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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

The Community Calendar is prepared by *The Echo Leader* to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community a voice, even if the publicity is微薄, please send us your notice. P.O. Box 1101, Union 07083.

**Monday**

- The North Jersey Association of Female Executives will host their monthly dinner meeting at the Spanish Tavern on Route 22 East in Mountainside. The speakers will be Patricia A. McNeill of the Planning Alliance and attorney Joanne M. Sarullo of Bendis Weinstock Networking will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. \$50 per person. Non-members are \$30. Free parking. Members \$35 and non-members \$55. Additional Membership fees and \$50. For more information, call 908-276-1267.
- Kelley ward zoning is planned at the Chesham Community Center on South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, at 7:30 p.m. After the meeting, the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissioners will discuss public participation at the local level to protect the quality of the water supply.
- The Rotary Club of Springfield is sponsoring a book fair collected by *Books for Progress* from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pine Brook Middle School. Anyone with a book to donate will no longer be asked to register. Donations to this cause. Books for Progress return and discounts books in the working book in developing countries.
- Planning Events
- June 4
- The Mountainside Rescue Squad will host a benefit "Sea to the Rescue" from 10:00 a.m. and June 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fire, 855 Mountainside Mountainside.
- A Congregation Israel of Springfield will host a special Hasidic Kabbalah Shabbat Service. Mincha will begin at the regular summer time of 7:15 p.m. The Kabbalah Shabbat and Ma'azru will follow. After the service all in attendance will join for a festive family Shabbat dinner. The cost is \$180 for adults and \$9 for children, 11 and under.
- For additional information call (973) 467-9666.
- June 5
- Join the Westfield/Mountainside chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, for a fundraising training June 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and June 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$20 for each person. Each child is required to bring a Cabbage Patch Kid or a teddy bear of equivalent size. Registration closes June 1.
- For more information call 232-7091.
- June 6
- The Westfield Board of Health will conduct a Health Day from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Briard St. in Westfield. The event is open exclusively to residents of Westfield, Fairwood, Garwood, Mountaintop, Roselle Park and Springfield.
- Registration is available for Springfield Recreation's Summer/Playground Program! June 28-Aug. 13 at the Chesham Community Center. The program is available for boys and girls ages five through 12. Activities include games, arts and crafts, athletic, special events, field trips and the playground/summer olympics. For additional information and for an application, call (973) 912-2227.
- The Springfield Junior Baseball League is accepting applications for those people wishing to join the Baseball League's Board of Directors. Letters of interest may be mailed to "Springfield Junior Baseball League Inc., PO Box 312, Springfield, NJ 07081."
- To celebrate May's "Better Hearing Month," free hearing screenings will continue through May 31 at Hertz's Hearing Aid Center, 276 Morris Ave., Springfield, Call (973) 379-3382 for an appointment. Office hours are between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- The Springfield Senior Citizen Nutrition Program is now located at the Sarah Bailey Recreation Center. A nutritional hot lunch is available for seniors for \$2 Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at noon.

**NEWS CLIPS**

**Borough Library Friends seek donations for sale**

The Friends of the Mountainside Public Library are asking for donations from their first-ever township yard sale. They will be accepting donations from May 25 through June 15. Location: the rooms of the library at Constitution Plaza off Birch Hill Road.

They will accept small furniture, toys, sporting gear and any treasures that are in good condition and fit to sell. All this time, they are not accepting books or clothing. Non-donors can arrange a pick up by calling the library at (908) 233-0115.

The yard sale will be held June 6 at the library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rain date is June 20.

All proceeds will benefit the Mountainside Public Library.

**Congregation Israel holds graduation service**

Congregation Israel's Early Childhood Program will hold its graduation June 4 at 10 a.m.

The graduates are: Miriam Abner, Tzvi Bochner, Noah Edelstein, Yanah Kadush, Joshua Kandi, Sarah Toyah Nashof, Benjamin Rosenzweig and Elnorah Sandman.

The program's theme will be centered around Shabbat. A song presentation will take place by all the classes. The four-year-olds will receive graduation certificates.

For additional information, call Congregation Israel at (973) 467-9666.

**Civic groups offer abuse prevention courses**

Five New Jersey nonprofit groups will be the beneficiaries of a free workshop on abuse prevention given by Ronny Glassman, a Mountainside sociologist, educator and author whose research focuses on domestic abuse prevention. The two-hour workshop is designed for parents and their daughters between the ages of 12-17.

The seminar is called "Daughter Power: Wise Abuse is Preventable." The goal of the session is to empower girls and their parents through "girltalk." Glassman's "Girl, Nearly Every Abuse" husband was an abusive boy. The sixteen adolescent girls learn to recognize abusive tendencies in their male peers, the less likely they will be to become involved with or marry someone who will abuse them. Her husband just doesn't say that emotionally or physically abusing their wives," he continued.

This grading/public health problem is evident in childhood. Whether a boy is abusive due to learned behavior, a brain injury, biochemical imbalance or some other pathology, he is subtle or blatant, the proverbial red flag is there if your daughter knows how to recognize it.

To qualify for the workshop, an organization must be nonprofit and have a presence in at least one of the following counties: Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Bergen, Passaic, Warren, Sussex or Hunterdon. To schedule the workshop, call: Margi Corcoran at 801-1991 immediately, as it must take place between July 1 and Dec. 15. You can also request the "Daughter Power" workshop by faxing a note to (908) 301-9099.

**Township YMCA offers summer program**

The Springfield YMCA announced Wrap-Up Camp, a summer program for boys and girls entering grades 1 to 5. This YMCA camp runs in one-week sessions beginning on June 28 and runs through Aug. 20.

The outdoor program is based at the Chesham Community Center and starts each day at 12:30 p.m. YMCA Wrap-Up Camp offers extended hours with pickup at 6 p.m.

Registration is ongoing. Financial assistance is available. For fees and more information, call Maggie Braun, Springfield YMCA senior program director, at (973) 467-0838.

**Workshops available for children, families**

The Tri-State Nature and Science Center in Mountainside offers spring classes for children ages two through four with an adult, children ages four and five, and first through fourth-grade students and families.

A workshop series called "After-school Explorations" — designed for first- and second-graders — will be presented every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in May and June.

On June 10, a workshop called "Giraffe Shelter" will give first- and second-graders an opportunity to help build a natural, waterproof shelter made out of only sticks and leaves

**Township businesswoman attends summit**

Local businesswoman Joan Faber, president of Faber Associates International, one of 150 U.S. women business leaders chosen to participate in the first-ever Canada/U.S.A. Businesswomen's Trade Summit.

The summit is an international forum to promote cross-border trade between Canadian and American businesswomen, and is currently being held in Toronto, May 21-23 at the Royal York Hotel.

Canada's Minister of International Trade, the Honourable Sergio Marchi, is kicking off the summit with the Honourable William Daley, secretary of commerce for the United States and the Honourable Aida Alvarez, administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

"I am pleased to be chosen to attend this landmark event," Faber said. "It is rare for anyone in small business to have an opportunity to contribute their input into trade policy recommendations. The summit will also provide an opportunity to explore potential advances with companies in Canada."

Faber's Springfield-based company, which is an international marketing and trade Fair, is chairman of the Board of Directors of the World Trade Association of New Jersey and newly appointed chairman of the Board of the Association for International Business, a 10,000-member organization representing 160 countries based on the Internet.

The summit is a five-day event that features cross-border discussions of international trade concerns, high-level policy discussions with Canadian and U.S. government officials, as well as networking, partnering and marketing opportunities.

The summit is an unprecedented initiative by the Canadian and American governments that is 80 percent funded by the private sector. Seventeen private sector sponsors include the Royal Bank of Canada, Federal Express Canada, IBM, Bell Canada and the Export Development Corporation.

Founded in 1981, Faber Associates International provides strategic planning for companies new to export. Faber has also been associated with the United Nations in New York for the past 25 years.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### 'Let's go to the videotape'

During last week's Mountainside Board of Education meeting, televising board meetings was proposed. This would be an important step toward enhancing communication with the public.

Unless it is a reorganization meeting or a widely publicized presentation, only a handful of residents attend board meetings in Deerfield's library. It seems that even refreshments do not draw a crowd. Attending meetings should be a priority for parents of school-age children but hectic schedules do not always allow time.

If parents, teachers and neighbors cannot attend meetings, they should at least have the opportunity to watch them on local access channel 65. Recently elected board member Peter Goggi wholeheartedly supported the idea. "During the campaign, I heard many times that the board really wasn't user-friendly, and that just has to do with communication," he said during the May 11 meeting.

We commend Goggi for his honesty and we encourage him to begin his tenure on the board by spearheading a campaign to televise meetings.

Just a few years ago, Mountainside Borough Council meetings began to be recorded and replayed at various times. Because residents could watch public hearings and see what and what was debated—more people began attending meetings. The Board of Education needs to take this step as well.

### Donate pedals for progress

Remember the old bike you never find time to ride anymore? Remember the one your son or daughter outgrew five years ago? How about the one he or she abandoned for a pair of in-line skates? Saturday is the time to dust off that bicycle and donate it to those who have no other transportation.

The Rotary Club of Springfield is sponsoring a used bike collection for Pedals for Progress from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School on South Springfield Avenue. Make it a priority to make this tax-deductible donation.

Pedals for Progress collects more than 6,000 bicycles annually and transfers them to those in need worldwide. To date, there have been more than 25,000 bikes shipped to projects in 16 developing countries in Latin America, Africa and the Pacific islands. In these countries, bikes are recognized by partner agencies and distributed at low cost to poor working adults to give them reliable transportation for continuing to work, transporting produce to the market or for accessing health care and other services.

Steady employment for these adults is not only vital to them and their families, but also to the development and economy of their countries.

In addition to a repairable bicycle, Pedals for Progress requests \$6 to \$10 to pay for shipping fees. It averages \$35 to collect, process, ship, rebuild and distribute a bicycle. All cash and material donations are fully tax deductible with a receipt.

Pedals for Progress also seeks donations of tools, especially wrenches; for its overseas shops. The group also collects working portable sewing machines, used baseball equipment for its Dominican and Nicaraguan projects, and used soccer cleats for its Namibian and Honduran projects.

While your spring cleaning is under way, please look for any of these items and take them to the middle school Saturday. By donating any of these materials, you are providing a less fortunate family with either a way to get to work or a recreational outlet.

For additional information regarding Pedals for Progress, call (973) 467-4422 or visit the website at www.p4prog.org.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 688-8899, and enter Selection 8005. Use our IntSource hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



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**Lord Acton**  
British historian  
1877

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Sgt. Mark Zyla, left, Mountainside Police Department Cpl. Andrew Sullivan, Sgt. Kevin Keating, Officer Glenn Griffin and Detective Kevin McDonough are five of 11 police officers to receive a valor award from The Two Hundred Club Friday. Nearly 500 people attended the luncheon that honored police officers cited for bravery in 1998. For a complete story, see Page B1.

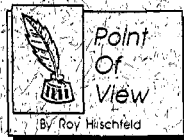
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### Make Springfield's jitney your luxury carriage

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have transportation provided for you in luxury and relaxation, coming your daily work as you commute to work every day? Springfield has created this wonderful alternative if you are a daily commuter by train to Manhattan.

After a long period of trying to make a magical dream come true with state grant writing, negotiation and planning by the Township Committee with NJ Transit, Springfield was one of a few towns in the state awarded the jitney grant. The grant included a brand new, 20 seat passenger bus and \$50,000 the first year for costs, drivers and additional expenditures.

Service began in April. The bus offers relief from the heat and anguish of rush hour to those who commute to work every day. It is a safe, comfortable and convenient way to get to work every day. The cost of parking in Summit is \$6 for each day. Reimburse Summit residents half that amount. Parking in Millburn and resident parking is free.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### French exam article is misleading

To the Editor:  
I was very excited to see an article about my accomplishment in the National French Exam, "Le Grand Concours," in the May 11 edition of the *Echo Leader*. However, after reading through the article I wondered if I was actually reading about myself, since there were several details that did not fit what I remember during my interview and what was published.  
For example, my mother told a native teacher at my interview of the article and I spoke French with her mother and her teachers, who had no conversation with me in English. Also, my career goals aren't definite and addressing anything may be useful. I am not interested in finding a job where I can use my language skills.  
Italian wasn't yet offered when I chose which language to study in middle school — only French and Spanish were available. As the article stated in my article, I am not planning to take any French students out of another language. If my schedule allows, I may add another language class.  
Finally, I don't have relatives in France and I don't get French newspapers in the interview. I spoke of my best friend (Parisian uncle who sends me French videos and comic books that we enjoy looking through. If I had any upcoming relation to France, "Le Grand Concours" would have required me to take an entirely different exam.  
Since the interview was conducted in French, I am surprised my English wasn't understood.  
Wendy Baum-Clinch  
Jouettville Dayton High School student

#### Economy does not mirror nation

To the Editor:  
I believe it is disingenuous how we Americans will tolerate an administration of blinding themselves to any such a responsibility. The fact is the good times have little to do with the efforts of Bill Clinton.  
We can thank the entrepreneurial American system. In the meantime, we have global problems and a declining military spending to be a world police. But, the Dow Jones has topped 11,000. Maybe we can buy out of our problems.  
Joseph C. Onopko  
Springfield

#### Assistance only possible with help

To the Editor:  
The week of May 16 to 22 is National Salvation Army Week, and this gives us an opportunity to say thank you to the people who have given their friendship and support throughout the year. We all have hope and this is what keeps us going as individuals in this crazy world. Without hope, life just doesn't seem to have much excitement.  
At the Salvation Army, there are many programs to help individuals struggling in their lives. We find many people coming in to who have been abandoned by life and circumstances. Many of these people are without hope. The Salvation Army gets involved and brings them hope.  
Housing and food assistance, day care and educational programs, job training, feeding programs, counseling and recreation activities. These people and worthy causes, without capital resources that have any available. These programs give us the opportunity to meet their physical needs, and then, through counseling

with them, their emotional and spiritual needs as well. Thus, we encourage people to hope once again.  
I have several of you, our kind and generous friends, that the Salvation Army is able to provide us many diverse programs for many diverse needs. With your support, we can help many individuals find hope again.  
For more information about the Salvation Army in your area, call 853-9300. Again, on behalf of the Salvation Army of New Jersey, thank you and may God bless you.  
Lt. Col. William LaMar  
New Jersey Divisional Headquarters, Union

#### Congress should have say in war

To the Editor:  
After the United Nations decided to split Yugoslavia into three pieces, tribute to the two working against financial and political globalization. With one country in Europe, a world economy with no trade barriers and a multinational entity, it is wrong that NATO is supporting the secessionist tribe against a constitutional state, allowing full well that the separatists are the potential enemy of America. What is missing is a global justice system to realize this backward situation.  
The late, wise former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger stated in 1995 that "the break away of Bosnia from Yugoslavia by the U.N. was a big mistake." It has provoked a brutal ethnic war which will never end and that is what is really happening in Kosovo today. On April 13, Senator Campbell said that the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia provoked the massive exodus of refugees from Kosovo, where the radical KLA separatists started the killing in Kosovo in the first place, as they did in Bosnia. The U.S. soldiers are still there.  
President Clinton should have asked Congress to vote before starting the war of aggression against a constitutional nation here — with the free world digging in to help the radical separatists, which is like pulling gasoline onto the fire. Instead of creating a peaceful atmosphere to live in harmony with their Christian neighbors, as they did for 40 years after World War II.  
Defense Secretary Cohen explained that in a dictatorship it is easier for the Commander in Chief to decide by himself, but in our democratic system it is very difficult to get a majority of votes to start a war, that's why President Clinton decided to avoid the votes of the representatives of the American people and decided by himself to start this war of aggression against a sovereign state with dangerous implications.  
Bernard Jacob  
Union

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**Scott Davis**  
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**Karl Goforn**  
I like the center. It's a good place to hang out and meet new people.

## 'Star Wars' prequel creates national mania

### Reporter's Notebook

By **Walter Elliot**  
Staff Writer

Once again, America is in the grip of a national mania. "Star Wars" delirium is sweeping the country and probably the universe by storm.

The observant person will notice that the phenomena is not too different from the annual Super Bowl (Yes, the "Titanic" celebration in the field furs the last episode of M\*A\*S\*H, or if we stretch our memories back far enough to the crucial question of "Who shot J.R.?" and "Who killed Laura Palmer...")

In the late 1990s, the question on the lips of many Americans was, "Who's going to play Scarlett O'Hara?" The O'Hara dilemma was a big idea sold by shiny salesmen. David O. Selznick, as Hitler was casting his inky Black shadow across Europe.

As Americans, we have an undeniable fetish for gigantic, the nation that created the idea of Hollywood

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## Route 22 undergoes \$1.7-million facelift

By **Walter Elliot**  
Staff Writer

A five-mile stretch of Route 22 between Springfield and Watchung has been invaded by a small (not much) army of machinery since May 10.

The force, armed with milling machines, asphalt trucks, rollers and other vehicles, occupy at least one lane of Route 22 in each direction by 6 p.m. Before the sun goes at 6 a.m., a few hundred more feet of fresh pavement to curbing would be left behind by the 24 vehicles.

That's our fast-track paving crew. New Jersey Department of Transportation spokesman John DeRugentia said. The primary contractor is Schiavo of Middlesex. He said, who have been contracted to pave that part of Route 22 plus portions of Routes 109 in Newark, 40 in Plainfield and 100 in Memorial Day.

By fast paving, DeRugentia said, the contractor mends or grinds off the highway's top coat and replaces it with

fresh asphalt above shell. The process is applied overnight to minimize disruption for some of New Jersey's busiest routes.

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## Springfield Teen Center attendance skyrockets

By **Walter Elliot**  
Staff Writer

Things at the Springfield Teen Center of recent attendance is an indication, are picking up.

Visiting the center days 22 and Friday, one would have found a pack of die youngsters waiting for its opening. When supervisors Mike (Herkie) Rich, Hubert (Tom) Wisniewski opened the door, another handful of youths would sign in a minute or so.

Within 30 minutes, about 20 young people are playing games on the second floor or playing pickup basketball in the ground-floor gym.

"You should have been here last week," a greeter from the Springfield YMCA lobby said. "They had 60 to 70 kids here."

"That sounds about right," Herkie said. Between opening cards and pool cues, the young people around 20 opened their Friday, looking for a place to hang out and have a good time. The center is a place where they can go to hang out and have a good time.

Even at 30 minutes, the center has come a long way from when it first opened April 14. The center, located in the neighborhood of Chisholm School at the intersection of Chisholm Road and South Springfield Avenue, has become a place where young people can go to hang out and have a good time.



Sean Rozarbaum, left, and Pete Shepherd battle each other at the Springfield Teen Center air hockey table. Center attendance has grown since it opened April 14.

Director Michael Finnegan said that the opening of the center, which is a place where young people can go to hang out and have a good time.

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**RELIGION**

**School has music class**

The Summit Jewish Community Center Nursery School offers music classes for children from 18 months old through kindergarten. Children 18 to 35 months old as of Sept. 30 may take "Music Together" with a parent/caregiver Monday from 9:30 to 12:45 p.m.

"Music Together" is a nationally known music program that focuses on early childhood development as it relates to music learning. This approach supports the development of basic music competence by emphasizing actual musical experiences rather than by learning concepts or information about music.

"Music Together" classes are offered for children who are three years old as of Sept. 30 without an accompanying adult. The music class meets Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Children may then stay to eat lunch until 1 p.m. or even longer, until 2:30 p.m. if they wish.

New for the 1999-2000 school year, children who are four years old

age and up as of September 30 may participate in "Music Preludes." This program encourages children to achieve musical literacy according to their individual readiness. Children are taught to recognize notes and rhythm patterns, to obtain an awareness of dynamics and tempo, and to begin to read music. The "Music Preludes" class meets Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. These children also may then stay to eat lunch.

For more information about the music classes or any other programs offered at the SJCC Nursery School, call Barbara Rich at 273-8019.

For information about the Summit Jewish Community Center after school, contact conservative synagogue, call 273-8018.

**Center offers preschool**

Many parents find that their child may need an extra year of preschool before entering kindergarten. Learning Adventures is open to any child who is at least three years old as of Sept. 30.

This secular program focuses on

enhancing a child's skills in all areas of the curriculum including language, literature, math, science, music, and computers and movement. The nurturing environment will provide children with opportunities to experience success, exploration and family support, in depth and develop problem-solving skills.

Classes are taught by a certified teacher with experience teaching kindergarten and pre-kindergarten-age children. The maximum class size is 10 students, which allows for particular attention to individual learning styles and development.

Learning Adventures is offered by the Summit Jewish Community Center, Nursery School, 67 Kent Place Blvd., Summit. Classes meet Monday through Thursday or Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. For more information about Learning Adventures or any other SJCC Nursery School programs, call Barbara Rich, director, at 273-8019.

For information about the Summit Jewish Community Center an egalitarian conservative synagogue, call 273-8018.

**Spanish panel addresses violence**

A panel discussion conducted entirely in Spanish will help audience members recognize and understand domestic violence and its damaging effects. They will learn how victims can break away from abusive and how and where to seek help.

The program will be tomorrow from 4 to 4:30 p.m. at the Connection for Women and Families, formerly the YWCA, 79 Maple St.

It is sponsored by Family Service of Summit, a division of Overlook Hospital, and is a United Way member agency. All area residents, both men and women, are welcome. There is no charge.

Alma Domínguez-Gorman, bilingual counselor at Family Service, will host a panel of specialists composed of Union County Prosecutor's Office members Luz Rivera, of the Domestic Violence Unit; Gladys Martínez, director of Shelter Services at Elizabeth; and Alberto Clarie, a counselor and specialist in domestic violence problems from St. Clare's Hospital, Denville.

Although domestic violence frequently involves causing physical pain, such as by hitting or shoving, it also may be

sexual abuse of spouse or children. Sometimes it takes a more subtle form, using hurtful words to batter the victim's confidence. Constant criticism and humiliating putdowns can cause psychological scars that leave a victim feeling worthless and deserving of abuse.

Why do victims stay in dangerous relationships? Often leaving the abuser is extremely difficult because the controlling partner keeps a tight grip on all money. Add to this threats to take the children or to harm the spouse's family or friends, and the oppressed partner feels trapped, helpless, and afraid to try to go, especially if the victim has been isolated from those who might help.

Participants will learn how to get away from such a destructive situation. They will obtain advice on how to plan an escape, to secure the means to make this possible, and which specific area services can assist them — valuable information in building the confidence needed to make a successful break.

For more information, call Domínguez-Gorman at Family Service of Summit, 273-1844 or 273-1414.

**Cox named for achievements**

Elizabeth Cox of Summit was named a Woman of Achievement by the Women's Political Club of New Jersey at its annual luncheon in Princeton. Cox was honored for her lifetime achievement to the advancement of government, local, state and federal government.

James Ruppini, president of WPCNJ, said, "We are proud to honor and salute one of our members for this award. Betty Cox is a mentor and advisor for countless women who depend on her advice and guidance in their advancement to the political sector. She is truly the epitome of a woman who has broken the glass ceiling."

Cox is a past president of the Women's Political Club of Summit.

Cox is one of the founding members of the WPCNJ. The WPCNJ is a multinational organization dedicated to the encouragement, advancement and empowerment of women in elective and appointive offices. Currently, Cox serves on the WPCNJ of the national, state and county levels. She is a delegate at large to the National Steering Committee

and chair of the By-Laws Committee and Secretary of the Republican Task Force on the state level and state delegate and new state editor for the Union County Courier. She is a former president of the state WPCNJ.

Cox is the liaison to the New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women at the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division on Women. She is a past chair of the Summit Republican Committee and served in that capacity for 13 years. She also is a state committee woman and associate state chair of the Republican Committee of Union County and 1999 County Conventions Chair.

**Attention churches, clubs**

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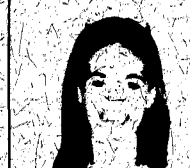
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**EDUCATION**

**Students advance to state finals of mental math game**



Mansa Bastie

Students of Deerfield School in Mountainside, seventh grader Mansa Bastie and sixth grader Jillian Bottita, were tops at Deerfield in the "24 Game." On May 13 at Rutgers University, they went to the state finals where Bastie placed in the top 16 in the state at her grade level.

The "24 Game" is a mental math game which uses both computational skills as well as algebraic skills. Deerfield's math teacher David Fogle explained that a card with four numbers on it is presented to the contestants. They need to combine those numbers to equal 24. The one who taps the card first wins that card and gains points. Whoever tallies the most points is the winner.

Fogle and colleagues Cain Carling and Diane Webb held the final level contests in their classrooms.



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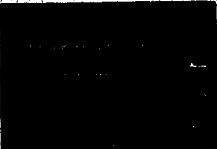
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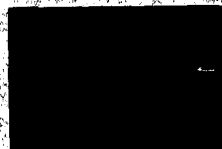
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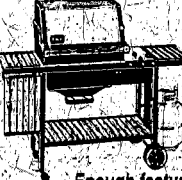
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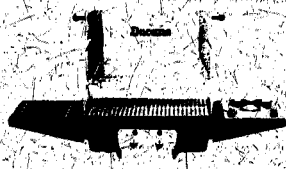
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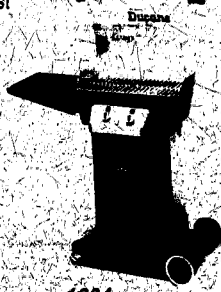
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STUDENT UPDATE

Borough residents graduate Union County College

Three Mountaineer residents will be among 923 graduates at Union County College's 63th Annual Commencement ceremonies on May 23 in Parking Lot 2, Cranford Campus.

Montclair State names students to dean's list

The following Springfield residents were recently named to the dean's list at Montclair State University: Marianne Blyth, majoring in Business Administration.

Local residents make the grade at Pingry School

Headmaster John Hanly of The Pingry School, Barnhart Township, has announced the names of students who were recently appointed to the honor roll.

Springfield student named presidential scholar

Gregory A. Marx of Springfield has been named a Presidential Scholar Research Assistant at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.

Memorial Day activities planned for city center

Summit's Memorial Day parade will start off promptly at 10 a.m. May 31 with all banners flying. Summit High School's marching band will lead the way, accompanied by the military color guard of American Legion Post 322.

OBITUARIES

Katherine Mavraides

Katherine Mavraides, 89, of Springfield died May 11 in the home of her daughter, Fran Progerio, in New Vernon.

Fred Marech

Fred Marech, 64, of Springfield died May 15, at home.

Joseph W. Walsh

Joseph W. Walsh, 64, of Summit, a retired guidance counselor at Union High School, died May 14 at home.

Antoinette Jannelli

Antoinette Jannelli, 85, of Naples, Fla., formerly of Summit, died May 15 in the Lacey Center Nursing Home, Lacey Township.

Mildred Lieb

Mildred Lieb, 92, of Clark, formerly of Elizabeth and Mountaintop, a Newark elementary school teacher, died May 17 in the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Sophie Katsch

Sophie Katsch, 94, of Westfield, formerly of Springfield, died May 14 at home.

Dolly J. Lill

Dolly J. Lill, 86, of Springfield died May 17 in the Manor Care Center, Montaukville, N.Y.

Mable playground lives

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for Phase II of the renovation of Mable Playground will be Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at the Northside playground.

Attention churches, social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities.

Public Notice of Application. Branch Purchase and Assumption of Deposit Liabilities. Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Office of Thrift Supervision, National Regional Director, 16 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07310, for approval of the assumption of deposits related to the branch office of Fidelity Savings Bank located at 661 Frank E. Rodgers Boulevard North, Harrison, New Jersey (Subject Branch) owned by Fidelity Savings Bank, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST: EVANGELIST BAPTIST CHURCH - 242 S. Orange Ave., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor, Sundays 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages.

METHODIST: THE SPRINGFIELD EMERALD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located on 400 Clark Mall in Springfield, NJ, invites people of all ages and backgrounds to join us on Sunday mornings for Adult Christian Education.

LUTHERAN: HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 17081, 201-378-5257. Fax: 201-378-6887. J. Rex, Pastor.

ROMAN CATHOLIC: THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, NJ, invites you to join us for Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:00 PM, and 7:00 PM.

JEWISH - REFORM: TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM in Springfield Avenue, Springfield, 17011, 378-5887. Rabbi, Goldstein, Rabbi, Katz.

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# Board of Health to sponsor Health Day

The Westfield Board of Health will conduct a Health Day on June 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westfield Municipal Building, 225 E. Broad St., Westfield.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF HEARING PLANNING BOARD**  
**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application for a zoning change to the R-1 District of the Township of Springfield by Ego Basso, 1000 N. Broad St., Springfield, N.J. 07081, for a plan approval for the siting of a 500,000 gallon oil storage tank, 603.5 feet in diameter, and a 100,000 gallon oil storage tank, 603.5 feet in diameter, and any other structures that may be necessary as evidenced by the plans on file at the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield, is being held for a public hearing on June 2, 1999, at 8:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J. 07081.

The hearing will be held at 8:00 a.m. on June 2, 1999, at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J. 07081, and when the applicant is called, you may appear in person or by agent or attorney and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to this application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield located at the Annex Building 20 N. Twp. Street, Springfield, N.J. 07081.

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## NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF MINOR SUBDIVISION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield has approved the plan for a minor subdivision of 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J. 07081, into two lots, one of 100 Mountain Avenue and one of 101 Mountain Avenue, and the plan for a minor subdivision of 102 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J. 07081, into two lots, one of 102 Mountain Avenue and one of 103 Mountain Avenue.

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## NOTICE OF APPROVAL

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Health Day is open exclusively to residents of Mountside, Roselle Park, Springfield, Westfield, Fanwood and Clark. The health program will offer an extensive blood screening & medical laboratory, located in West County, will conduct the blood testing. The piece of equipment used, SMAC-26, is an elaborate blood analysis monitoring several body functions. The CBC test is a test including a red blood cell count, a white blood cell count and a differential count.

The CBC test may indicate the presence of infection, anemia, allergic

and lung disease. The HDL test measures factors protective against coronary heart disease. The SMAC-26 is used in assessing total cholesterol, results in determining possible coronary risk factors. Robert M. Sherr, director of health, has noted that anyone taking the blood test must not eat or drink 12 hours prior, with the exception of water. Pre-registration for the blood test is mandatory and will be conducted by the Westfield Health Department, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, from Monday through June 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. subject to program capacity. The cost of the SMAC-26 test is \$18. The

following tests can be performed for additional cost: T4 - thyroid test; AST - blood stimulating hormone; SMI PSA - prostate test; SMI Blood Clotting Factor; SMI Hemoglobin; SMI Hepatitis C-25; Hepatitis B; SMI. All fees must be paid at the time of registration. The Health Day also will offer a blood pressure program. Heretofore, test kits will be available to test for occult blood in the gastrointestinal tract. Test packets/dietary restrictions will be distributed at the program. The program is subject to cancellations unless a minimum of 25 people pre-register.



Dorothea Schwartz Irene Chotiner

## Fireman Franks



Local firefighters demonstrate new equipment for U.S. Rep. Bob Franks, R-7. Franks is proposing legislation to establish a \$100-million federal grant program to aid local companies in purchasing thermal-imaging cameras. This equipment allows firefighters to see through dense smoke, walls and floors. For the complete story, see Page 1.

## Hadassah installs new officers

Dorothea Schwartz and Irene Chotiner, both of Springfield, will be installed as co-presidents of the Springfield-Hadassah May 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Temple Shalom, Shalom, Springfield.

Both women have previously served individually as president. They take over for Eleanor D. Kuperstein, who served as president the past two years. New vice presidents will be Rina Graham and Vivian Kayeberg, fundraising; Marilyn Shernoff, membership; Ita Panarai, education; and Kuperstein. Other officers are Mildred Schwartz, sexual and corresponding secretary; Laura Schuyler, financial secretary; Selma Hoffer, recording secretary; and Frances Hrofsky, treasurer.

Lila Barsky of Hillsdale, vice president of the Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah, will be the installing officer.

Following the installation, a concert will be offered by organist Barbara Thompson and soprano Meredith Hoffman. Refreshments will follow. The public is invited.

Hadassah, with 300,000 members, is reportedly the largest women's volunteer organization in the United States. It also is the largest Jewish group in this country and the largest Zionist organization in the world.

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## NorCrown names winners

As part of the grand opening celebration of its Springfield office last month, NorCrown Bank held a monthly "Break the Bank" sweepstakes, the winners of which were recently drawn. The winner of the first prize, Union resident Ruth A. Whitman, won 5 percent interest on \$1 million for a week. Springfield resident Rene Kujala won the second prize, 5 percent interest on \$1 million for a weekend. The winner of the third prize, 5 percent interest on \$1 million for a day, was John R. Lee, bank of Linden.

The new NorCrown office is located at 233 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

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