often, we call out our public works crews in the middle of the night or on weekends — and most recently on Super Bowl Sunday — to work 10- to 12-hour days during the winter, to ensure that roads are safe and passable.

In addition to plowing, Union County uses salt to melt ice and snow. At one time the county had also used grit — like sand or soot — but like most counties in New Jersey, we have found that this can clog storm sewers and end up causing as much harm as it does good. The salt is spread in both solid and liquid form, making it more effective in colder temperatures.

County trucks and personnel usually spread about 800 tons of salt on county roads in a usual snow

response. We keep at least 2,000 tons of salt stockpiled in county and municipal yards at all times to ensure that we have an adequate supply. The county actually purchases salt in cooperation with our 21 municipalities now, which brings tremendous cost savings by buying in bulk.

We also save money by storing county trucks and salt in municipal yards in Linden, Cranford, Berkeley Heights and Union to save on transportation time and fuel.

Luckily Union County saw an average snowfall in the month of January. But we have been hit hard in the past by storms in February and March, and we are prepared to handle snow through the spring.

Ensuring safe and passable roads means that emergency vehicles can operate freely, schools stay open and business and commerce is conducted seamlessly. Ensuring the safety of our roads is one of the ways that Union County government is connected to you.

There are some things residents can

do to help us ensure the safety of our roads during snowfalls. Our Division of Public Works has developed the following tips for residents:

- Do not allow children to build snow tunnels in the drifts near the curbsides where they are not visible to motorists or to our plow operators;

- If possible, do not park cars on the sides of the roadways. If the roadway is cleared, plows can open entire streets, particularly storm sewers and catch basins, which are needed to catch the meltwater;

- When clearing your driveway, pile snow on the right side of the driveway or between the sidewalk and the curbline, so it is not pushed back in by the snowplows; and

- Do not shovel or plow snow into the street. This is dangerous for motorists and it can cause flooding in your neighborhood if it becomes piled onto storm sewers and catch basins.

A resident of Elizabeth, Democrat Daniel Sullivan is chairman of the Board of Freeholders.

Our policy on letters and columns

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

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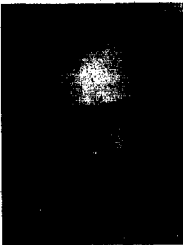
Joan DiLeo

"No, I used to work nights. I'd rather get up at 4 a.m. to work days."



Alice Bryan Hondru

"No, I can't work nights. I won't drive at night."



Bill Ruby

"I already work nights, and I don't get paid more."



Alex Mezzo

"I'd consider it."

Trailside events during school's break

During the mid-winter school break, Monday to Feb. 25, the Union County Board of Freeholders invites all children to Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside for "February Festivities," a week full of special programs for children and families.

Magician Joe Fisher will present "Fantasy, Illusion and Magic" on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. for children ages 4 and up. This fast-paced show has the perfect blend of magic, audience participation, comedy and excitement. Fischer has taken children's entertainment to a new level of professionalism with more than 300 shows performed each year.

This program will astound, baffle, delight, thrill and entertain your family. Admission is \$4 per person and tickets will be sold at the door.

Another highlight of the week will be a visit to Trailside from Nancy Schenck of the "Wild Birds Unlimited" store in Scotch Plains. She will present "Winter's Feathered Friends" on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. for families ages 6 and up.

Learn how to identify your backyard visitors and observe Trailside's bird feeding station. Special tips on how to attract birds to your backyard, types of feeders and squirrel deterrents will be discussed. Admission to this program is \$5 per person.

To add to the festivities, Trailside will offer a variety of nature and planetarium programs:

- "The Journey from Sap to Syrup," for families of all ages, will be presented Monday at 1 p.m. and again on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. after the magic show. This

program presents a historical view of 100-percent pure maple syrup production. Families will view a slide-illustrated talk which follows the step-by-step process of maple sugaring. Find out what equipment is needed to do the job, walk to a sugar maple tree to see a tap in action and take part in a taste test.

- Participants in the "Wildlife Watch" offered on Monday and Feb. 25 at 3:30 p.m. for families ages 6 and up, will observe animals who are visiting the bird-feeding station and then search the forest for winter wildlife. The winter walk will end with stories by a campfire, hot chocolate and marshmallows. The fee is \$3 per person and pre-registration is required.

- A planetarium show titled "The Sky Inside" is offered for children ages 4 to 6 with an adult on Tuesday at 11 a.m. This is a great opportunity to explore the day and nighttime sky with preschoolers.

Participants will learn about the transition of daytime into nighttime and witness the movement of the sun and moon. Another offering, "The Wonders of Winter," is a planetarium show for families ages 6 and up which explores the winter sky as stories of Orion the hunter, Sirius the dog, and Taurus the bull are told.

Find out which planets are visible at this time of year and where to look for them. Each family will take home a star chart. Admission for planetarium shows is \$3 per person, payable at the door.

For a complete course listing and a "February Festivities" brochure call Trailside Nature & Science Center at (908) 789-3670.

Life Alert topic at hadassah

Howard Stark, senior consultant in central New Jersey for Life Alert Emergency Response, will speak before the Springfield Hadassah on Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

The talk by Stark, a Springfield resident, will focus on the importance of having an electronic response system which allows people living by themselves, lonely children and even couples to seek immediately help in emergencies. Eleanor D. Kuperstein, program vice president said.

The Life Alert Emergency Response consists of a pendant with a small alarm button, plus a separate Life Alert transmitter in the home, Kuperstein said. The pendant is worn

around a person's neck.

The transmitter is powerful enough to send a signal to the area Life Alert Response Center from where 9-1-1, police, fire and/or ambulance units are alerted. Each emergency response center is equipped with the particular individual's health screen listing the person's ailments and allergies.

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

Giving backpacks



Florence M. Gaudineer eighth-grade student Erica Rosenbaum of Springfield sits among some of the many backpacks collected as part of the Springfield PTA Community Conference Group's service project. The backpacks, along with toiletries, were collected for foster children.

Psychologist will work with Princeton teams

David Pilchman, who maintains a private practice in clinical psychology in Springfield, will serve as sports psychologist for the Princeton University women's lacrosse and softball teams, as well as the men's baseball team this upcoming spring.

Pilchman will consult on issues of performance enhancement.

EDUCATION

District seeks volunteers

The Mountainside School District is in need of community members who would like to be active participants on the Citizens' Advisory Committee to review district facilities, projected enrollment data and educational initiatives.

The advisory committee would be charged with studying the current enrollment data, the facility analysis and would meet with administrators and staff in order to be updated on the district's long range plan, the strategic plan, and curriculum programs and initiatives.

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, contact the Board of Education at 1497 Woodcreek Drive, by Feb. 25.

For more information, call Gerard Schaller, chief school administrator, at (908) 232-3232.

Candidate filing deadline

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the Mountainside and Springfield boards of education is 4 p.m. Feb. 28. The election is scheduled for April 18.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" from the respective board secretaries Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. There are three, three-year terms up for election in Springfield and two, three-year terms in Mountainside.

Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes information about legal qualifications

for school board candidacy, campaign procedures, and the role of the school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.

"I urge citizens who believe they can make a contribution to their communities' schools to consider board of education membership," said Charles Ralby, NJSBA president.

"You don't have to be an education expert to serve on your local school board. What counts most is a sincere interest in children and their education."

Deerfield registration scheduled next month

Mountainside's Deerfield School announced its registration for 2000-01 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be by appointment March 21, March 23 and March 24. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 9:45 a.m.

Parents are requested to call Susan Nugent to make an appointment for the screening that will be conducted by kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist. Barbara Komoroski, Deerfield School's guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

Parents should call Deerfield School at (908) 232-8828, ext. 213 to receive forms. Eligible students should be 5 years of age by Oct. 1. A birth certificate and proof of residency need to be presented to Nugent at the time of the appointment.

Art exhibit touring township's schools

So, you're wondering where your children's artwork is? The Springfield School District is hosting a touring art show of student work. The compiled work is a sample of the best painting, printing, drawing, computer graphics, and multimedia within a variety of classes per each grade level.

The show includes work from pre-K to high school and will be touring all of the schools and the board office.

The schedule is as follows:

- Walton Elementary School through Feb. 28.
- Springfield Public Library from March 1 to 31.
- F.M. Gaudineer Middle School from April 3 to 20.
- Jonathan Dayton High School from May 1 to 19.
- Springfield Board of Education offices from May 22 to June 2.

Participating teachers are Holly Callahan-Coodinator, Marylin Schneider, Barbara Delikaris and Suzanne Dobrowolski.

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Doll in diapers



Eight-month-old Lucy Clark sits among the more than 3,500 diapers collected by the Junior League of Summit to help establish a supply of diapers for the new Area Baby Center at St. Theresa's Church in Summit. The ABC Center provides needy families, with children ages newborn to 2 1/2 in New Providence, Berkeley Heights and Summit, with basic baby supplies to help ease the burden of parenting. For more information on the league call 273-7349.

Arts center hosts international show

The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit, is host its 14th annual International Juried Show exhibition which is on view in the Palmer Gallery until March 22.

This annual event has been an important part of NJCVA's history since 1972. It has grown in scope, at first accommodating local artists who would physically bring their work into the center for jurying. In 1986 the center went to the slide method of entry which opened the competition to international artists, as well as artists in every part of the United States.

This year's juror is Dan Cameron, senior curator at the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York City. He has selected artists from around the country and the world. The artists on view use an extensive panoply of materials and methods and their works reflect a very contemporary overview of the artwork being created in the world today.

Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local artists, New Jersey Center for Visual Arts has evolved into a major regional art center with a full scale art school taught by award-winning faculty members.

Recently cited by *The New York Times* as having "one of the best" exhibits of the 1999 season, there are two interior galleries and an outdoor exhibition space/sculpture garden. NJCVA is the largest in the state art centers specifically devoted to contemporary art. Programs include Artists with Disabilities, docent tours, lectures, demonstrations, art trips, workshops and other activities.

The center is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m.

STUDENT UPDATE

Kellogg awarded Drazen Petrovic scholarship

The New Jersey Nets presented the sixth annual Drazen Petrovic Memorial Scholarship to Marissa Kellogg of Summit.

Kellogg graduated from Summit High School in June and currently attends Yale University. In high school, Kellogg played varsity softball and basketball and participated in various cross-curricular activities, all while maintaining exemplary grades. She also was the recipient of several awards including the National Merit Scholar and the Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished New Jersey Scholar awards.

"Drazen was an important Croatian figure in my youth," said Kellogg. "His performance in the 1992 Olympics made me so proud. I am honored to represent him through this scholarship."

The presentation was made at halftime of the Nets/Ancover Grizzlies game Jan. 7. In addition, the presentation to the 1995 winner of the Drazen Petrovic Memorial Scholarship, Andrea Bertoline of Ridgefield, also was made during the half-time ceremonies.

In his two full seasons with the Nets, Petrovic proved to the NBA and the basketball world that he was one

of the premier players at his shooting guard position. In recognition of his play during the 1992-93 season, Petrovic was selected to the all-NBA Third Team. In addition, Petrovic earned three Olympic medals playing for his national team, highlighted by winning the silver medal for Croatia in Barcelona, Spain, in 1992.

The Drazen Petrovic Memorial Scholarship has been established by the New Jersey Nets as a lasting tribute to Petrovic. The purpose of this \$5,000 scholarship is to offer financial assistance to Croatian-American students graduating from a New Jersey High School who will go on to study in the United States at a four-year accredited college.

The scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving Croatian-American student who has exhibited the same work ethic and will to succeed that made Drazen such an immense competitor and special symbol of Croatian spirit and pride.

For more information on the Drazen Petrovic Scholarship call the Nets public relations department at (201) 635-2187.

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HEALTH

Blood drives scheduled

A spokesperson from New Jersey Blood Services, a New Brunswick-based blood center that works together with the Summit Area Red Cross, has indicated that a blood emergency has been declared in the area.

The blood supply, which is normally low during the holiday and post-holiday period, has been further reduced by the flu epidemic which has hit the New York Metropolitan region. Marie Babcock, blood program director for the Summit Red Cross, asked that all eligible donors make every effort to give blood.

The following blood drives which are open to the public are being held in the area:

- Feb. 25, Fountain Baptist Church, Glenside Avenue, Summit, 2 to 7:30 p.m.

- March 15, Calvary Episcopal, Woodland Avenue, Summit, 2:30 to 8 p.m.

All drives are conducted by New Jersey Blood Services.

Donors will need to present identification with a signature or picture and know their Social Security number.

For more information call the Summit Area Red Cross at 273-2076.

'Asthma & Your Child'

Are you the parent of a child with asthma? Do you feel powerless during an asthma episode?

If so, you are invited to attend "Asthma & Your Child," on March 11 at Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir

Ave., Summit, from 7 to 9 p.m. The program is co-sponsored by the American Lung Association of New Jersey, the Children's Medical Center Atlantic Health Systems and The Respiratory Center for Children.

This educational program is designed for caregivers of children and adolescents who have asthma. Participants will hear from an interdisciplinary team and learn basic concepts of asthma and asthma care.

Topics of discussion include causes of asthma, medication, triggers and environmental controls, peak flows and spacers. Time will be allotted for questions and answers. Guest speakers will include the faculty of Atlantic Health System's Respiratory Center for Children: Dr. Arthur Atlas, Dr. David Cooper and Joy Sawicki, R.N.

To register call (609) 247-9580 by Feb. 25.

Training courses offered American Red Cross

Dates for instructor training courses have been announced by the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross:

- Water Safety Instructor, March 21 to April 16, on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and on weekends during the daytime.

- Lifeguarding Instructor, May 16 to June 4, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and on weekends during the daytime.

Both courses will be at the Berkeley Swim School in Berkeley Heights for all pool work, with lecture and other practice sessions at the Red Cross chapter house.



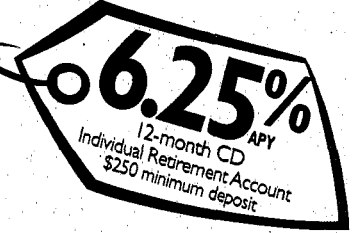
Amy Berkley of Summit, with her work "Rachael," a chromogenic print, is on exhibit at the New Jersey for Visual Arts International Juried Show 2000, a highly competitive international exhibition. The exhibition is juried by Dan Cameron, senior curator at the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York City and runs through March 22 in the center's Palmer Gallery, 68 Elm St.

Junior Fortnightly Club plans fund-raiser

The Summit Junior Fortnightly Club will sponsor an art auction to benefit New Jersey Child Assault Prevention on March 11 at 7 p.m. at Brooklake Country Club, 139 Brooklake Road, Florham Park.

Admission is \$40 per person, including hors d'oeuvres, desserts and cash bar. For tickets or information call (908) 598-1377.

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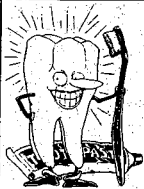
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OBITUARIES

Fannie Klugman

Fannie Klugman of Springfield died Feb. 6 at home.
Born in Germany, Mrs. Klugman lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1955. She was an executive secretary for 10 years with Fuel Merchants Association, Springfield, and retired in the mid 1970s.
Mrs. Klugman was a charter member of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, a past president of the YM-YWHA in Newark and a member of the Ruth Paper Chapter of the Kidney Foundation and the Parkinsons Foundation, both in Springfield.
In 1939, she was known as an outstanding athlete of the YM-YWHA. Surviving are a sister, Bessie Perreta, and two grandchildren.

Joseph D'Angelo

Joseph D'Angelo, 85, of Springfield, a former trucking company owner, died Feb. 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Newark, Mr. D'Angelo moved to Springfield 46 years ago. He was a self-employed truck driver and the owner of JDA Trucking Co., Springfield, for 30 years and retired 21 years ago.
Surviving are his wife, Eva; a son, Ronald; a daughter, Colleen McDonald; a brother, Charles; a sister, Fannie Rossi; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mary Nemiroff

Mary Nemiroff, 72, of Mountaintide died Feb. 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in New York City, Mrs. Nemiroff lived in Hillside before moving to Mountaintide in 1978. She was an executive secretary with Midlantic National Bank, Newark, for 23 years and retired in 1992. Mrs. Nemiroff was a life member of the Union County chapter of B'nai B'rith Women.
Surviving are her husband, Joseph; two sons, Howard and Kenneth; two sisters, Beatrice Katz and Sondra Schuman, and four grandchildren.

Rose Mark

Rose Mark, 87, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Hillside and Mountaintide, died Feb. 10 in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.
Born in Newark, Mrs. Mark lived in Hillside, Irvington and Mountaintide before moving to Scotch Plains five years ago. She retired from The Star-Ledger in Newark in 1970.
Surviving are two sons, Joseph and Dennis, and a sister, Gussie Annun.

Constance Parness

Constance Parness of Springfield died Feb. 7 at home.
Born in Newark, Mrs. Parness lived in Millburn for 35 years before moving to Springfield last year. She worked in the business office of St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, for 14 years and retired 10 years ago. Prior to that, Mrs. Parness worked as a bank teller for many years in Howard Savings Bank, Short Hills, and in Orange Savings and Loan, Orange.
Surviving are her husband, Herman B.; two daughters, Joyce P. Manfra and Candy P. Moore; a brother, Edward Buechler, and four grandchildren.

Mr. von der Linden

Arthur F. von der Linden Sr., 89, of Springfield died Feb. 6 at home.
Born in Hoboken, Mr. von der Linden lived in East Orange before moving to Springfield 50 years ago. He also maintained a residence in the Curtis Point section of Mantoloking.
Mr. von der Linden owned Metal Parts Processing Co. Inc., Newark, a company he founded in 1948. He retired from the family-operated business in 1993.
In 1931, Mr. von der Linden received a bachelor of arts degree in education from the Newark Normal School. He received a degree in mechanical engineering from Newark College of Engineering in 1938.
Surviving are two sons, Arthur F. Jr. and Henry W.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mary C. Clark

Mary C. Clark, 92, of Vernon Hills, Ill., formerly of Springfield, died Feb. 8 in Cornell Medical Center, Libertyville, Ill.
Born in Newark, Miss Clark lived in Springfield for many years before moving to Vernon Hills eight years ago. She was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. James Church and the Senior Citizens Group 4, both in Springfield.
Surviving is a sister, Vera Roden.

Valda Wygledowski

Valda A. Wygledowski, 71, of Mountaintide died Feb. 9 at home.

Born in Latvia, Mrs. Wygledowski came to the United States after World War II and lived in South Orange and Irvington before moving to Mountaintide several years ago.
Surviving are her husband, Stefan; two daughters, Beatrice Quinn and Sondra, and two grandchildren.

Vera C. Herrick

Vera C. Herrick, 75, of Mountaintide died Feb. 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Mountaintide, Mrs. Herrick lived in Scotch Plains before moving back to Mountaintide in 1945. She was a secretary in the district office of J.C. Peuny, Wayne, for 12 years and retired last month.
Surviving are a son, James E. Jr.; a daughter, Marianne Bergeski; a brother, Eugene Clark, and six grandchildren.

Theresa A. Caprara

Theresa A. Caprara, 83, of Mountaintide died Feb. 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Newark, Mrs. Caprara moved to Mountaintide five years ago. She was a supervisor with Chase Chemical Co., Newark, where she worked for 15 years and retired in 1978.
Surviving are her husband, Peter F.; a daughter, Mary Ann Capriglione; a son, Philip; three brothers, Jerry, Basil and Biace Pagano; two sisters, Ann and Sister Nicolina Pagano, and two grandchildren.

Rev. Brueschwylor

The Rev. Donald Lee Brueschwylor, 61, of Andover Township, a former pastor in Springfield, died Feb. 11 at home.

Born in East Orange, Mr. Brueschwylor lived in Irvington and New York City before moving to Andover Township seven years ago. He had served as interim pastor for several churches including the Evangel Baptist Church in Springfield.
Surviving are a brother, John T. Jr., and two sisters, Alice Mich and Dorothea.

James F. Murphy

James F. Murphy, 52, of Martinsville, formerly of Springfield and Mountaintide, died Feb. 11 in Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, the Bronx.
Born in Queens, Mr. Murphy grew up in Springfield and lived in Mountaintide before moving to Martinsville 13 years ago. For the past 23 years, he was president of J. Murphy Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. of Middletown.
Mr. Murphy graduated in 1969 from Pershing College in Nebraska, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in economics.
Surviving are his wife of 29 years, Susan; a son, Patrick; a daughter, Ellen, and a brother, Thomas J.

Thelma K. Passero

Thelma K. Passero, 81, of Springfield died Feb. 12 in the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, Edison.
Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Passero lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield 45 years ago. She was a past president and longtime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of UNICO, Springfield chapter.
Surviving are two daughters, Carol Hutchinson and Marilyn Vautier; three brothers, Frank Paden and Martin and Robert Padalino; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



Anthony Wachter, left, a student at the Developmental Learning Center in Union, practices turn-taking with his teacher, Barbara Tredo.

Jointure commission opens learning center

On Sept. 7, the Morris-Union Jointure Commission opened its fifth Developmental Learning Center since September 1990. The newest facility is in Hamilton School, 1231 Burnet Ave., Union. Other DLC facilities are located in New Providence, Springfield, Mountaintide and Kenilworth.
The Morris-Union Jointure Commission, which administers the Developmental Learning Centers, is a cooperative public school educational agency providing services and programs to meet the needs of its 22 constituent school districts from Morris, Union, Essex and Somerset counties, including Mountaintide and Springfield.
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<p>Plainfield Genesis Elder Care Network 1400 Woodland Avenue Thurs: Feb. 17 2:00pm</p>	<p>Rahway Firehouse Eatery & Pub 455 St. Georges Avenue Wed: Feb. 16 9:30am</p>	<p>Scotch Plains McDonald's 1947 Route 22 West Fri: Feb. 11 10:00am</p>	<p>Union Excel Eyecare 2401 Morris Avenue Suite 3 West Tues: Feb. 15 10:00am</p>
<p>Union Union Hospital Community Resource Center 973 A Stuyvesant Avenue Mon: Feb. 21 1:00pm</p>		<p>Westfield Genesis Elder Care Network 1515 Lambert Hill Road Thurs: Feb. 10 2:00pm Thurs: Feb. 24 2:00pm</p>	

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STUDENT UPDATE

Kupisk takes first place

Michael Kupisk of Springfield, a student at New York Military Academy, was awarded first place in the annual Veterans of Foreign Wars Audio Essay Competition.

This fall, students in grades 10-12 at New York Military Academy again participated in the annual competition, whose theme this year was "America's Role for the Next Century." Recently the three academy winners were honored at a special ceremony and received certificates and medals from Jeremiah Dunleavy, the representative from Washingtonville VFW Post 8691, and the local sponsor of the contest.

Kupisk, along with second-place finisher Imad Saissi of Casablanca, Morocco and third-place finalist Robert Milmore of Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y., also received monetary awards at the assembly which was attended by Major General James Lyle, superintendent, and Dennis Costello, headmaster.

New York Military Academy, founded in 1889 by Civil War veteran Col. Charles Livingston Wright, is a co-educational preparatory boarding school for grades six through 12.

Mentlik earns honors

Jacob A. Mentlik, son of William Mentlik of Mountside and Judy Mentlik of Westfield, has been named to the dean's list at Colby College for outstanding academic achievement during the fall 1999 semester.

A major in English and environmental policy, Mentlik is a member of the Class of 2002.

Naggar on dean's list

Sara Ann Naggar of Springfield has been named to the dean's list at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University for the fall 1999 semester.

A 1998 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, Naggar was inducted into the National Residence Hall Honorary Society in December. She currently serves as president of the upper class/graduate student residence hall system.

Oak Knoll honors four

Four Mountside residents earned honors at Oak Knoll School of Holy Child in Summit for the first trimester. They were:



Sara Ann Naggar

First honors
Domenica Paparatto, seventh grade.

Honor roll
Stephanie DeVos, ninth grade;
Cynthia Fisher, 12th grade;
and Nicole Kress, 12th grade.

Students achieving first honors receive no grade lower than an A. Students on the honor roll receive no grade lower than B.

Eisen and Tachuk cited

Springfield residents Ben Eisen, an 11th-grader, and Mark Tachuk, a 10th-grader, have been named to the Upper School Honor Roll for the second marking period at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School.

To be named to the honor roll, students must have a B+ plus average and no grade lower than a B in their academic subjects.

Fenton named to dean's list at Plymouth State

Stephen John Fenton of Springfield was among 194 students at Plymouth State College in New-Hampshire to be named to the dean's list for the fall 1999 semester.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have attempted at least 12 credit hours and achieved a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69.

Netschert earns degree

Debra L. Netschert of Springfield was among 1,284 students at Boston University to be awarded an academic degree.

She received a master's degree in physical therapy, a two-year program.

Michael Kupisk of Springfield is awarded first place from Jeremiah Dunleavy of VFW Post 8691 of Washingtonville N.Y., in the annual Veterans of Foreign Wars Audio Essay Competition. Kupisk is attending New York Military Academy.

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Keller in concert at Springfield library

The Donald S. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present Roberta Keller in Concert: "How Can I Keep From Singing," on Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. Keller will be singing songs accompanied by the piano and a chorus of nine women.

A resident of Basking Ridge, Keller is minister of music, organist and choir director at Somerset Hills Lutheran Church, Basking Ridge. She works with the adult choir, two bell choirs, teen quartet and children's groups: L'il Lambs and God's Troubadours. She also provides a musical education for eight classes at Gentle Shepherd Preschool.

Keller is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music in New York City, and has pursued private studies with several people, including Basking Ridge resident Charlotte Garden and renowned Russian pianist Ania Dorfman.

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Police stops reveal suspended motorists

Mountainside

- Helen Mulageta, 25, of Orange was charged by Mountainside Police on Feb. 10 with driving with a suspended driver's license and registration.
- On Friday, Edwin Torres, 37, of Elizabeth, was stopped by members of the Mountainside Police on Route 22 East for speeding. Later, according to police reports, the driver was revealed to be driving with a suspended license and registration. Torres was charged and bail was set at \$350.
- Also on Friday, Adam Aronow, 26, of Menasha, was charged with two counts of harassment for reportedly making sexually explicit phone calls to 13-year-old females at early morning hours. A court date was set for Feb. 23.
- On Saturday, Johnny Enemu, 43, of East Orange, was stopped for speeding and an unsecured rear license plate on the Mountainside/Springfield border by members of the Mountainside Police. Enemu was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license and registration.
- On Sunday, Katherin Freeman, 50, of Plainfield, was stopped on Route 22 West after a member of the Mountainside Police performed a computer check and the vehicle's license plate revealed an expiration of 1995.

The officer said he performed the check because the vehicle was travel-

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ing for approximately one mile with its left blinker on. Upon stopping the vehicle, the driver also was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license and registration.

- On Sunday, Ramon Marcano, 29, of Newark, was stopped on Route 22 West by members of the Mountainside Police for tinted windows. A check of his license revealed he was driving with a suspended license and registration.
- Also on Sunday, Lawrence Johnson, 41, of Plainfield, was stopped on Route 22 West for improper brake equipment. Further investigation revealed Johnson was a suspended driver and the vehicle was uninsured and unregistered with fictitious plates, according to authorities.
- On Monday, Patricia Paltin, 28, of Elizabeth, was stopped on Route 22 West by members of the Mountainside Police for driving with a suspended license.
- According to the Mountainside Police Department, charges against Jeffrey Walsh of Berkeley Heights have been withdrawn.
- Walsh, 22, had been charged last month with making harassing phone calls to his ex-girlfriend, a Mountainside resident.

A complaint was signed and a court date was set for Feb. 3. The complainant withdrew her complaint and she was fined \$50.

Springfield

- On Feb. 9, Enterprise-Rent-A-Car on Route 22 East reported a large plate glass window broken by an unknown source.
- A Tooker Avenue resident reported the passenger-side window of his 1999 Dodge pickup was smashed during the overnight hours on Feb. 8.
- A Barnegat resident reported all four tires stolen from her 1995 Acura Integra while her vehicle was parked at the Springfield Acura lot overnight from Feb. 7 to Feb. 8. The tires and rims were estimated to be worth \$2,000.
- An employee of Springfield Acura reported all tires and rims stolen from four new Acura Integras which were parked in Springfield Acura's lot overnight from Feb. 7 to Feb. 8. The tires and rims had an estimated value of \$500 each.
- On Feb. 7, according to Springfield Police reports, Vicent Cussada, 26, of Dunellen, was charged with shoplifting from Bob's Stores on Route 22 West.
- On Jan. 30, Nelson Colcho, 26, of Plainfield, was reportedly charged with shoplifting from Bob's Stores on Route 22 West. Police said.



Mia Fishkin takes advantage of the services at the Children's Department as she clicks away on a computer.

World of opportunities at the library

(Continued from Page 1)

the kids used to listening to a book. The department offers many other programs for older children including: a puppetry workshop, a book discussion group, morning storytime and a favorite tales group where children are read stories from the department's folklore collection.

Books are placed in age order and begin with babies. The library has a selection of toys and stuffed animals to keep the babies occupied during their visit. Next, there are picture books for ages 2 and up. "These are really the types of books an adult would read to their child," said Perocco.

The third level contains easy readers which are designed for them to read to themselves. Lastly, there are chapter books which would be read in more than one sitting.

The department has a non-fiction section which contains mixed reading levels and is especially useful when children have reports for school or want to learn about a specific topic.

Megan Weber, a local elementary school student said, "I come when I'm getting books ready for a report and to do homework. I come almost every day and take out lots of books."

"We have a working relationship

with the schools so when kids come in we have something for them ahead of time," said Perocco. "The school libraries and the public library try to get together to touch base and then we can prepare for reports or projects the kids have."

One of Perocco's favorite collections in the department is the folklore collection which contains folklores and fairy tales from around the world. There is a large collection of books on tape which Perocco said are great for kids with learning disabilities and children who are just learning English. She also recommends them for car trips and to listen to before bed.

Firefighters extinguish burning Volkswagen

A burning Volkswagen Cabriolet sent the Springfield Fire Department to Route 22 East on Feb. 10.

Parked on the right shoulder of the local lane, the vehicle was reportedly "fully involved" with fire. Firefighters used a trash line charged with foam to extinguish the blaze.

Springfield's Auxiliary Police, along with the State Police, provided traffic control, with an engine com-

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pany from Union standing by during the operations to supply additional water.

- One medical service call and one activated fire alarm were handled Feb. 11.
- The department responded to the intersection of Morris and Short Hills

Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill Feb. 10. Calls for one activated fire alarm and one medical service call were also answered.

- Two medical service calls were placed Feb. 8.
- One motor vehicle accident, a report of an odor at the Police Department and three medical service calls were answered Feb. 7.
- The department responded to a Caldwell Place residence Feb. 6 on a report of a water condition resulting from a boiler problem. One call for an activated alarm also was handled.

Foothill Club has birthday luncheon

The Foothill Club birthday luncheon will be March 2 at noon at B.G. Fields. Members will celebrate 37 years of community service and will bring an item for show and tell. Guests are welcome. Call (908) 252-3626 for a reservation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETINGS
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February 21, 2000
March 20, 2000
April 17, 2000
May 16, 2000
June 15, 2000
July 17, 2000
August 21, 2000
September 16, 2000
October 16, 2000
November 20, 2000
December 19, 2000
and
January 15, 2001

Meetings will be held at the Annex at 20 N. Trivet Avenue at 8:00 p.m.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountain Planning Board on January 13, 2000 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1288 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

Genius Produce, 1180 Route 22, Block 6, T. Lot 52 - Site Plan and Development of an addition.

APPROVED
Stephen O'Keefe, 281 First Lane, Block 3, A, Lot 127 - Construction of an addition that will exceed the lot coverage.

APPROVED
Ruth A. Pines
U7544 ECL Feb. 17, 2000. (\$7.25)

PULASKI SAVINGS BANK PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Pulaski Bancorp, N.J.C. shall be held on Friday, February 25, 2000, at 2:00 P.M. Eastern Time, at 120 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, for the purpose of electing two (2) Directors for a three (3) year term, and transacting any and all other business that may come before the meeting of any adjournments thereof.

The polls for election of Directors will be open 0:01 P.M. and remain open to 3:00 P.M.

Valerie Kaminski
Secretary
Pulaski Bancorp, N.J.C.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Creditors
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Joanne Dale Slodar
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the organization and the regular meeting of the RBWT LEVELING BOARD will be held in the Municipal Building on Thursday, February 24, 2000 at 7:00 P.M.

Murray Pomeroy, Secretary
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Dayton teams are performing well

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Dayton High School sports teams have done extremely well this season. • The boys' basketball team began the week with a 15-2 record and six-game winning streak. The Bulldogs earned the second seed for the upcoming North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs and will host a quarterfinal-round game on Thursday night, March 2. It was Dayton's highest state seeding in the past 25 years.

The Bulldogs will face either New Providence or Roselle Park. Dayton swept both in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play. Ironically, Roselle Park lost to Dayton last year in the quarterfinals at home by a 41-36 score. The Panthers were the top seed and had played in the sectional final the previous two seasons. New Providence defeated Dayton in last year's sectional final after sweeping the Bulldogs in conference play.

Dayton will either get a chance to beat New Providence three times this year as the Pioneers beat the Bulldogs three times last year or try to beat a lower-seeded Roselle Park team at home after beating a higher-seeded Roselle Park team on the road last year.

Dayton bested Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division rival North Plainfield 48-43 in North Plainfield Friday. Standout senior center Ryan Freudenrich scored 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while stellar junior point guard Carmine Santarella scored 14 points. Jeff Stapher and Matt Paz had four points each.

Dayton lost for the first time after starting 8-0 when it fell to North Plainfield 64-54 in Springfield on Jan. 14.

It looks like the Bulldogs will finish second in the Valley Division behind St. Mary's of Elizabeth, winners for the second consecutive season after Dayton won the division in 1998.

The Bulldogs were 15-2 overall and 13-2 in the Valley Division as of Tuesday. St. Mary's was 18-1 overall and 15-0 in the Valley. North Plainfield slipped to 15-4 with last Friday's loss to the Bulldogs, its third consecutive defeat. The Canucks also lost in conference play to St. Mary's twice and to the New Providence the second time the teams played.

Dayton was scheduled to host St. Mary's of Elizabeth Tuesday and conclude its regular season tomorrow night at Johnson at 7.

The Bulldogs, seeded sixth, were scheduled to face Roselle last night in a first-round Union County Tournament contest at Rahway.

• The girls' basketball team began the week with an 11-9 record and four-game winning streak. Although the Bulldogs fell just one game shy of qualifying for the state playoffs, Dayton won six of seven to improve to 11-9 heading into Monday's quarterfinal-round Union County Tournament contest.

• The Brearley-Dayton wrestling team did extremely well to finish as high as third in this year's Union County Tournament. Brearley began the week with a 13-7 record after winning two of three matches last week.

The Bears, 16-8 last year, were scheduled to wrestle at Caldwell Tuesday in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 quarterfinals.

Brearley's top grappler, senior Attila Vigilante, became the first Dayton High School student to win consecutive UCT championships since Jimmy Yee accomplished the feat in 1981-82 and 1982-83. Vigilante won at 145 this year and last year and began the week with only three losses, only one of them coming at 145.

Vigilante joined Yee, Pat Paschulo, Dan Calareso and Ed France as two-time UCT champions from Dayton High School.

• The end swimming team pushed its record above the .500 mark at 6-5 by splashing Sayreville 94-74 last week.

• Winter track and field standout Olga Oskov placed in the NJISAA Group 1 girls' competition held last Sunday at Jadwin Gym in Princeton. Oskov officially finished fifth with a jump of 5-0, one of five girls with final jumps of 5-0. Patty DeBord of Bordentown won at 5-4 and Holly Martin of Caldwell was second at 5-2.

The All Groups is this weekend at Princeton.

Bulldogs seek to end with a winning mark

By John Zucal
Staff Writer

Although the hopes for a state-tournament berth were dashed a night before the cutoff date, the girls' basketball squad at Dayton High School is on its way toward meeting another goal: a winning record.

Dayton, with a record of 11-10, was scheduled to play at St. Mary's of Elizabeth Tuesday to finish the season.

The Bulldogs also had a dream many teams in their position would have — getting as deep into the Union County Tournament as they could. But those plans were removed Monday night when junior guard Najwa Glover made two free throws with 20 seconds remaining to give Scotch Plains a 44-43 first-round victory in Rahway.

High School Girls' Basketball

Linda Agostinelli and Esther Aizenberg scored 12 points each for 11th-seeded Dayton, which had a four-game winning streak snapped. Dayton had won four straight and six of seven before the UCT defeat.

Eric Gillooly, Scotch Plains' sophomore center, led the sixth-seeded Raiders with 18 points and nine rebounds. She gave the Raiders a chance to win when she converted two free throws with 50 seconds remaining to close the margin to 43-42.

Dayton advanced to the first round after it knocked out St. Patrick's of Elizabeth 51-48 Saturday at Edison House in Elizabeth. Aizenberg, with 18 points, led four players in double figures. Agostinelli had 12 points, while Dana Rutkowski and Christina Tomasino added 10 apiece.

Moving into a position to achieve a winning record has offset the disappointment of not qualifying for the state playoffs in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1, which happened Feb. 3 when the Bulldogs fell to Manville in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play. They recovered the next evening to post a 49-42 victory over rival Brearley in Kentilworth. Earlier in the season Brearley defeated Dayton in Springfield.

Agostinelli scored 17 points and grabbed five rebounds for the Bulldogs. Her 11 third-quarter points, six in the final 90 seconds, helped Dayton take a nine-point lead it would not relinquish.

Aizenberg aided the Bulldogs with 13 points, six rebounds and five steals. The sophomore guard's six points in the final quarter allowed Dayton to maintain its lead.

Brearley's leading scorer, Magda Silivowski, kept Dayton from running away with a win early. The senior guard had 15 points during the first half, but strong outside defense limited Silivowski to four free throws in the second 16 minutes. Karen Sues added 17 points and grabbed 22 rebounds, 10 offensive, for Brearley.

A seven-point run midway through the third quarter enabled Dayton to grab a 30-22 lead with 3:59 remaining. The Bulldogs employed a tight full-court defense which produced five steals.

The win was satisfying for one Bulldog player in particular. Rachel Ties may have had the strongest reason to beat Brearley. The senior co-captain is the last Springfield resident to have played at Brearley before the Union County Regional High School District dissolved in 1997.

The victory was Dayton's first over Brearley in five meetings since deregionalization.

"It's my final year and I wanted to beat them bad," the senior co-captain said. "I played with them my freshman year."

The Bulldogs defeated North Plainfield 46-31 in conference play at home last Friday. Aizenberg scored 18 points, Ties 11, Agostinelli eight and Tomasino six. Dayton had previously lost at North Plainfield 40-31 Jan. 14.



Dayton High School standout senior forward Jared Cohen scored three goals and assisted on another in the Bulldogs' 9-6 loss to Governor Livingston Sunday in Bridgewater. Cohen was among the state's leading scorers through games played Sunday. He had 28 goals and 23 assists for 51 points.

GL wins 2 straight for the first time

The Governor Livingston High School ice hockey team, in its first year of existence, won two consecutive games for the first time as it defeated Ridge 8-1 Saturday and Dayton 9-6 Sunday, the latter contest taking place in Bridgewater.

High School Ice Hockey

Kyle Weltman was GL's big scorer in both wins, first netting two goals and assisting on three others against Ridge and then scoring two goals and coming up with two assists against Dayton.

The Highlanders, who won their first game against the Cranford junior varsity by a score of 10-0, improved to 4-10 with the two victories.

Dayton, which received three goals and one assist from leading scorer and senior captain Jared Cohen, fell to 7-11 with the loss.

Dayton had previously defeated Governor Livingston 9-8 on Feb. 5 as Cohen scored five goals in that contest.

Minutemen coach Fusco honored with send-off

Last Friday about 50 people — players, families and coaches — all convened at a restaurant setting to bid farewell to Springfield Minutemen '76 game assistant basketball coach Ron Fusco.

Fusco is moving shortly to California, where he will continue a computer career. He will be missed by his fellow coaches, including brother Rob and 8th grade head coach Tom Wisniewski. Ron coached with Rob for three seasons.

During the farewell party, several of the veteran players presented their coach with an engraved watch. Each expressed that they have learned a great deal from Fusco and that he has helped them become better players.

As the season winds down, the 8th grade team continues to struggle, although the youngsters are giving solid efforts. Hillside defeated Springfield 61-51 and then Wayne downed the Minutemen 73-31.

Leo Ferrine had 17 points and seven rebounds, Dan Scott had 17

Dayton swimmers splash Sayreville

The Dayton High School co-ed swimming team posted an impressive 94-74 win over Sayreville last Friday.

Nate Demer, Garry Goldman, John Cottage and Bryan Demberger swam to individual victories, while the Bulldogs' unit of Mitchell Hollander, Cottage, Demberger and Demer won the 200-yard medley relay in 2:04.67.

Demer won the 50-yard freestyle in 25.23 and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:14.66. Goldman captured the 100-yard freestyle event in 1:00.88.

Cottage won the 500-yard freestyle in 6:35.77, while Demberger captured the 100-yard butterfly in 1:04.44. Cottage also won the 200-yard individual medley in 2:39.72.

UCT boys' hoops quarterfinals tomorrow, Saturday

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

No one has ever won the Union County Tournament five years in a row.

That's what top-seeded St. Patrick's of Elizabeth will be shooting for this year as the 64th annual UCT continues tomorrow with the first quarterfinal-round games.

Elizabeth won four consecutive titles twice under former coach Ben Candelino and reached a fifth straight title game on two occasions, both times falling short of a fifth straight win.

After winning four consecutive crowns from 1984-1987, Elizabeth was defeated by Linden 60-45 in the 1988 final. After winning four straight titles from 1989-1992, the Minutemen were defeated by St. Patrick's 45-41 in the 1993 championship tilt.

The Celtics have dominated the UCT as of late, winning the last four crowns and six of the last seven. Since the start of the 1993 UCT, St. Patrick's entered Tuesday night's scheduled first-round game with a 27-1 UCT mark over the course of the previous seven tournaments. The Celtics' only loss during that stretch was to Elizabeth 50-46 in the 1995 final.

St. Patrick's, winners of a total of eight UCTs, has defeated Union the past two years in the final and Elizabeth the two years before that. The Celtics have also defeated Hillside one year during their most recent domination.

This year's title-game opponent could be second-seeded Linden. Both squads are among the highest-ranked teams in the state. The Tigers were 18-2 as of Tuesday and had a 17-game winning streak snapped by Cranford 70-52 Sunday night in Trenton.

Linden reached the semifinals last year, falling to Union, this year's No. 3 seed. Linden defeated Union 64-57 at Linden earlier this year, snapping a seven-game losing streak against the Ferns. Barring upsets, the two Watching Conference foes will be playing each other again in the UCT semifinals at the Dunn Center.

The UCT continues tomorrow night and Saturday night at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth with two quarterfinal-round games each night, 7 and 8:30.

The semifinals at Dunn are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 8:30 and the championship game at Dunn for Saturday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.

Linden, which has not won the UCT since 1988, suffered its first loss of the year to St. Anthony of Jersey City 47-44 during its second game on Dec. 19 at Seton Hall University.

The Tigers are led by standout senior forward Jamaal Tate, headed to Penn State. St. Patrick's has a future Division I star in center Herve Lamizana, who will continue at Rutgers. Union has a talented front court player in senior forward Rob Zinkowicz.

64th UCT Boys' Basketball

Top 8 seeds: 1—St. Patrick's, 2—Linden, 3—Union, 4—St. Mary's, 5—Plainfield, 6—Dayton, 7—Rahway, 8—Roselle Catholic. PRELIMINARY ROUND Saturday, Feb. 12 At Dunn Center Union Cath. 39, Gov. Liv. 34 Summit 76, Johnson 55 Elizabeth 62, Westfield 53 Monday, Feb. 14 At Dunn Center Scotch Plains 64, Roselle Park 39 New Providence 60, Brearley 47 FIRST ROUND Tuesday, Feb. 15 At Linden Cranford vs. 8-R. Catholic Elizabeth vs. 1-St. Pat's At Dunn Center Summit vs. 5-Plainfield Union Cath. vs. 4-St. Mary's Wednesday, Feb. 16 At Dunn Center Hillside vs. 7-Rahway Scotch Plains vs. 2-Linden At Rahway Roselle vs. 6-Dayton New Providence vs. 3-Union QUARTERFINALS Friday, Feb. 18 Dunn Sport Center 7:00 and 8:30 Saturday, Feb. 19 Dunn Sport Center 7:00 and 8:30 SEMIFINALS Tuesday, Feb. 22 Dunn Sport Center, 8:30 Wednesday, Feb. 23 Dunn Sport Center, 8:30 FINAL Saturday, Feb. 26 Dunn Sport Center, 3:00

UCT girls' hoops quarterfinals today, tomorrow

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Can Union win the Union County Tournament with the pressure of being the No. 1 seed?

Can second-seeded Elizabeth, which lost in the final last year, win for the first time since winning its third consecutive crown in 1997?

Can defending champion and third-seeded Summit repeat after winning for the first time last year?

Can anyone besides the above three teams find a way to win the tournament?

Those questions are continuing to be answered as the 25th UCT continues today with the first quarterfinal-round contests. When the UCT was seeded last week, arguably the three best teams in the county all had two losses. Union had losses to state-ranked Orange and twice-beaten Bayonne, both non-conference foes. Elizabeth had lost to Union and highly state-ranked St. John Vianney, while Summit had lost twice to highly state-ranked Mendham.

County coaches gave Watching Conference teams Union and Elizabeth the edge over Iron Hills Conference member Summit, although the Hillslopers defeated Union in last year's semifinals before topping Elizabeth in the final to win the UCT for the first time.

The quarterfinals begin tonight at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth and conclude tomorrow night at Rahway.

The semifinals at Dunn are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7 and the championship game at Dunn is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26 at 1 p.m.

Union is sparked by the talents of fourth-year starter Tyrone Gray (guard) and Britny Porter (forward). Both have scored more than 1,100 points.

Elizabeth counts on the strong inside play of senior forward Di'Nai Parker and the ball-handling of junior point guard Shomae Hunter.

Summit has standout in seniors Stephanie Bruce and Danielle Proper, the two's leading scorers.

Fourth-seeded Union Catholic won the UCT two years ago for the first time since 1992 and is always dangerous.

Two of the top eight seeds did not make it to the quarters and a third squad barely did.

Seventh-seeded Oak Knoll and eighth-seeded Cranford were defeated and sixth-seeded Scotch Plains barely won as the first round was contested Monday.

Tenth-seeded Roselle Catholic defeated Oak Knoll 32-22, ninth-seeded New Providence upended Cranford 47-41 and Scotch Plains had to make two free throws with 20 seconds remaining to come back and defeat 11th-seeded Dayton 44-43.

25th UCT Girls' Basketball

Top 8 seeds: 1-Union, 2-Elizabeth, 3-Summit, 4-Union Catholic, 5-Governor Livingston, 6-Scotch Plains, 7-Oak Knoll, 8-Cranford. PRELIMINARY ROUND Saturday, Feb. 12 At Rahway Westfield 44, St. Mary's 36 Rahway 47, Johnson 17 Brearley 34, Plainfield 24 Roselle Park 42, Hillside 33 At Edison House, Eliz. Linden 34, Roselle 17 R. Cath. 51, Benedictine 13 Dayton 51, St. Patrick's 48 FIRST ROUND Monday, Feb. 14 At Cranford New Providence 47, Cranford 41 Union 80, Westfield 39 At Rahway Gov. Livingston 37, Linden 22 Union Catholic 30, Rahway 24 At Roselle Catholic Roselle Catholic 32, Oak Knoll 22 Elizabeth 63, Brearley 31 At Linden Scotch Plains 44, Dayton 43 Summit 59, Roselle Park 36 QUARTERFINALS Thursday, Feb. 17 At Dunn Center 5-Gov. Liv. vs. 1-Union C., 7:00 9-New Providence vs. 4-Union C., 8:30 Friday, Feb. 18 At Rahway 6-Scotch Plains vs. 3-Summit, 7:00 10-R. Cath. vs. 2-Elizabeth, 8:30 SEMIFINALS Tuesday, Feb. 22 Dunn Sport Center, 7:00 Wednesday, Feb. 23 Dunn Sport Center, 7:00 FINAL Saturday, Feb. 26 Dunn Sport Center, 1:00

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