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Briefs

Thrift Shop's Bag Day begins this Tuesday

SCOTCH PLAINS — Bag Day Sale begins Tuesday at The Thrift Shop in Scotch Plains and will continue through Friday, March 5.

Following up the event is "Spring Opening" on Tuesday, March 9 with family clothing for all including Easter clothes and Spring light-weight coats.

There is also a large supply of Easter craft materials for household decorating.

The Thrift Shop is located at 1730 East Second Street at the corner of Willow Avenue. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday — 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Board of Adjustment sets meeting schedule

SCOTCH PLAINS — Regular meetings of the Zoning Board of Adjustment have been scheduled for March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6 and 13.

All meetings will be in the Township Council chambers at the Municipal Building, 430 Park Ave. Meetings will begin 7:30 p.m.

BOE passes resolution opposing state code

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education will send to the governor, legislators, school boards and parent groups its resolution which strongly opposes the proposed state code that eliminates all existing instructional and graduation requirements and replaces them with the High School Proficiency Assessment.

The state's proposal will force school boards to eliminate valuable educational programs and provides no flexibility for districts to establish graduation standards more rigorous than Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Author to sign book at Town Book Store

WESTFIELD — Gwyn English Nielsen recently wrote and illustrated "Torey the Turkey Goes Skiing," a children's book that she also published herself.

She will sign copies of the book 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 6 at the Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St. The story takes the reader on an adventure to the Rocky Mountain ski slopes where Torey finds a friend.

For more information, call (908) 233-3535.

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LARRY MURPHY/RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT
Westfield senior Gordon Kasluskus jostles for position in the first heat of the boys 3,200 meter run Sunday at the 31st annual indoor track and field Meet of Champions at Princeton University's Jadwin Gym. Kasluskus, competing in his fourth career MOC, finished 16th overall. For more on the Meet of Champions, see pages C-1 and C-2.

Second pedestrian killed in a month

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Another pedestrian was killed crossing a street in town.

Twenty-three-year-old Anna Tkacova of Perth Amboy was hit by a car Feb. 17 as she crossed East Broad Street in front of Temple Emanuel. The accident occurred exactly one month after a car accident claimed the life of a Scotch Plains woman.

Tkacova, originally from the Slovakian Republic, worked as a nanny for a family in town and was on her way to the temple to pick up the child.

At 5:57 p.m. Charles Tyminski, 46, of Cumberland Street was heading west on East Broad Street when the 1993 Dodge Van he was driving hit Tkacova, who had just entered the westbound lane.

"Another couple of steps and the vehicle would have missed

her," said Sgt. Carl Geiss of the Westfield Police Department. "She was hit by the left front of the vehicle almost directly in front of the steering wheel."

After being hit on the left, Tkacova was dragged about 75 feet, police said.

The first officers at the scene were Gregory Kasko and Robert Riley of the Westfield Police Department. They were followed by about 10 officers from the detective and traffic bureaus, the Westfield Rescue Squad, Westfield Fire Department and a medic unit from Overlook Hospital.

Tkacova was transported to University Hospital in Newark by the Westfield Rescue Squad where she died at 10:30 p.m. from multiple internal injuries. Sgt. Geiss said she never regained consciousness after being struck by the van.

According to police, Tkacova crossed the street about 25 feet

from the crosswalk. The driver never saw her, police said.

"The first time Mr. Tyminski knew there was an accident was when the impact occurred," said Detective Sgt. John Parizeau. "He stopped immediately."

Police said alcohol and drugs were not involved in the cause of the accident nor is there evidence of any speeding violations, police said.

Tyminski was charged with not having an insurance card in possession.

The accident report signed by Officer Mark Gierpial states as contributing circumstances "driver inattention and pedestrian's actions."

Tkacova had a fiancée in the US and had lived in the country since July. Her body is being sent back to her family in the former Czechoslovakia. A memorial of flowers has been set up in front of Temple Emanuel in Tkacova's honor.

BRAKES saw fatality coming

Told council the intersection was 'another death waiting to happen'

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Lauren Shub told the Town Council last month that the intersection at East Broad and Jefferson streets was "another death waiting to happen."

Only 21 days after she uttered her plea for enforced traffic laws, a 23-year-old girl was killed in that exact spot.

Her appeal is not new. BRAKES (Bikers Runners And Kids are Entitled to Safety), a local citizens' group, has been aggressively advocating public safety since its inception two years ago.

Shub said that intersection, along with several others cited by the group and already submitted to the town, wasn't visible. She and the group are calling for stricter enforcement of traffic laws, particularly speeding, as well as more clearly marked crosswalks for motorists and pedestrians.

"We can't fix these areas one death at a time," Shub said.

"We try to make it a safe town for everybody," she added, noting group members don't have a personal agenda. "We have to be proactive not reactive."

Mayor Tom Jardim said the council and police department have been working closely with residents and groups like BRAKES. A major traffic safety campaign is being launched and will target 25 problem streets in town including East Broad Street, Rahway Avenue, Central Avenue, Mountain Avenue, Dorian Road and Clark Street.

"The goal is to dramatically increase police presence, in central business district, school zones and other selected sights around town in a consistent manner," Mayor Jardim said. "The level of success we will be guided by will be measured by changed citizen behavior."

In the past, emphasis was put only on speeders. Now, with state statistics that indicate the majority of pedestrian-vehicle accidents are caused by pedestrian violations, the town is also launching a public awareness campaign. Important safety tips from the police department are going to be sent home with all school-aged children.

Westfield Police Chief Anthony Scutti said issuing tickets will be left up to police officers' discretion. Violators could be issued "warnings" first and then given a regular summons after a repeated violation.

Jeffrey Goldstein said there are no signs indicating speed limit or yield to pedestrians along the area of East Broad Street where the fatality occurred.

"Perhaps that 23-year-old girl would still be alive and with us today (if there were)," Goldstein said.

"The van that hit that woman was not speeding, I saw it," added Goldstein who witnessed the accident Feb. 17 with his 10-year-old daughter.

The most popular suggestion among residents who spoke at the meeting was to put pedestrian

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Cops offers safety tips

The Westfield Police Department has offered the following safety tips for pedestrians and motorists:

PEDESTRIANS:
Look both ways before crossing the street.

Cross in marked crosswalks where provided. When there is no marked crosswalk, cross only at the corners of intersections.

Just because you are in a marked crosswalk do not suddenly leave the curb if a vehicle is approaching. According to the state motor vehicle law, the pedestrian must wait for a gap in the flow of traffic before entering the crosswalk. Once they're in the crosswalk, approaching cars must yield to the pedestrians.

While walking at night wear brightly-colored clothing and something reflective so you are more easily visible to motorists.

MOTORISTS:
Be aware that in the central business district, near schools, the post office, libraries and places of worship there is going to be a large number of pedestrians crossing the streets.

Yield to pedestrians walking in marked crosswalks as well as unmarked crosswalks.

Do not park cars in crosswalks or within 25 feet of an intersection. Doing so obstructs the vision of pedestrians who want to cross the street and motorists who are approaching the intersection.



TINA GUARINO/RECORD PRESS
Knights of Columbus Awards Chairman Michael D'Antuono stands with awardee William McLaughlin of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad and Assemblyman Alan Augustine.

Knights of Columbus thank town's emergency workers

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Knights of Columbus said "thank you" to police officers, firefighters and the rescue squad at its awards ceremony last week.

"It is important to let them know that they are appreciated," said Joe Tyminski who co-chaired the event which was held at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church on Westfield Avenue. "We are glad to have the opportunity each year to recognize them."

"I think it's important that the volunteers from the fire department and rescue squad get recognized for all the hours they put in," said Scotch Plains mayor Geri M. Samuel. "It's a big deal to ask

somebody to put their lives on the line especially when they are not getting paid for it."

"And the police put their lives on the line every day," the mayor added. "I think it is important to let them know how important they are to all of us."

Assemblyman Alan Augustine said the Knights of Columbus represent an exemplary moral code of conduct.

"I think in these days of a changing world it is kind of refreshing that we have an organization like the Knights of Columbus which has such a reputation for character building and stressing family values that a community could anchor to, to rely upon to set the proper example, particularly for our youth," Assemblyman Augustine said.

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Noted local attorney dies

WESTFIELD — A local attorney has died at the age of 39.

Steven L. Lapidus, an attorney who represented several New Jersey newspapers, died Feb. 18 of complications from brain surgery.

He specialized in libel law and First Amendment matters on cases for the Star-Ledger, published in Newark; the Jersey Journal, published in Jersey City; and the Times, published in Trenton. Mr. Lapidus had been a partner in the Newark firm of Robinson, Lapidus & Livelli since it was formed in 1996.

He began his law career in 1984 after graduating from the Fordham University law school and working on the Fordham Law Review. Mr. Lapidus became a clerk for U.S. District Court Judge John F. Keenan and was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1985. After a period with the Manhattan firm of Simpson & Thatcher he joined the Newark

firm of Robinson, Wayne & LaSala.

He received a bachelor's degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University, where Mr. Lapidus met his wife, Virginia Hardwick Lapidus, now a member of the Westfield Board of Education. She is the daughter of former New Jersey Assembly Speaker Chuck Hardwick.

Mr. Lapidus was born in Syracuse, N.Y., and had lived for a number of years in Westfield. He served as a co-chairman of the local Fresh Air Fund. In addition, he was a coach and volunteer for youth soccer, basketball and baseball leagues in Westfield.

Besides his wife, Mr. Lapidus is survived by two sons, Jacob and Benjamin; a daughter, Sarah; his mother, Anne; his stepfather, Stuart Garfinkle; and two sisters, Karen Burwick and Barbara.

Funeral services were held Friday at Temple Emanuel-El. Contributions for the Steven



STEVEN LAPIDUS

Lapidus Scholarship Fund may be sent to the Westfield Foundation, 301 North Ave. West, Westfield, 07090.

Town is the talk of the state

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Whether it be for the schools, the stores, the homes, the restaurants or the easy access to New York, people are choosing Westfield.

So has *New Jersey Monthly*. For the magazine's March issue, Westfield was selected as one of top 25 towns in the state.

"I think it's because we're pretty hot right now, there is a real buzz about Westfield," said Downtown Westfield Corporation Executive Director Michael La Place. "A lot of new families are wanting to buy homes here."

The reason, La Place says, is because of the "hometown experience."

"You could live and shop and work here," La Place said. "It's got so much to offer."

The magazine noted the town's symphony orchestra, the newly renovated Rialto Theater, the town's three parks, the railroad station and the Miller-Cory Museum as favorable components for the Victorian-village setting.

Another top offering is the school system, which also garnered

recognition from the magazine. The high school ranked 12th in the state in *New Jersey Monthly's* latest survey.

"A strong tradition of academic excellence is possible because people in Westfield support their schools," said Superintendent of Schools William Foley who originally moved to Westfield because of its renowned school system. "The kids that graduate from our high school consistently are accepted in the top colleges in the country and are well prepared for success in college as well as life."

"Despite our past success, we have worked as a community through our strategic plan to look for ways to become even better and continue that tradition into the next millennium," Dr. Foley added.

The magazine touts the cost range for houses in town; the sale prices in 1998 averaged just under \$300,000 and went as high as about \$2.5 million.

The downtown, which has managed to sustain itself economically despite the popularity of malls, is still one of Westfield's biggest attractions.

"I think Westfield is really becoming known for its downtown

because we have both national stores and locally owned stores," said La Place whose job responsibilities include economic development and promotion of the central business district. "No one else really has the kind of mix we have here."

In addition to specialty stores, the town is home to mall-like chains including Ann Taylor, the Gap, Lord & Taylor, Banana Republic and Williams-Sonoma.

If people are hungry for something else, the downtown has 43 restaurants to satisfy even the most diverse palate.

"It confirms what the residents of Westfield have known for a long time: Westfield is a great town to live in and raise a family," Mayor Tom Jardim said.

"The timing of the article is wonderful because we are trying to promote the downtown and *New Jersey Monthly* is sold all over the state," La Place said about the recent recognition.

With the architecture and history that's been preserved in town, La Place said Westfield has the "whole effect."

"This is what a town's supposed to look like."

Intersection was 'another death waiting to happen'

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an-activated traffic signals throughout the intersections in town. Another suggestion was to appeal to the county to have speed limits on county roads decreased from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Apart from talking about the recent pedestrian tragedies, many residents talked about their personal experiences with traffic safety

issues.

About four years ago, Nancy Gannett Vickers and her then 9-year-old son were hit by a car while they were crossing East Broad Street at the corner of Stanley.

"I was only grazed by the car, but my son was hit hard and thrown some 20 feet," Vickers said. "After being helicoptered to the trauma center in Newark, having surgery

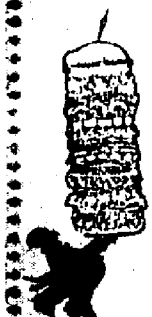
and enduring a long recuperation, I am pleased to report that he is fine today."

Vickers said the recent fatal accidents "could have been any of us."

David Shalleross said when his wife, two children and a friend were crossing East Broad Street from Mountain Avenue three years ago they were hit by a car and dragged three or four feet. They were hit by a car after one car stopped and the driver signaled for them to walk.

"My son ended up under the car and was almost crushed," Shalleross said. "I almost lost my entire family."

Shalleross said he came to the Town Council meeting to raise the level of awareness "in hopes that something can be done about it."



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Town Council decides against releasing performance bond

By JON LEDERMAN

RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council voted against releasing a \$50,932.40 performance bond related to the construction of the M. Licho Jewellers store located on Park Avenue during Tuesday night's meeting.

The bond was posted in May of 1994 by Michelle and Carol Licho, allowing the pair to demolish a gas station and replace it with a 42 foot by 45 foot retail outlet.

In 1998, the Township Engineering Department conducted a site inspection and recommended that the bond be released subject to certain conditions including submittal of a

final site plan.

To date, the Lichos have not met this condition.

In other business at Tuesday evening's council meeting:

The council approved a resolution for the township to receive \$200,000 from the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs for parking lot improvements. The money will pay for a new parking lot and for improvements to an existing lot that starts behind CVS Pharmacy and runs behind other properties along East Second Street.

Also, the council authorized submitting a grant application for participation in the 1999 Union County Pocket Park Matching Grant Program. Upon approval, the application will

yield \$100,000 from the county to match the township's budget for playground upgrades and renovations.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has allocated \$1 million in matching grants to municipalities for land acquisition, playground upgrades and renovations of parks.

Finally, the council voted in favor of the conditional release of a performance bond in the amount of \$285,255.60 to Joseph Appezato Building Contractor Inc. for the extension of O'Donnell Avenue. The contractor must post a two-year, \$35,656.95 maintenance bond and enter into a maintenance agreement with the township before the performance bond funds are released.

Board hears budget presentation

By TINA GUARINO

RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education heard a presentation on the tentative school budget for the 1999-2000 school year.

The budget was developed according to priorities outlined in the strategic plan: increasing enrollment, curriculum revisions and maintenance needs.

"I am very pleased that our state aid has increased, with most of the increase earmarked to help offset our out-of-district special education expenses," Superintendent of Schools William Foley said. "With careful scrutinizing by our Business Office and Finance Committee, which included limiting new programs and expenses to a minimum, we are able to offer a budget somewhat below cap."

With a proposed tax rate of \$0.07 per \$100 of assessed valuation would mean an increase of \$122.69 for an average home assessed at \$174,000.

Finance chair Susan Jacobson said the finance committee has met with department directors and continues to meet to fine-tune figures. The tentative budget, which totals about \$53 million,

will be presented to the entire school board for approval March 2.

The combination of enrollment growth, the core curriculum standards, technology initiatives and increased special education needs will require the hiring of new personnel with an estimated cost of \$499,000.

Capital projects not covered by the recent bond total about \$536,000 and include facade & soft fix repair at Jefferson School, an interior replacement at Washington School, partial roof repair at Edison, upgraded heat controls at Roosevelt School, floor tile replacement in the hall and air-conditioning replacement in the nurse's suite at the high school as well as gym roof repair and an upgraded fire alarm at Lincoln School.

As part of the district's technology initiative, five computers will be placed in each fourth grade classroom next year. This will call for leasing 110 computers and 22 printers plus the necessary furniture to accommodate the equipment.

This year, five computers were put in each fifth grade classroom. With four more fifth grade sections to be added next year due to a high elementary enrollment, the

budget calls for more computer furniture and the leasing of 20 additional computers and printers for the fifth grade.

At the intermediate level, the school board plans to incorporate technology into the district's revised language arts curriculum with the addition of two writing labs in both Edison and Roosevelt schools. The board proposed to lease 68 computers, 14 printers, accompanying desks, display carts and monitors. The total technology expenditure would be approximately \$264,000.

The district will be using new textbooks next year to coincide with the state's core curriculum standards. The total cost for new textbooks is approximately \$106,000.

This includes new Spanish books for the second and sixth grades and new French books for the sixth and eighth grades. Outdated health textbooks for grades 1-8 will be replaced with next texts to support the revised Family Life curriculum. New Social Studies textbooks for grades 6-8 will be used to match state standards. Elementary texts in fine arts and language arts are also earmarked under the new budget.

Knights of Columbus extend thanks

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"The best way you can change the moral stature of the country is to be moral yourself," he added.

William Crosby of the Fanwood Rescue Squad received an award for his decades of service. During those years he has held various positions as sergeant, lieutenant, captain and president.

"He is probably one of the most active members that we have ever had," said former Rescue Squad finance secretary Bob Kruthers.

Kruthers took the first aid course with Crosby 42 years ago when they both joined the squad. "I often tell my wife that if I am ever sick I want Bill to take care of me," Kruthers said fondly. "He is a great fellow."

Also recognized by the Knights of Columbus were Sergeant Mark Zyla, Officers Suzanne Butler and James Scannell of the Scotch Plains Police Department and Detective Eugene Chin of the Fanwood Police Department. All members of Fanwood Fire Department and Scotch Plains Fire Department received awards as well as William McLaughlin of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

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Scotch Plains police charge two with motor vehicle theft

Scotch Plains

Altara Cabell, 21 and Robert T. Smith, 24 of Easton, PA were charged with the possession of a stolen 1990 Nissan after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road 11 p.m. Feb. 17, police said. The car was reported stolen from Easton earlier the same day. Cabell received additional summonses for disregarding a traffic light and driving with a suspended license.

The Shackamaxon Country Club reported the theft of a 7.5-foot snow plow blade from the maintenance garage Feb. 15, police said.

Udom Suthimaskul, 40, of Union was charged with drunk driving after a motor vehicle accident on Route 22 about 9 p.m. Feb. 15, police said. There were no injuries.

Mario Ramon Solis, 37, of Piscataway was charged with attempted theft by deception and offering a forged driver's license as identification Feb. 17, police said. Solis attempted to open an account at the Summit Bank on Park Avenue. He was remanded to the Union County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail set by Judge Joseph Perillo of the Scotch Plains Municipal Court.

Carlos A. Camacho, 19, of Elizabeth was charged with providing false information and posses-

Police log

sion of crack cocaine after a motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Martine Avenue and Cliffwood Street 2:30 a.m. Feb. 18, police said.

Residents of Balmoral Lane reported that mail was missing or tampered with Feb. 19, police said. Postal officials were notified.

Fanwood

Two 15-year-old boys and one 14-year-old boy, all of Fanwood, were apprehended for criminal mischief to a building at Forest Road Park Feb. 23, police said. The boys were turned over to their parents who will pay for damages.

Westfield

Lord & Taylor, located on North Avenue, reported a shoplifting incident Feb. 18, police said. According to reports, a black woman, about 40 or 50 years old, was seen by security putting \$550 worth of clothing in a JC Penney shopping bag. When she was approached by security she fled in a 1988 Oldsmobile driven by another woman. The car headed west on North Avenue, police said.

Karen Paardcamp, 46, of Fanwood was charged with drunk-

en driving and refusal to give a breath test after a motor vehicle stop for speeding on west North Avenue Feb. 18, police said. She was released on \$900 bail.

A cell phone was reported stolen from a locker at Westfield High School, located on Dorian Road, police said. The cell phone was valued at about \$63.

A Grove Street resident reported a computer, cell phone and other personal items were taken from her car Feb. 20, police said. She had driven in Westfield, Cranford and Elizabeth and said the items could have been taken while in any of the three towns.

A Summit Court resident reported the theft of a credit card while at Temple Emanuel on East Broad Street Feb. 20, police said. The card was used to make about \$1,700 worth of purchases at several stores including Sears, Foot Locker and Pathmark.

Donne E. Burton, 34, of Plainfield was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and rolling papers at the Southside train station parking lot Feb. 21, police said. Bail was set at \$250. Burton was also found to have outstanding warrants from Plainfield, South Plainfield and Fanwood, police said.

Council to apply for county funds

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD—The Town Council will apply for county funds to improve the town's parks and fields.

According to the county's program, municipalities can apply for a maximum of \$100,000 in matching funds.

"That's a possible \$2.1 million in applications for a \$1 million limit," said Town Administrator Ed Gottko in referring to Union County's 21 municipalities. "I don't know if there is going to be anything left in the next go around."

The deadline for the first cycle of applications is March 1. The cycles run every 60 days.

The council will present a resolution Tuesday authorizing \$80,000 to Tamaques Park and \$20,000 for "various improvements to various parks."

At Tamaques, the funds will be used to renovate bathroom facilities and storage facilities in the building near the tennis courts.

The council did not include the bathrooms at Gumbert Park on the resolution. Last year, members of the Westfield Baseball League urged the Town Council to designate Gumbert as one of the parks that should receive money.

"Their appeal was given us something and we'll make up the rest," Councilman Jim Gruba said.

"The Baseball League did say they were going to step up to the plate and do something to help offset the funding of this project," Councilman Greg McDermott said. "They have submitted a plan to the Recreation Department but nothing further than that."

McDermott said the funds have to be used by September. He said Gumbert received money from last year's Pocket Park funding and this year the

money should go to other parks and fields that also need improvement.

"We will improve the field at Tamaques Park which also has baseball fields so we aren't slighting baseball we are just moving elsewhere to help improve other fields," McDermott added.

Councilman Neil Sullivan said the funds needed to match the county could come from private organizations.

"Getting the bathrooms done once and for all would be a tremendous improvement," Councilman Larry Goldman said. "They've been in miserable shape as long as I can remember."

Although Goldman said the bathrooms need improvement, he agreed with the other councilmen and said the baseball groups that use the fields should also contribute.

Last year the town received \$117,500 in matching funds from the county for parks and fields. Of that money \$17,500 was dedicated to the Lincoln School park and playground. The other \$100,000 grant money originally earmarked for the former Excellent Diner site was designated to other areas once the property's owners decided to develop the property: \$35,000 to Gumbert Park; \$30,000 to Sycamore Field; \$20,000 to Tamaques Park and \$15,000 to various parks and fields in town.

The total money for the projects including the town's matching funds is \$235,000.

"I want to make sure that all the projects that have received funding to date are able to be completed before we allocate money to other projects," Councilman Sullivan said. "I want to make sure that we achieve the park that we are looking for. Similarly I want to make sure that the \$120,000 in park improvements to Sycamore is adequate funding, both are at the engineering and planning firm being designed now and close to being bid."



Recognizing DECA

Fanwood Mayor Maryanne Connelly (third from left) and Scotch Plains Mayor Geri Samuel (second from right) stand with Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA students (from left) senior Peter Kobliksa, freshman David Baumwoll and senior Thomas Gentile, after signing a Proclamation declaring the week of Feb. 8-14, 1999 as DECA Week in Fanwood and Scotch Plains. The Proclamation was in recognition of the community achievements that the award-winning Chapter has been sponsoring throughout the year. Much of DECA's efforts are designed to help the needy. Food and toy drives, Thanksgiving Day Dinner, Adopt-a-Family Program, monthly visits to Ashbrook Nursing Home, parties for homeless and needy children are just part of DECA's agenda of activities during the year.

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Pay attention to local budgets

In the next week, local school boards will be completing work on their tentative budgets for the 1999-2000 school year. And in the following six weeks before the April 20 school election, school boards and administrators will be holding meetings and distributing literature explaining why voters should approve the proposed spending plans.

Unfortunately, public turnout for school budget hearings has always been dismally low. That's a shame because the local school budget eats up the largest chunk of residents' property tax bills. And while people continually grumble about how much money they have to shell out each year in property taxes, many of them don't bother to find out where all the dollars go.

Because New Jersey has the highest property taxes in the country, it is important for residents, whether or not they have children in the school system, to take an interest in the local school budget.

If you are frustrated with your property taxes, then you should make it a point to attend a public hearing on the budget, hear an explanation about how the money will be spent and don't be afraid to ask questions. School administrators and board members, believe it or not, actually welcome questions on the budget because that affords them the opportunity to explain the difficulties of operating under a strict budget cap while having to meet ever increasing state mandates and the need to install the latest technology in the classroom. These conflicting demands, plus the need to keep property taxes as stable as possible, put a lot of pressure on administrators and school board members. A thorough examination of most school budgets will show, because of state mandates and contractual obligations, there is not much fat that can be trimmed.

In the next few weeks, most municipalities will also be adopting tentative budgets for 1999. And though these budgets do not go before the voters, residents should also pay attention to these spending plans. While the municipal tax levy does not chew up a big piece of the overall tax bill, its impact is still significant. Residents should also try to attend these budget meetings and see how government works. Municipal officials, like their comrades in the school district, will also welcome your input.

In the next month, your elected officials will be making decisions that will affect you in the pocketbook. That's why it's important for you to make an effort to attend budget meetings and make your opinions known. The only way property taxes will be reduced or stabilized is if a vigilant populace and elected officials work together toward a common goal.

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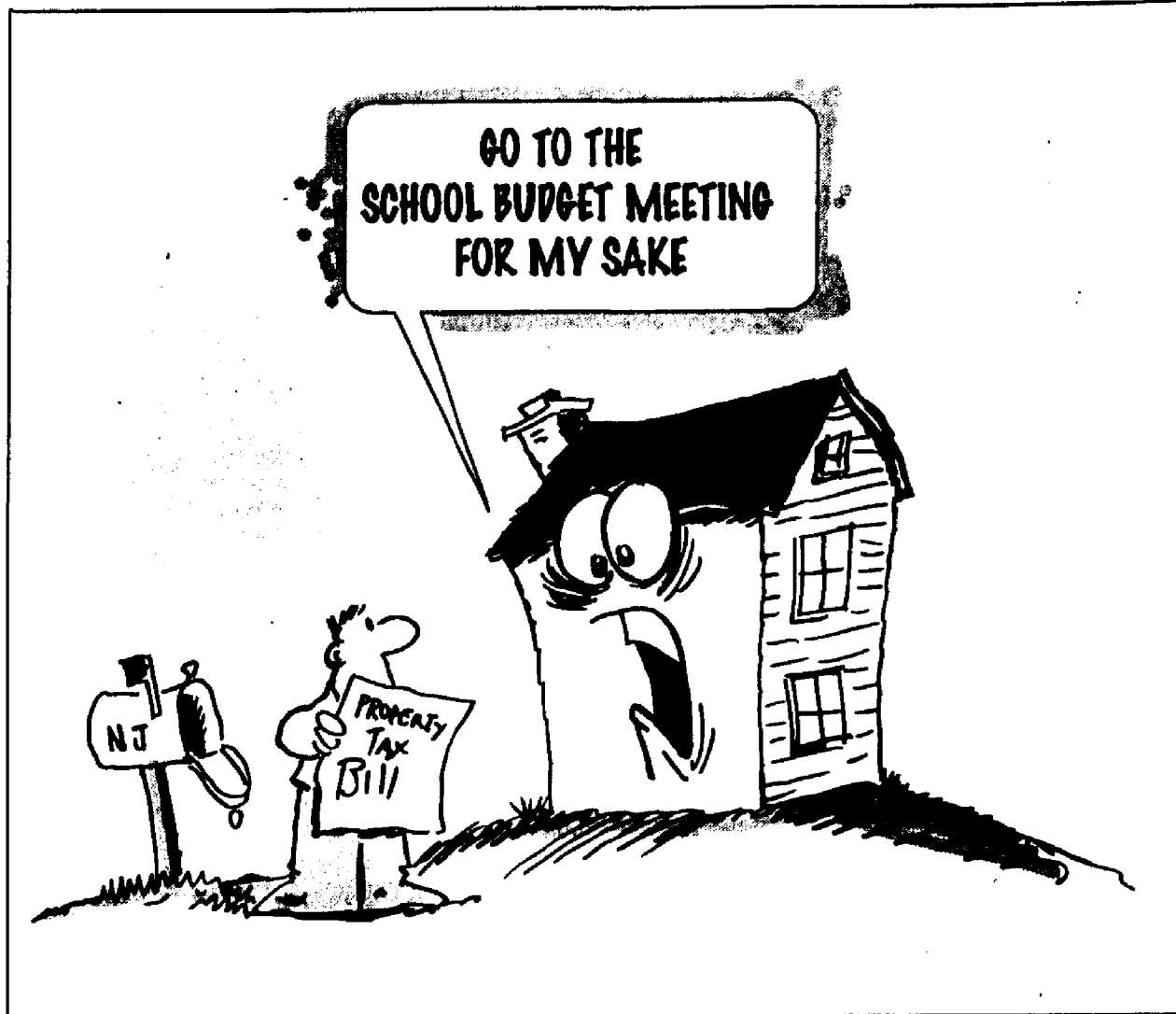
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Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

Handling the angst of reunions

In two months I will be attending my 20th college reunion. That means in the next eight weeks I have to lose 20 pounds, get a new job that doubles my salary, marry a trophy wife and have two perfect children, buy a Porsche and a summer house in the Hamptons, and dye my hair.

Of course I will do little to meet any of those goals. I'll try to lose some weight, but that really will be for the new golf season. I refuse to dye my hair; there is nothing more ridiculous and pathetic than the sight of a man who has surrendered to vanity. The other goals can only be achieved if I win the lottery, but I decided last year I shouldn't be wasting precious shekels on bad bets.

Twentieth reunions are tricky because they usually coincide with the traditional mid-life crisis. You really don't need the pressure of a reunion at the same time you're tallying your own life's balance sheet and hoping and praying that somehow the achievements add up more than the disappointments. Complicating the calculation of life at the reunion is the inevitable and forlorn comparison with your classmate's own balance sheets. How can that dork who once whimpered like an abused goat over not understanding a simple calculus integration be worth a million bucks and have a tan that would make George Hamilton weep? How could that pervert who had a poster of Furrall Fawcett on the ceiling above his bed have a wife who was a finalist for a part on *Baywatch*? You can only console yourself either with the forlorn philosophy that life is unfair or that they never birdied the 14th hole on the Old Course at St. Andrews, which is a much greater achievement than having a wife who's always mistaken for Cameron Diaz or having bought 100 shares of Amazon at \$20.

At 20th reunions, regrets silently hang from the rafters like sleeping vampire bats ready to suck the life blood from the unwary. That's why so many people drink too much at reunions, as if the alcohol veneer can put a new shine on life. Most people will not admit to feeling a bit depressed after a 20th reunion; after all, that would make the mid-life crisis even bleaker. (Perhaps this is why in the next few weeks I will be renting "Grosse Pointe Blank," the story of a professional killer who mixes a "business" trip with his high school reunion; I can identify with that fantasy.) And many people, though they look forward to renewing old friendships, begin feeling anxious as the reunion approaches. Like impatient readers who skip to the last page of a mystery, you want to see how other people's life stories are evolving, yet you would rather not be the object of the same curiosity, unless of course you're waking up alongside Cameron Diaz.

My reunion will be the third week in April, when spring — the clichéd season of rebirth — will have finally sprung. On those soft April evenings, when the fresh smell of new life rises from the earth, it is possible for the disappointments to vanish and great expectations for the second half of life's journey to take their place. For a few brief hours, given a cosmic conjunction of factors, you can return to a time when Kansas' "Carry On, Wayward Son" had more meaning than Wallace Stevens' "Sunday Morning," the freedom of adulthood was intoxicating and everything was possible. The reunion can be a recharging jolt to an overworked psyche, an infusion of fresh energy. Your life is only half over, you want to realize, and there's still 40 more years left to accomplish what you haven't done. In a crazy moment of revelation, you conclude your mid-life crisis is just the summer vacation between your sophomore and junior years, when life seemed impossible and frustrating but, in the end, turned out OK.

So I will be what I am at my 20th reunion. My life will not radically change in the next eight weeks, nor will it change after the reunion either. Life isn't a poker game, when you can throw away some cards and ask for more. You have to be satisfied with the hand you've been dealt and hope you can bluff your way to the jackpot.

Letters to the editor

Zero tolerance is not the right answer

To The Record-Press:

I think we could all agree that we would like the town of Westfield to be as safe as possible for all its citizens. I find nothing wrong with special interest group BRAKES (Bikers, Runners And Kids are Entitled to Safety) voicing their concerns at a town meeting regarding traffic and pedestrian safety.

It does disturb me, however, when the mayor overreacts to public pressure and dictates the Police Department exercise zero tolerance with regard to speeding and jaywalking, which in effect takes away their discretion and results in a ticket blitz. In the 20 years I've lived in Westfield, I've never known the Police Department to be anything but helpful, courteous and responsive to our needs.

Their job has not been one of punishment, but rather of compliance and enforcement when necessary.

If the mayor had simply told the BRAKES group that he would look into the problem, meet with the Police Department and with their input as law enforcement professionals come up with a plan to notify the citizens of Westfield (press release etc.) for the need to tighten the tolerance, the residents would have gladly complied.

It's a good thing a Neighborhood Watch group didn't report any burglaries. The mayor might have the National Guard patrolling our streets.

MICHAEL J. PATRICK
Westfield

Confessions of a reformed jaywalker

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

I've sped. I've jaywalked. I've cursed jaywalkers while speeding and cursed speeders while jaywalking.

Considering all the talk about pedestrian safety, I decided to try using the crosswalk during my recent trip to downtown Westfield.

The trip fulfilled one of my New Year's resolutions: to not procrastinate. So that's why in only the second month of the year, February, I was returning Christmas gifts.

Proud of my efforts (if it were last year I would have waited until March), I prepared to check another item off of my long list of things to do.

I was happy to find a parking space on Central Avenue, right across from Express and even happier to discover there were still ten minutes left in the meter. Perfect.

I was about to cross the street armed with the box of overdo returns; my initial reaction was to run across. Cars weren't coming. It was no big deal. I would have made it. Instead I stopped. I wasn't at a marked crosswalk. The closest one was about 50 feet away.

On the curb I contemplated my next step. As a local reporter in town who has written about the pedestrian safety issue, I thought I should set an example and try to follow the rules I had clearly listed in my articles.

I walked the 50 feet to the



crosswalk, crossed Central Avenue and then crossed Quimby Street.

Inside the store at the counter I discovered, of course, I didn't have my receipt.

But since my second resolution is to be organized, I felt confident that my receipt was safely being held with my other receipts in a marked manila envelope in the car.

Again, I wanted to dart across the street, taking the most direct route to my car. But I ignored the aggravation simmering inside and opted for the crosswalks.

So, I crossed Quimby Street. I crossed Central Avenue and walked back to my car. After a frantic search through my pocketbook, center console and glove compartment, I couldn't find the receipt.

Now extremely annoyed and convinced my resolutions will never survive past the first week of January, I crossed both crosswalks again to get the clothes I left inside the store. I hoped I could still return the clothes without the receipt. But seasons don't wait for anybody, including recovering procrastinators. All three of

the items to be returned were now 60 percent off. Since I didn't want to lose all that money in the exchange, I said thank you to the salesperson, took my clothes and walked out the door.

Now I really just wanted to run across the street, get in my car and forget all about the good pedestrian thing. My conscience wouldn't allow it and for the fourth time, looking both ways, I used the two crosswalks.

Each time I was in awe as motorists yielded to me and let me cross the street. One woman even came to a complete stop. The first time I wondered if the drivers read the local papers. I even wondered if they had read my articles. Then I wondered if they were just being nice because the sunny day put them in a good mood. Or better yet, maybe kindness came easily to them because they all knew where their receipts were and didn't have problems crossing things off their 'to do' list.

I have to admit, slightly peeved that I had to go what seemed like miles out of my way, it felt good to do the right thing. I didn't get hit by a car. Nobody cursed me out and the only person I cursed out that day was myself for not having the receipt with me.

By the time I got back to my car the parking meter had expired.

But at least something went right for me that day: not only did I not get a ticket for jaywalking, I didn't get one for parking either.

Register your child for kindergarten

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Public School District will conduct kindergarten registration for the 1999-2000 school year from March 4-12.

The District is also registering children who have not been in the public school system but will enter first grade in the fall. Any Westfield child who reaches his/her fifth or sixth birthday on or before Oct. 1, 1999, is eligible to register.

The child's birth certificate, evidence of residency within the district and compliance with district health requirements should be presented at the time of registration.

Parents of incoming kindergarten and new-to-the-district first grade students should call to schedule an appointment to register their children. If registration will take place during the day, the child's neighborhood school should be called in order to schedule an appointment. Evening registration will be available at the Board of Education administration building at 302 Elm Street in the second floor conference room. Evening registrants must call (908) 789-

4420 to make an appointment.

Following is the schedule for registration:

Thursday - March 4, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. - Wilson School - 789-4605

Friday - March 5, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. - Wilson School - 789-4605

Friday - March 5, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. - Washington School - 789-4600

Monday - March 8, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. - Franklin School - 789-4592

Tuesday - March 9, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. - Tamaques School - 789-4580

Tuesday - March 9, 6-8 p.m. - Administration Building - 789-4420

Wednesday - March 10, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. - McKinley School - 789-4555

Wednesday - March 10, 6-8 p.m. - Administration Building - 789-4420

Thursday - March 11, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. - Jefferson School - 789-4490

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Church play to make its 'Mark'

SCOTCH PLAINS — "The Book of Mark" will be presented as a stage play 6 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road.

The performance with Max McLean is an adaptation of the second gospel in the New Testament. McLean, through his Fellowship for the Performing Arts, has also adapted the book of Genesis and the Acts of the Apostles for audiences around the world.

McLean was born in Panama City, Panama, and came to America at age 4 speaking no English. He took up acting while receiving a degree in history from the University of Texas. He graduated from the Mountview Theatre School in London, England.

Admission of \$10 includes refreshments. A reception in Ryno Hall will follow the performance. Child care is available on request. For more information, call (908) 232-5678.

Barbershop quartets coming to Westfield

WESTFIELD — Barbershop harmony quartets from several states will perform in the 38th annual Novice Quartet Competition to be held 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield.

Sponsored by the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA), the program has scheduled approximately 15 newly formed quartets from the mid-Atlantic District of the singing society to harmonize in competition before an audience under contest rules.

The Jerseyaires Chorus will also give a brief performance under the direction of George

Briefs

Schwerdt with William Laurie, Doug Brown, and Jack Robinson (director emeritus) assisting. The musical show is open to the public. Admission is free. For information call (908) 245-1910 or (908) 925-2629. The Jerseyaires meet in the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield every Monday evening at 7:30.

Behavioral seminar available at Brunner

SCOTCH PLAINS — "Behavioral Issues Related to Children with Special Needs" will be covered in a seminar 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Brunner School, 775 Westfield Road.

Featured speaker will be Jacqueline Borg, a clinical psychologist from Children's Specialized Hospital. The seminar is free and open to anyone involved with "special needs" children.

For more information, call Karyn Steele at (908) 322-7265. The seminar is sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Learning Disabilities Association.

Cowie elected by DWC to conduct street study

WESTFIELD — The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) has selected Paul Cowie & Associates to work on a comprehensive street tree inventory and community forestry management plan. The firm will provide recommendations for existing and new shade trees in the Special Improvement District.

The results of the Cowie study will be used in determining aspects of the streetscape design for downtown Westfield and for

trees along major routes leading to the town center. The DWC is also continuing planning and research for the parking deck.

The DWC discussed suggested language to use in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultants for Westfield's first parking deck. Town Administrator Ed Gottko is drafting the RFP. A \$25,000 grant from Union County will pay for the consultant study, which is to be done this spring.

'Sandwichers' plan Sunday meeting

WESTFIELD — The "Sandwichers" will get together 4 p.m. Sunday for a soup-and-subs supper at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. Most of the "Sandwichers" are 45-65. Many of them are "sandwiched" between aging parents and grown children. If you are in this age group and would like more information, call (908) 233-2278.

Scotch Plains fire department needs help

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Fire Department needs your support.

A mailing went out last week to all township residents asking them to support the all-volunteer fire company. Donations may be sent to Scotch Plains Volunteer Firefighters Association, P.O. Box 1, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076. 1999 marks the 130th anniversary of the township's Fire Department.

Assemblyman Bagger's office is open tomorrow

WESTFIELD — Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger (R-22nd Dist.) will have his legislative office at 203 Elm St. open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. tomorrow. His district includes Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood. For more information, call (908) 232-3673.

Send us your news

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The deadline is noon Friday for articles, 10 a.m. Monday for letters.



Scotch Plains-Fanwood Junior Girl Scouts enjoy their fondue as they "visited" Switzerland's Girl Scout Center, known as Our Chalet.

Girl Scouts celebrate Thinking Day

SCOTCH PLAINS — Thinking Day is a special day celebrated by the Girl Scouts every year.

The event is usually held Feb. 22, the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the scouting movement. This year Junior Girl Scouts in Scotch Plains and Fanwood celebrated Thinking Day early with an imaginary trip to the four world Girl Scout centers.

The scouts boarded Juliet Low Airlines, named for the founder of the Girl Scouts, for "flight" instructions, a talk about

Thinking Day and the flag ceremony. After disembarking they set out for the world centers for a journey that may be taken in the years to come. In visiting these lands the scouts earned the On My Way badge.

For "Sangam" (India) the scouts tasted Indian food, saw artwork and played a game. At "Our Cabana" (Mexico) there were a spicy snack, Mexican bark painting, artwork, pinatas and a God's Eye pin. In "Pax Lodge" (England) the scouts got a taste of British tea with scones, the

theater, royalty and "tea bag" pins. "Our Chalet" (Switzerland) had fondue, Swiss chocolate, sports programs and Swiss flag pins.

There were also stations for the Junior scouts to create postcards and perform activities from the Junior handbook.

As the "ingathering" drew to a close, the Juliet Low Friendship Fund was collected from the Junior troops and a candlelight friendship circle formed while the scouts sang "We Are the World."

Teens participating in 30-Hour Famine

FANWOOD — More than 100 young people are scheduled to go without food today and tomorrow to help fight hunger and poverty around the world.

Teenagers from churches in the Central Jersey Youth Leaders Network will meet at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church on South Martine Avenue. Those going without food are participating in the annual "30-Hour Famine" sponsored by World Vision, a religious and charitable organization based in Monrovia, Calif.

Families, friends and neighbors

are being asked to sponsor participants with pledges while the teens go without food for 30 hours.

Through videos, games, special events and involvement in community service projects, the teens learn about hunger and what they can do to help others.

As part of the "30-Hour Famine" the teens will go door-to-door 9-11 a.m. tomorrow collecting food in sections of Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield. This food will be

delivered to the Hillside-based Community Food Bank of New Jersey, where the teens will learn about how the food bank functions. The teens are scheduled to work at the food bank in the afternoon.

The fast will be broken 6 p.m. tomorrow at the Hydewood Park Baptist Church in North Plainfield.

For more information or sponsorship, call Rev. Meredith Does at (908) 889-7263.

1 School notes

Ten students from The Record-Press area achieved honor roll standing for the first trimester at the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, in Summit.

Receiving first honors for achieving all As were Maire Abraham of Westfield, in Grade 12; Tracy Evans of Westfield and Birgit Unfried of Scotch Plains, both in Grade 11; Katherine Abramson and Elena Goetz, both of Scotch Plains, and Sara Pankratz of Westfield, all in Grade 9.

Named to the honor roll for having all As and Bs were Colleen Higgins of Westfield, in Grade 12; Karl Perrine of Scotch Plains, in Grade 11; Larissa Curlik of Westfield, in Grade 8; and Caitlin Farrell of Westfield, in Grade 7.

Three students from The Record-Press area were named to the honor roll at Roselle Catholic High School for the second marking period.

Jennifer Bassano of Scotch Plains received first honors. Allison Kelly and Kristen Kelly, both of Westfield, received honorable mention.

Union Catholic High School has issued its honor roll for the second marking period.

Receiving first honors were Jaime Bennett, Joseph Gregov, Allison Mack, Nicole Manzano and Brian Reagan, all of Scotch Plains; Leanne Kacsur, Lisa Morkowitz and John Wilkinson, all of Westfield; Matthew Price, Christopher Sandford, Thomas C. Williams and Edward Winsor, all of Fanwood.

Maderer is peer adviser

SCOTCH PLAINS — Paige Maderer of Scotch Plains, a senior majoring in inclusive elementary and special education in the School of Education at Syracuse University, has been named a School of Education student peer adviser.

In cooperation with faculty and staff in the School of Education, student peer advisers help first-year students with academic, social, cultural and emotional transition from high school to college. With the support of the peer advisers, first-year students learn the academic policies of the school and university, become acquainted with school and university support systems and services, and explore academic program options. Peer advisers, who must have a grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be considered for the position, maintain their relationship with their advisees throughout the academic year.

Receiving second honors were Katie Behr, Tracey Doherty, Albert Nodar and Margaret Stewart, all of Westfield; Laura Boes, Laura Colon, Christine Intrabartolo and Thomas Werner, all of Scotch Plains; Kathryn Schurtz and Erica Schweikert, both of Fanwood.

Seventeen students from The Record-Press area were named to the honor roll for the second marking period at the middle school of the Wardlaw-Hartridge School, in Edison.

The students honored include: Grade 12 — Ben Friedland, Kavitha Janardhan and Michelle Schackman, all of Scotch Plains.

Grade 11 — Atul Jain and Eric Rosenberg, both of Scotch Plains.

Grade 10 — Beth Treger of Westfield and Samantha Schackman of Scotch Plains.

Grade 8 — Milan Patel and Riviya Sodhi, both of Scotch Plains; and Michael Kim, of Westfield.

Grade 7 — David Altszuler and Gopika Barai, both of Westfield.

Grade 6 — Allison Clancy, Daniel Forman and William Kim, all of Westfield; Matthew Darwin and Craig Torpey, both of Scotch Plains.

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SUNDAY

FEB. 28

INTERFAITH SINGLES — for single adults over 45. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. Cost \$2; includes continental breakfast. Call (908) 233-2278.

SANDWICHES — soup and sub supper for people 45-65. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 4 p.m. Call (908) 233-2278.

BOOK OF MARK — one-man depiction of the New Testament book with Max McLean. Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, 6 p.m. Admission \$10; babysitting available. Reservations: Call (908) 232-5678.

TUESDAY

MARCH 2

BEHAVIORAL ISSUES — seminar sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Learning Disabilities Association. Brunner School, 775 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 322-7265.

THINK PURPLE — parenting program sponsored by Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA. Board of Education office, 2280 Evergreen Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 654-4441.

THURSDAY

MARCH 4

"GETTING READY" — for Kindergarten, program for parents who will enter Westfield kindergarten in September. McKinley School, 500 First St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 789-4555.

COMING UP

BOOK SIGNING — "Torey the Turkey Goes Skiing" by Gwyn English Nielsen. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 1-3 p.m. March 6. Call (908) 233-3535.

BENEFIT AUCTION — 11th annual event for AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey. Temple Emanuel-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, March

6; silent auction 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., live auction 8 p.m. Cost \$50. Reservations: Call (973) 993-8255.

50's DANCE — annual benefit for Westfield High School Band Parents Association. Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark, 8 p.m.-midnight March 6. Cost \$27.50. Reservations: Call (908) 317-6730.

OPEN HOUSE — for children interested in Stagestruck Kids performing arts camp. Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford, 7:30-9 p.m. March 10. Call (908) 276-5053 or (973) 912-9051.

RABIES CLINIC — for cats and dogs whose owners live in Westfield and Fanwood. Firehouse No. 2, 1029 Central Ave., Westfield, 4-5:30 p.m. March 11. Call (908) 789-4070.

HEALTH DAY — for people who live in Fanwood and Westfield. Borough Hall, 403 South Ave., Garwood, 9-11 a.m. March 13. Call (908) 789-4070.

CIRCUS TRIP — to Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at Continental Airlines Arena. Bus leaves from Municipal Building, 430 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, 9:30 a.m. March 13. Scotch Plains residents \$27; non-residents \$29. Registration: Call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 222.

MORE THAN A LION'S — pancake breakfast sponsored by Scotch Plains Lions Club. Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 14. Adults \$5; children under 6 free. Call (908) 753-8218.

BEST CHEFS NIGHT — fundraiser sponsored by Washington Rock Girl Scout Council (Westfield). The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, 6 p.m. March 15. Cost \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door; business attire required; must be 18-over. Tickets: Call (908) 232-3236, Ext. 209.

WESTFIELD CRAFT MARKET — spring edition of craft show. National Guard armory, 550 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 5-9 p.m. March 26; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. March 27; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 28. Adults \$6 all three days; children under 10 free (no strollers). Call (800) 834-9437.

BOOK DISCUSSION — group for adults, centering on "The Awakening" by Kate Chopin. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. April 8. Call (908) 322-6400.

SPAGHETTI DINNER — sponsored by Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, 5:30 and 7 p.m. April 30. Adults \$7; children 7-12 \$4; children 6 and under free. Call (908) 322-5409 or (908) 889-2152.

A salute to Black History Month

By TINA GUARINO

RECORD PRESS

Several legendary African-Americans have passed through Union County.

Some have lived in the area. Some have performed in places like the Kialto Theatre in Westfield. And others have stopped in at special events to share their life's message with residents.

In Westfield, for instance, the Westfield Community Center on West Broad Street has acted as a hub to harness African-American greatness and spread its positive influence to the town's children.

The children heard about perseverance, success and integrity from the greats who spoke with them.

Lenore Scurry, who is now an Administrative Assistant with the center, remembers when she was a child and her father was the center's director.

"Ms. Bethune spent the night at my house," said Scurry of Mary McLeod Bethune, who visited the center in 1951. "My dad didn't have a car so she had to wait for other people to pick her up at the house to drive her to different areas in town."

"Before she left her words of wisdom to my father were 'a man of your position should have a car even if you put down \$5 and pay a dollar a week!'"

"By the end of the week, we had a car," Scurry said laughing.

Believing that African-Americans deserved a well-rounded education, Bethune founded the Daytona Normal and Industrial School For Negro Girls in 1904 with only \$150, her dream and commitment. In 1923, the school merged with Cookman Institute for Men and became Bethune-Cookman College.

Paul Robeson, whose father was pastor and founder of St. Luke AME Zion Church around the corner from the community center, lived in Westfield from 1907 to 1910. When he was 12-years-old and still in junior high school, he played on the high school's baseball team. A photo shows Robeson sitting in front of his uniformed, white team members. Robeson holds a bat, but wears no uniform.

Robeson went on to become a singer, actor and social activist for human rights all over the world.

President Carlisle, the evening youth coordinator at the center says the legendary greats are role models for today's children.

"Langston Hughes rented an apartment on Downers street around the corner from community center and wrote some of his famous works when he resided in Westfield," said Carlisle about the acclaimed African-American poet, playwright and columnist. "Wherever you go in Europe or anywhere in the country these people are known, and the fact that they visited Westfield and stepped foot into the community center there should be some historical designation attributed to the community center."

Jesse Owens came to the center to dedicate the gymnasium Owens, who won four gold medals at the Olympic Games in Berlin, proved Hitler's Aryan supremacy theories wrong. But he also proved the "All-American" theory wrong because when he returned to the U.S. he would be discriminated against like all other black people at that time.

"It became increasingly apparent that everyone was going to slap me on the back, want to shake my hand, or have me up to their suite," Owens once said. "But no one was



The late immortal baseball star Jackie Robinson talks to children at the center about their future while Executive Director Edward J. Smith (behind Robinson) looks on.

going to offer me a job."

Baseball great Jackie Robinson, the first African-American player in the major leagues, also visited the center.

"I'll never forget the picture of Jackie Robinson stealing home, sliding under Yogi Berra's tag," Carlisle said.

The Westfield Community Center started in 1935 as a one-room toy-lending center a block away from where it is now. In 1941 it moved to "larger quarters." Many of the famous figures came to help raise money for the center so it could expand to the three-room, two-office facility it is now which was completed in 1955. Today the center is planning to build another building on the lot it owns across the street.

"It was a chance for whites and blacks to see noted African-American people who were important, who stopped their busy schedules to come to town," said Lenore's mother Gwendolyn Scurry about the days when the international figures visited. "It was a great thing for the people in Westfield."

Over in Scotch Plains, John Shippen became the first African-American golf professional in 1896.

He was the head pro at Scotch Hills Country Club (formerly Shady Rest) for 25 years starting in the 1920s. He lived in the upstairs of a house that used to be on the golf course.

"Most people think he was the first African-American golfer, but he was first American golf pro," explained Thurman Simmons who is chairman of the John Shippen Foundation which was founded two years ago. Each year the foundation hosts a fund-raising tournament in Shippen's honor.

"Most people think African-Americans didn't play golf until Tiger Woods, but John Shippen more than 100 years ago in 1898 was dubbed the 'boy wonder of golf' when he was about 16 or 17-years-old," Simmons said.

The United States Golf Association has a picture of him indicating that he is the first American golf pro. He played in five US Opens.

"He almost won the open in 1896 but he got stuck on the 13th hole," Simmons said. "And that's why he didn't."



Mary McLeod Bethune spoke at the center about the importance of education. Bethune was the first African-American woman to found a college in Florida in 1904.



The great Olympic track star, Jesse Owens (center) talks with some of the local youth as board members W. Hollis Plinton (left) and Mayor H. Emerson Thomas (right) look on. Owens had been at the center many times and returned in 1960 to inspire more than 250 Westfield residents at the center's annual dinner.



Board member Ella Sands (left) and Director LeRoy Scurry (center) show their gratitude to world-renowned opera singer Fanny Jones (right), who grew up in Scotch Plains when people referred to it as "The Big Woods." Jones often visited the center to sing at various functions.

Woman's Club offers 'China Travelogue'

WESTFIELD Take a tour through China with the College Woman's Club on March 2, at 1:30 p.m. when Annesley and Dick Swicker narrate a program on their recent trip in the lounge of the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St. in Westfield.

The program is free and open to all members and their guests.

Titled Three thousand Years in Three Weeks, the program traces a 1997 tour the couple took with WOR radio host John Gambling.

The slide show will visit such highlights as the Great Wall, the ancient capital of Xinn, with its army of terracotta soldiers, and Beijing, from the imperial majesty of the Forbidden City to the Communist icons of Tinnamen Square.

The modern face of Asia will also be seen in the commercial metropolises of Hong Kong and Shanghai.

A highlight of the Swickers' talk will be their week-long cruise on the Yangtze River, where construction is underway on the Three Gorges Dam.

When completed in 2007, this mammoth project will create a lake flooding millions of acres with devastating environmental and archaeological consequences.

On the personal side, the Swickers will also relate something of the friendliness, pride and curiosity of the Chinese people whom they met along the way.

"As a former teacher, I am concerned about how little our youth learn of Asian history," noted Mrs. Swicker.

"China, just by virtue of its huge population, is something that this generation will certainly have to deal with."

Founded in 1917, The College woman's Club awards scholarships to deserving young women from Westfield and provides a wealth of enrichment opportunities for its members.

The next meeting will feature a guided tour of Drumthwacket, the governor's mansion, on April 21.

For membership information, call Lynda Sperry at 233-2586.

Photos courtesy of the Westfield Community Center and Ernest Powell



Paul Robeson poses for a picture seated in front of the other members of the 1910 Westfield High School Baseball team. He was 12-years-old when the photo was taken.

Menette Antoniello

SCOTCH PLAINS — Menette Antoniello, 71, died Feb. 22, 1999 at her home. A homemaker, she was born in Brooklyn and had lived for many years in Scotch Plains.

Her husband, William, is deceased.

Mrs. Antoniello is survived by three daughters, Mary Ellen Pettit of Scotch Plains, Christine Forscher of Chatham and Susan

Smka of Union; a brother, Woodrow Matthews of Paramus; two sisters, Ella Sweet of Westhampton, N.Y., and Eve Cox of East Islip, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Bronson & Guthrie Funeral Home in Milltown. Memorial contributions may be made to Salvation Army, P.O. Box 3170, Union, N.J. 07083.

C. Edward Hermanson

SCOTCH PLAINS — C. Edward Hermanson, 71, died Feb. 19, 1999 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been a vice president of the American Insurance Service Group in New Jersey and New York from 1979 until his 1993 retirement.

He was born in Montclair and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1978.

Mr. Hermanson earlier held management positions for Gab Business Services in Northern New Jersey for 29 years. He was a

sergeant with the 82nd Airborne Division of the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Norma; a sister, Mildred Sale of West Hartford, Conn.; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday at the Gray Funeral Home in Westfield. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Herbert Verse Sr.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Herbert F. Verse Sr., 86, died Feb. 13, 1999 at Orlando, Fla. He had been a past president of the Plainfield Kiwanis Club. Mr. Verse was born in Larchmont, N.Y., and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Orlando in 1980. He also was a Mason and enjoyed boating.

Surviving are three sons, Robert of Island Heights, Roger of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Herbert of San Francisco, Calif.; three sisters,

Dorothy Dolby of Chatham, Ontario, Canada; Mildred Varnar of Cornelius, N.C.; and Martha Getz of Dunellen; two brothers, Fred of Rochester Hills, Mich., and Walter of Manahawkin; and 19 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the First United Methodist Church of Island Heights. Arrangements were by the Baldwin-Fairchild-Oaklawn Park Funeral Home in Sanford, Fla.

William 'Bill' Brown

WESTFIELD — William "Bill" Brown, 65, died Feb. 13, 1999 at Mountainside Hospital in Glen Ridge. He had been a microbiologist, chemical engineer and lifelong Westfield resident. Mr. Brown was a chemical specialist with the Army Biological Warfare Laboratory at Fort Detrick, Md. He later was a research biologist with Ciba-Geigy Corp. and a senior technical specialist in the oncology department of Montefiore Medical

Center in the Bronx.

He was a member of the American Society for Microbiology, the American Chemical Society and Phi Beta Sigma.

Surviving are a son, William Jr.; four brothers, Charles H., James, Douglas and Lawrence Wallace; and a grandchild.

Funeral services were held Friday at St. Luke A.M.E. Church in Newark. Arrangements were by the Plinton-Curry Funeral Home.

Nina S. Doughty

SCOTCH PLAINS — Nina Sorokoff Doughty, 78, died Feb. 18, 1999 at her home in New Vernon. She was born in New York state and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to New Vernon in 1956.

Mrs. Doughty was a member of the New Vernon Senior Citizens Club.

Surviving are her former husband, Selden E. of Salisbury, Md.; a daughter, Tatyana Doughty Olyphant of New York state; and two sisters, Vera Sorokoff of

Westfield and Claudia Sorokoff of New Vernon.

A Divine Liturgy was celebrated Tuesday at the Orthodox Christian Church of the Holy Trinity, Randolph, of which Mrs. Doughty was a parishioner.

Arrangements were by the Galloway & Crane Funeral Home in Basking Ridge. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey Inc., 38 Elm St., Morristown, N.J. 07960.

Jean Mead Nichols

SCOTCH PLAINS — Jean M. Mead Nichols, 79, died Feb. 20, 1999 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She was a secretary with AT&T Bell Laboratories (now Lucent Technologies) in Murray Hill prior to her 1984 retirement.

Mrs. Nichols was born in Binghamton, N.Y., and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1951. She also was a volunteer at Children's Specialized Hospital in

Mountainside.

Her husband, Egbert, is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna of Warren; a son, Warren of Berkeley Heights; a sister, Flora Zehner of Union; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the McCracken Funeral Home in Union. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

Ella Oldershaw

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ella M. Chapman Oldershaw, 81, died Feb. 17, 1999 at Morristown Memorial Hospital. She once was a clerk with the Prudential Insurance Co. of America. A native of Newark, Mrs. Oldershaw lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Hackettstown in 1997. She worked for Prudential at its home office in Newark for many years prior to her retirement.

Her husband, John F., is deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Irene May; two brothers, Harry F. Chapman and Robert L. Chapman; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at the Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield. Entombment was in the mausoleum at Clover Leaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Obituaries

Helen Gregory

WESTFIELD — Helen Gregory, 79, died Feb. 19, 1999 at the King James Care Center of Chatham. She retired in 1980 after 20 years as a teacher in the Westfield school system.

She was born in Elizabeth and had lived in Westfield since 1923.

Mrs. Gregory received a bachelor's degree from Elmira College and in 1958 earned a master's degree in education from New York University. She was a member of the Elmira College Woman's Club and the Westfield Twig of Overlook

Hospital in Summit.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; two sons, Robert R. Jr. of Westfield and Richard H. of Cranford; and a sister, Jane D'Angelo of Phoenix, Ariz.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. tomorrow in the chapel at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave.

Arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 299 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 305, Parsippany, N.J. 07054.

John A. Lauricella

SCOTCH PLAINS — John A. Lauricella, 61, died Feb. 16, 1999 at Florida Hospital-Altamonte in Altamonte Springs, Fla. He worked for four Wall Street brokerages for 30 years and became a vice president of Morgan Stanley & Co.

Mr. Lauricella was born in Brooklyn. He lived in Scotch Plains from 1969 until he moved in 1997 to East Hampton, N.Y.

He joined Morgan Stanley in 1981 and retired as a vice president in 1989. Mr. Lauricella earlier was associated with the First Boston Corp., Salomon Brothers and

Merrill Lynch & Co.

Surviving are his wife, Lucille A. Rinaldi Lauricella; three sons, John Albert, James G. and Kenneth A.; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Entombment was in the mausoleum at Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home in Westfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

Iris Halkin Sherman

WESTFIELD — Iris Halkin Sherman, 58, died Feb. 18, 1999 at her home. She had been a supervisor with the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

She was born in Brooklyn and had lived in Westfield since 1979.

Mrs. Sherman was with Liberty Mutual for 10 years and most recently was based in its customer service department in Somerset. She received a bachelor's degree in early childhood education in 1962

from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York.

Surviving are her husband, Jerome; a daughter, Amy Gotsch; a son, Douglas; her parents, Sylvia Laibson Halkin and Abraham Halkin; a sister, Linda Goldsmith; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at Temple Emanuel.

Arrangements were by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

Maria Micheletti

SCOTCH PLAINS — Maria Bonuomo Micheletti, 90, died Feb. 16, 1999 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She gave many concerts throughout the United States and Europe during a 20-year career as an opera singer. She was born in Newark and had lived for many years in Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Micheletti sang regularly with the Newark Opera and Chicago Lyric Opera plus selected performances with the Metropolitan Opera. She graduated from St. Cecilia's Conservatory in Rome, Italy.

Surviving are a daughter, Rebecca Markey; a son, E. Benn Micheletti; three sisters, Ida Capage, Carrie Testa and Angela Bonuomo; and five grandchildren.

Her husband, Libero, a brother, Michael Bonuomo, and two other sisters, Lucille Purcell and Yolanda Bonuomo, are deceased.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday at St. James Roman Catholic Church, Springfield, following services at the Gidante Funeral Home in Union. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.

Story times, programs set at Fanwood Library

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library has scheduled story times and special programs for children to be held in March.

Registration will be handled in person at the library and ends 4:30 p.m. today. Fanwood residents will receive priority when registration is required.

A "2-Year-Old Storytime with Craft" will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, 9, 16 and 23. A parent or adult caregiver must attend with the child. Registration is required and seating limited.

A "3- and 4-Year-Old Storytime with Craft" will be 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, 9, 16 and 23. A parent or adult caregiver must be present in the children's depart-

ment. Registration is required and seating limited.

"Storytime for 4- and 5-Year-Olds" will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17 and 24. A parent or adult caregiver must be present. Registration is required and seating limited.

Story time for kindergarten through third grade will be 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 9, 16 and 23. A parent or adult caregiver must be present.

"Family Storytimes" for children of all ages will be 6 p.m. Monday, March 1, 8, 15 and 22. Children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Kerry Quigley or Susan Staub at (908) 322-4377.

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Children's author visits Westfield

Peter Catalanotto, author/illustrator of several children's books, spent a day with students at Tamaques Elementary School encouraging them to write stories and use their imagination. Standing with the author is Tamaques librarian Sue Locascio and students (l-r) Jamie Ackerman, Kevin Monroe, Kyle Higgins, Emily Budnick and Charlie Russak. Catalanotto, of Doylestown, Pa., has written five books, including "The Painter," "Dylan's Day Out," and "Mr. Mumble." He has also illustrated more than 20 books and appeared as a guest speaker at teacher seminars.

Winners announced in 74th art exhibition

WESTFIELD — Winners have been announced for the 74th annual members' oil, pastel and sculpture exhibition of the Westfield Art Association.

The awards program was held Dec. 5 in the Community Room at the Municipal Building, where the exhibition took place. Awards and their recipients:

Kathryn & Denzil Bush Award — Alfred Kaercher for "Supplication," a two-part stone sculpture.

Catherine Barnett & Fred Sitzer Award — Maxwell Sang for "Roommates," an oil painting of very different shoes.

Awards of Excellence — Harry Devlin for "Annabelle," an oil portrait; Melvina Feldman for "Seated Figure," a pastel; Joseph Grieco for "Autumn Guardians," a pastel landscape with subtle figures; and S. Allyn Schaeffer for "First Light," a pastel of a woman sitting.

Awards of Merit — Elizabeth Grottyhann, for an untitled pastel of a face and shoulders with angular shadows; Hanna Keshman for "Three Angels," a red, white and

blue still life, painted in oil; Robert A. Loder Jr. for "End of the Line," an acrylic of cabooses; and Dorothy Spilner for "Memories," a still life of crockery, painted in oil.

Honorable mention — Dolores Brink for "Easter Morning," a still life of tulips, painted in pastel; Wende Devlin for "Heather," an oil portrait; Muriel Harris for "Remnants - Flight," a painting with assemblage; Richard Grottyhann for "In the Wastelands," a city street scene, painted in oil; Michael Kane for "Lehigh Valley Train," drawn in pastel pencil; Alex Mambach for "Adam and Eve," an oil painting; Gladys Reimers for "Madonna," a gestural sculpture carved from coral alabaster; and Edmund Spiro for "The Kiss," a fused metal sculpture.

Co-chairmen of the exhibition were President Barbara Schwinn and Barton Longenbach with judging by Tim Gaydos.

For membership information or details on upcoming events, call Membership Chairwoman Jane Annis at (908) 232-3381 or Schwinn at (908) 232-7058.

Teachers can apply for Currie Award

Nominations are being accepted for the fifth annual Joan Vagelos Currie Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The award is open to teachers from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade in Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools. It was created in memory of Currie and endowed by her brother, P. Roy Vagelos, retired chief executive officer of Merck & Co.

Currie lived in Scotch Plains and taught elementary school classes in Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools for 16 years.

A press release said the award is presented every year to the teacher "who best demonstrates exceptional effectiveness in classroom teaching and a sustained interest in professional growth; has the ability to generate parent involvement in their children's educational activities both at home and at school; and has served the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school/community through work with volunteer organizations, youth organizations, parent groups, publications, etc."

Nominees must be fulltime teachers with three years or more experience.

Teachers, administrators and parents, plus members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, may submit nominations. Teachers may not nominate themselves. A person may nominate only one teacher. Any nomination from a previous year will be taken into consideration this year.

A plaque and \$1,000 will be presented to the winning teacher at a reception in May. In addition, her school will receive a matching \$1,000 grant to be spent under her direction to implement a program or purchase materials for the improvement of her classroom or school.

Forms are available at the Board of Education office, 2280 Evergreen Ave., Scotch Plains, or the office of any elementary school in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. All submissions must be postmarked by Monday, March 22; any submission postmarked after that date will not be considered.

For more information, call (908) 232-6161, Ext. 42.

Howard attends convention

FANWOOD — Mickey Howard of Fanwood attended the Creative Memories 1999 Regional Convention in the Washington, D.C. area Jan. 29-30.

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Howard, who attended the Regional Convention with more than 500 other consultants, has been with Creative Memories for two years.

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AARP Chapter 1437

The chapter will hold its next meeting 1 p.m. Monday, March 1 at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield. Elder law attorney Benjamin Eckman will speak about tax considerations, estate planning and other programs available to seniors. Members are reminded to bring nonperishable food for the food pantry or a cash donation.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the chapter is welcome to attend. New members must be at least 55 and hold a national AARP membership.

During the past month the Tray Favor Group made more than 100 favors that were delivered to Rummels Specialized Hospital for patients' food trays. The Knitting Group also made useful items for shut-ins.

Reservations will be accepted for trips to Wildwood (May 10-14), Nova Scotia (June 12-19) and the Smoky Mountains (Oct. 10-16). Details will be available at the meeting.

Golden Agers Club

The Golden Agers Club meets 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains. Each meeting

includes conversation, cards, bingo and projects for charitable institutions. Refreshments are served.

Officers for 1999 are Jeanette Rotella, president; Olga Bruce, vice president; Marge Van Duyn, secretary; and Josephine Masi, treasurer.

Once a month, food is collected and donated for those in need. Peanut butter and jelly is collected for donation to the Emmanuel cancer group in Scotch Plains. In addition, teddy bears have been dressed for children in hospitals.

Trips sponsored by the Golden Agers Club:
Thursday, March 11 — "Catch Me if You Can" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. The bus will leave 10 a.m.

April 22 — Italian show at Three Little Bakers in Wilmington, Del. The bus will leave 8:45 a.m.

May 13 — "Sight and Sound" show at Willow Valley in Lancaster, Pa. The bus will leave 9 a.m.

Sept. 23 — Black Whale cruise from Long Beach Island to Trump Castle casino. The bus will leave 8 a.m.

All trips leave from the Scotch Plains Municipal Building and are open to the public. For more information, call Rose Frino at (908) 322-6330.

Old Guard of Westfield

Meetings are 10 a.m.-noon every Thursday at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield. Weekly meetings include guest speakers, films and committee reports. Group activities include golf, bowling, bridge, day trips, luncheons, women's events, shuffleboard and the Merryman chorus.

The Old Guard is open to retired men and counts an average of

80-100 at each meeting. For more information, call Don Finter at (908) 233-1407.

Westfield Y

Trips scheduled for the "60 and Better Set" by the Westfield Y:
April 15 — "Splendors of Meiji: Treasures of Imperial Japan" at the USA Riverfront Arts Center in Wilmington, Del. Cost of \$85 includes lunch at the Hotel DuPont.

May 28 — Brooklyn Botanical Garden and Brooklyn Museum. Includes "Impressionists in Winter: Effects de Neige" (snowscapes), special museum exhibition. Cost is \$75.

Payment in full is due upon booking a reservation. No refunds will be issued unless a seat can be sold. Westfield Y membership is not required.

For more information, call Karen Simon at (908) 233-2700 or visit the Y at 220 Clark St., Westfield.

Tax Information

Senior citizens, Social Security recipients and disabled people who own a home are entitled to a rebate if their property taxes went up between 1997 and 1998.

The rebate will apply to people enrolled in the PAAD pharmaceutical assistance plan. The rebate also will apply to those whose annual income is under \$17,918 (single) or \$21,970 (couple), including Social Security.

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Members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 561 organized a "Literacy Day" for townie and Daisy Girl Scouts from Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Literacy Day is a hit

SCOTCH PLAINS — Members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 561 organized a "Literacy Day" for townie and Daisy Girl Scouts from Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The three-hour program drew nearly 100 scouts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Raritan Road. Scouts Cadette Girl Scout Troop 1 provided assistance. Each scout brought a gently used book for adoption. The books were among 200 that were donated to needy children in Newark along with 100 handmade bookmarks.

Scouts also read children's stories and played with lummi sticks.

In addition, the Brownie and Daisy scouts acted out skits under the direction of the Senior scouts. "Frosty the Snowman" and "The Brownie Story" were among the skits performed.

Activities in the "Literacy Day" were designed to satisfy requirements for the "Reading is a Bright Idea" patch for Daisy scouts and Brownies. The program also fulfilled a requirement for the "Senior Challenge" for Senior scouts.

Patt, Slaten join Jazz for Teens

WESTFIELD — Ian Patt of Westfield and Whitney Slaten of Scotch Plains are among 55 talented jazz students, aged 13 to 18, from 49 cities including Bronx, N.Y., who will be working with top professional jazz artists at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) on 10 selected Saturdays, Feb. 27 through May 15, during the second season of NJPAC's Jazz for Teens program. Lyman plays trumpet, and Patt and Slaten play the saxophone.

The program is a collaboration between NJPAC and WBGO Jazz 88 Radio, and is sponsored by First Union National Bank. Jazz for Teens offers students a combination of jam sessions, ensemble work, classroom instruction and concert field trips. Rufus Reid, jazz bassist and director of the Jazz Studies and Performance Program at William Paterson University is the music director for Jazz for Teens. The program's final concert will be given by eight student ensembles featuring all 55 students on stage of NJPAC's Victoria Theater on May 15.

"Providing young musicians with the opportunity to further their knowledge, skills and experience is a privilege," said Ty J. Williams, senior vice president of First Union National Bank. "NJPAC's Jazz for Teens program in New Jersey is a natural extension of First Union's national commitment to Excellence in Education. Arts and education is a valuable component in broadening the horizons of our young

students."

Jazz for Teens will offer instruction in technique for brass, woodwind and rhythm instruments, a study of the varied styles of jazz, including bebop and swing, and experience in improvisation, sight-reading and ensembles. The 55 participating students were chosen out of 118 applicants from high schools throughout the area.

"While lectures are a part of the Jazz for Teens curriculum, we plan to provide gifted students with a program that focuses on musicianship. For 10 weeks, these young musicians will actually perform with their peers while they learn how to play in a standard jazz ensemble situation," said Philip Thomas, NJPAC's vice president, arts education.

"Jazz for Teens will help to increase the cultural literacy of young people and develop the next generation of jazz listeners and performers. Our WBGO concerts create an opportunity for these young people to experience live jazz as it is performed by live artists, then the name of an artist becomes much more than just the answer to a test question," added Cephas Bowles, executive director, WBGO Jazz 88 Radio.

Students will attend four concerts in Newark from WBGO's Children's Jazz Concerts Series on April 10, 17, 24 and May 1.

Renowned musician Rufus Reid has been conducting jazz clinics since 1971. About the Jazz for Teens program, Reid

says, "Since all activities involve the students working with top professional musicians, the young people will have vast opportunity to gain valuable experience, guidance and constructive criticism for both their individual instrument and as part of small ensembles."

Other Jazz for Teens faculty members are bassist Marcus McLaurine, soprano saxophonist/composer Jane Ira Bloom, pianist Mike LeDonne, guitarist Ron Jackson, trumpeter Barry Danielian, trombonist Benny Powell, drummer Kenny Washington and vocalist Dana DeRose.

NJPAC Arts Education Department is made possible by the support of the Victoria Foundation, The Prudential Foundation, Allen and Joan Bildner and the Bildner Family Foundation, the PepsiCo Foundation, NJPAC Arts Education Endowment Fund, and First Union National Bank. Additional support has been provided by Bell Atlantic, City of Newark, Robert and Patricia H. Curvin, Fleet Bank, N.A., Friends of Senator Wynona Lipman, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, The Newark Star Ledger, The United Way of Essex and West Hudson, Creative Investing, LLP, New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, and the New Jersey Department of Education, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Smart Family Foundation/Freedman and Stone, Toys 'R Us and Burgdorff Realtors/ERA.

Births

Jeffrey and Kelly Bram of Westfield are parents of their third son, Noah Vincent, born Jan. 8, 1999 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. Noah weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. He joins brothers Matthew, 5, and Zachary, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Dave and Kathy Peterson of Woodbridge. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Connie Bram of Edison.

Applications available for scholarships

FANWOOD — Applications are now available for scholarships awarded by the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains.

The program is open to high school seniors who live in Fanwood or Scotch Plains and plan to attend a four-year college when they graduate from high school in June.

In addition, the program is now open to current college students who lived in Scotch Plains or Fanwood when they graduated from high school. High school seniors may obtain an application from the Guidance Department at Scotch Plains Fanwood High School. College students may obtain an application from the scholarship committee chairman at (908) 889-6326.

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Scott Mendoker has earned a reputation as both a superb musician and a distinguished teacher.

His experience as a free-lance tuba player includes performances with the New York Philharmonic, the Bavarian Radio Orchestra, the Montreal Symphony, the New Jersey Symphony, the Boston Pops, the New York Pops, and the Broadway hit *Ragtime*. Scott has also both performed and recorded with the Chicago Symphony and the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, and was a member of the Grand Teton Music Festival.

As a soloist, Mr. Mendoker has performed throughout the United States giving recitals and perform-

ing as guest soloist with orchestras and bands alike. His 1998 performances included a world premiere performance of *The Bezoar Concerto*, a work written for him by Vernon Miller, Jr. This performance took place in January at the 1998 Army Tuba Conference in Washington, D.C., where he was accompanied by the United States Army Band (Pershing's Own). In March, he recorded David Holsinger's *Kansas City Dances* for Tuba and Wind Ensemble with the Rutgers University Wind Ensemble for Mark Recordings. And in April he traveled to Prague to record another commissioned concerto - *Three Portraits for Tuba and Chamber Orchestra* - by renowned composer David Sampson, which will be released on the Summit label. He has also begun a two-year recording project with the Rutgers Wind Ensemble of recording original works for tuba and wind ensemble. He and his accompanist, Diana Mase, are recording their first solo CD, which will feature works composed for him.

Mr. Mendoker is currently on the faculty of the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, where he teaches tuba, a very popular class in brass performance, chamber music, and is Coordinator of the Brass Department. He gives many lectures and master classes throughout the year,

including an annual master class at Tanglewood. He is a member of the New Jersey Chamber Music Society.

Pianist Diana Mase is active as a soloist and chamber musician, and has collaborated in programs with such notables as Metropolitan Opera soprano Harolyn Blackwell, and flutists Michael Parloff and Barli Nugent. She appears frequently with faculty artists from the Manhattan School of Music and the Mannes College of Music. A native of Denver, Ms. Mase has performed with the Denver Center Theater Company, as accompanist for the Denver Symphony Orchestra Chorus, and has taught at Denver University and Metropolitan State College. She is married to trumpeter Raymond Mase and collaborated with him on the recently released CD *Trumpet Vocalise* on the Summit label. In addition to classical performing, she enjoys playing jazz and contemporary music in clubs and cafes. Following the concert, a soup and sandwich luncheon will be available in the church social hall for \$4.50.

Funding for these concerts has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

JCC Purim Carnival scheduled for Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The JCC of Central Jersey will hold its Purim Carnival from noon-4 p.m. this Sunday at 1391 Martine Ave. in Scotch Plains.

This annual event features games

and activities for kids of all ages.

Prizes, crafts and foods will be available for the entire family to enjoy. Children and adults alike will delight in the festive atmosphere.

Come dressed in a favorite Purim costume, enjoy food, and pick from hundreds of prizes for winning carnival games.

Hundreds of volunteers will be on hand to help. There will be special slides and theme park like games to play. Hungry? Try falafel, hot dogs, and cotton candy.

There is no charge for pre-registration, which is recommended.

A \$5 registration fee per family will be charged at the door. Call the JCC at (908) 889-8800 to sign up.

The JCC of Central New Jersey is a constituent agency of the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey.



J.A. Coles teacher Kristin Santin is currently on leave and working for the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic.

Coles students help those less fortunate

SCOTCH PLAINS — The spirit of giving is very evident at J. Ackerman Coles Elementary School this school year. With the help of the PTA, the students have been involved in several service activities.

Back in November, the PTA hosted its annual Food Drive to help local needy families. In early December, the focus was on animals as the students brought in dog and cat food, kitty litter, pet toys as well as old towels to benefit the local Humane Society.

Now the students are partici-

pating in an ongoing clothing and toy drive to aid the children of the Dominican Republic. Kristin Santin, a teacher at Coles school, who is currently on leave working for the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, has mentioned how desperately the children are in need of clothing and toys. Hurricane Georges devastated an already very poor country. The students of J.A. Coles, in cooperation with the PTA, will be collecting appropriate items and shipping them to Santin in order to fill that need.

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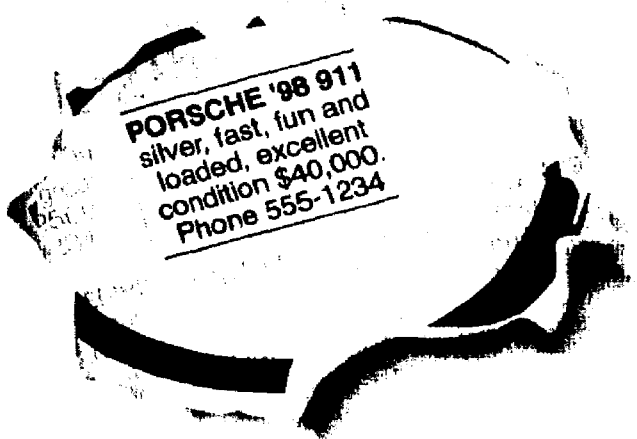
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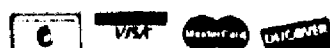
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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Annual doll show set for Saturday

BRIDGEWATER — Somerset County 4-H will hold its 19th Annual Doll Show 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Road.

Admission is \$3.50. An appraiser will be available all day for \$4. There will be a lunch counter.

For more information, call (908) 782-5533.

Cryan's schedules March entertainment

BRANCHBURG — Cryan's Ale House, 1270 Route 28 in North Branch, has a long list of entertainers slated to perform in March.

Performing will be Cross Roads, March 6; Willie Lynch Trio, March 10 and 14; Ez Doz It, March 13; Mama Luke, March 20 and Crazy Jane, March 27.

Wednesdays are acoustic nights with Bob Botchka and Thursday nights will be D.J. Bill's Dance Party.

Christian trumpeter performs in Cranford

CRANFORD — One of America's foremost young professional trumpeters recording artist Chiz Rider will be appearing in concert on Feb. 28, at Cranford Alliance Church at 6 p.m.

His third album, *Chiz Rider*, combines the styles of pop, jazz, and dance, a bright new sound in contemporary Christian music. His concerts reflect this innovative style with a high tech, high-energy performance. Using large screen videos, and the latest technology in lighting, sound and pyrotechnics, Rider hopes to reach out to people of all ages.

Since the release of his latest album on the Myrrh label, Rider has been performing worldwide, including opening many professional sports events with his arrangement of the national anthem. His music video appears on Lightmusic and VH1, and two award-winning PBS television productions air nationally.

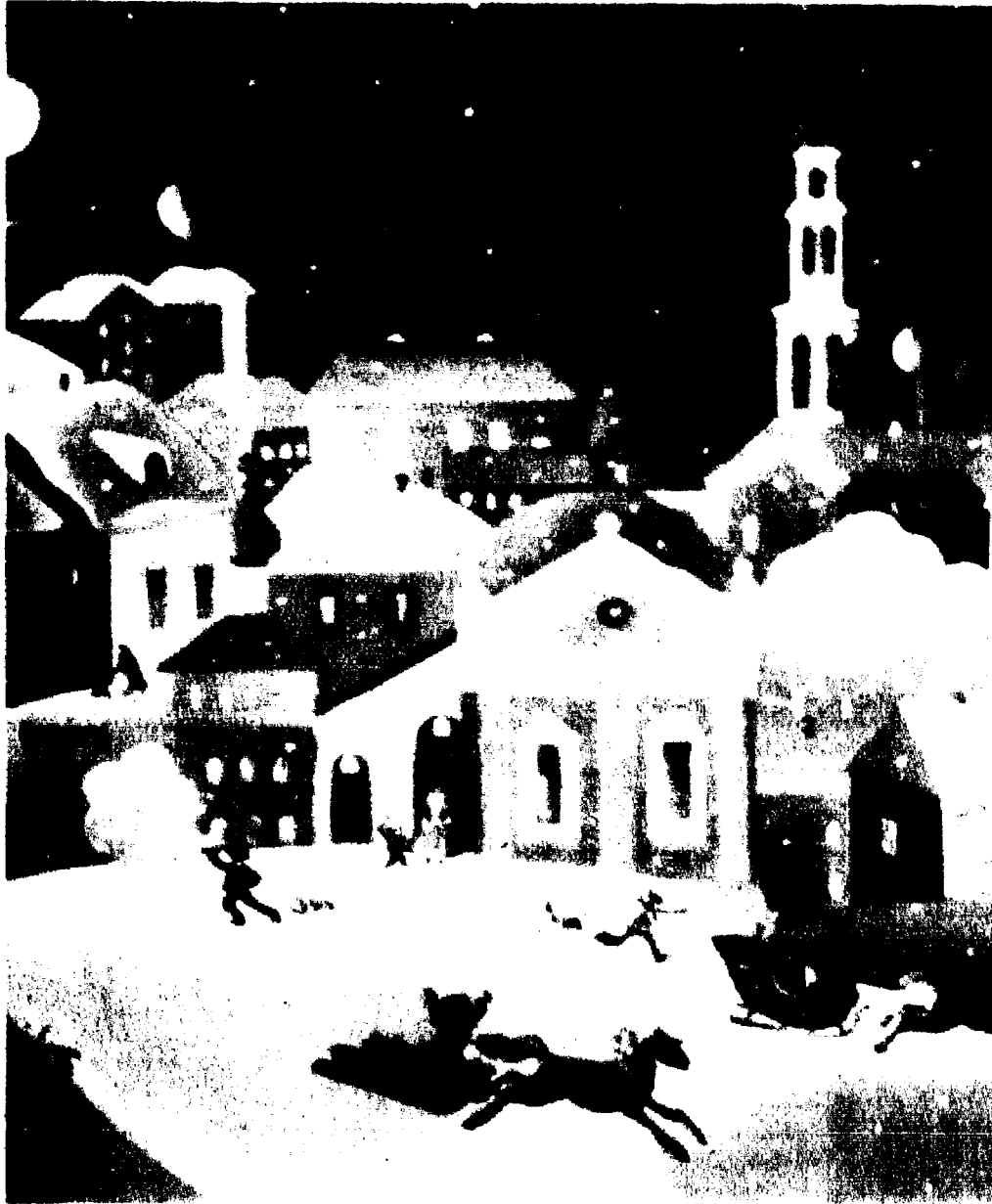
The church is located at 7 Cherry St. For more information on the concert, contact the church office at (908) 276-1617.

Emigrants playing in Scotch Plains

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Emigrants will appear in concert 8 p.m. Feb. 27, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2400 North Ave. Tickets can be purchased through Celtic Imports, Westfield, or by calling (908) 322-1360.

The Emigrants are four fine Irish musicians performing the best of traditional and contemporary Celtic music. Steve Buckner, Martin Whelan, Brian Clancy, and Bill Fleming are the Emigrants and they sing in full four-part harmony (in English and Gaelic), and play a myriad of instruments — guitar, mandolin, fiddle, wooden flute, tin whistle, banjo, pipes, harmonica, spoons, bodhran, piano, and keyboards.

Well know in upstate New York, where they have been entertaining audiences in pubs, clubs and festivals for more than two decades, each of these accomplished musicians brings a love of Irish music to every lively performance. The Emigrants also perform for private functions and have traveled throughout the Northeastern U.S. for festival and concert appearances.



Russian Winter, by Natalya Prager-Kononov, and *Cafe*, by Igor Kononov, will be on display at the Somerset Art Association through April 1.

Russian emigres showcase their art

BEDMINSTER — Two artists whose lives and careers have taken them from Russia to central New Jersey will be showcased in an upcoming exhibit at the Somerset Art Association.

Featured in the Johnson Gallery from February 25 to April 1 will be Natalya Prager-Kononov and her husband, Igor Kononov, residents of Bridgewater. A reception open to the public will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

The Kononovs were both born in Russia where they studied and exhibited their art until coming to the United States in 1975. Natalya Prager-Kononov, who will be showing her acrylic works on canvas, studied at the College of Arts in Moscow. A versatile artist, she expanded

her talents there to many different areas — book illustrations, puppets for Moscow television, and set design for the theater. Many of her paintings are evocative of her homeland — a winter scene of a village in Russia, a traveling circus — while others reflect her love of animals as well as her extensive travels. In all of her exquisitely crafted and colorful pieces, rendered in an exuberant folk art style, one sees a reverence for the simple pleasures of life.

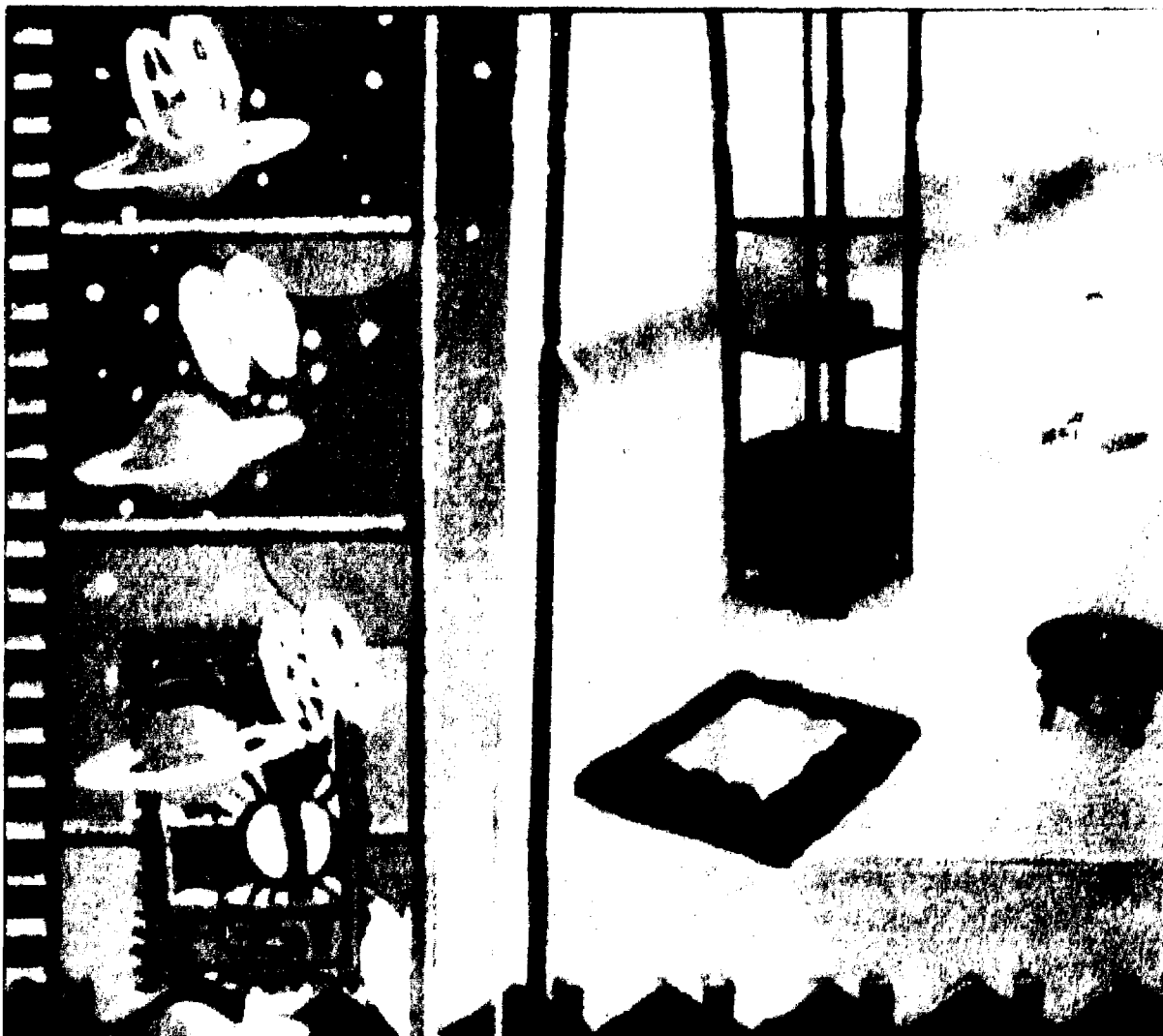
Igor Kononov studied at the Art Institute of Sverdlovsk, Moscow, and over his productive career has mastered many media, including creating costumes for the circus and the theater. For the past two years Kononov has been working

exclusively in the complex art of intaglio printmaking. In this process various shapes of textiles, cardboard, string, and other materials are adhered to the etching plate and coated with lacquer. The entire mixed media surface then becomes the image from which the print is made. These collagraphs, with their finely detailed backgrounds and rich patterns, range from elegant Renaissance figures to scenes of card players and diners in a cafe, many of which are limited in a whimsical fashion.

Both artists have exhibited in Artexpo at the New York Coliseum and at the National Academy of Design, also in New York. Prager-Kononov has also been presented at Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln

Center, the J. Richards Gallery, Englewood, and Woman Art Galleries, New York. Kononov's works have appeared in exhibits in Japan and Montreal and most recently at the Dow Jones & Co. art show in South Brunswick. The current exhibit is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts through a grant administered by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

The Somerset Art Association is located at 2020 Burnt Mills Road, just west of Route 202/206. Hours at the Johnson Gallery are 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday. For more information, call (908) 234-2345.



Denise DeVone's *East West 19: La Sandia* will be on display in March at the Palmyra Art Gallery.

Mixed media works on exhibit at Palmyra Art Gallery in March

BOUND BROOK — The Palmyra Art Gallery, 22 Hamilton St., will present "East...West" the mixed media works of Denise DeVone from March 2 to April 2, 1999. The opening reception for the artist will be held 7-10 p.m. Saturday, March 6 and is open to the public.

DeVone creates her artwork by combining the media of Polaroid photographs and acrylic gauche paint. Her mixed media art investigates themes of the meeting of Eastern and Western cultures and the tensions between values and traditions.

DeVone's art draws upon numerous multi-cultural references and allows enough free room for the viewer to make their own interpretations as to the meaning of these

many levels of experiences. The artist creates a dialogue between cultures, the personal and the social, and visual styles to express the depth of contemporary life. From Mexican lotteria cards to Monopoly houses to photographs of Korean interior spaces, DeVone's fragments suggest infinite associations.

DeVone received her M.F.A. degree from the University of Hawaii in Honolulu and a B.F.A. degree from Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia. The artist resides in Springfield and is an art instructor at Morris County College. DeVone has exhibited her artwork extensively throughout the United States and her artwork is in numerous public and private collections.

Zany comedian is coming to the State

NEW BRUNSWICK — An evening with stand-up comedy's zaniest prop comic, Carrot Top, is as indelible as the fiery red locks that inspired his nickname.

The perfect antidote for the stressed-out 1990s, Carrot Top will pack the 8 p.m. March 5 show at the State Theatre with a spectacle of lights, lasers, props, and pyrotechnics. Winner of the American Comedy Award for Best Male Stand-up, Carrot Top will entertain and delight the audience with his outrageous antics.

Carrot Top's name and fiery mane aren't his only unusual traits. His offbeat brand of comedy has electrified audiences at sold-out appearances across the United States.

"What I do is like a big crazy circus," he says, comparing his manic act to vaudeville, but with strobe and laser lights and sound effects. His stage is a Technicolor laboratory, scattered with Day-Glo trunks that hold the finished results of his hyper-wacky imagination. His "inventions" include items like boots with a kickstand for drunk cowboys and a Slurpee cup with a built-in forehead heater to prevent the dreaded "cold headache." Carrot Top dubs his act "a rock 'n' roll kind of show. Rock 'n' roll comedy."

Carrot Top, born Scott Thompson, was a college senior undecided on his future when he took the stage at an amateur comedy contest at Florida Atlantic University. Yet Thompson found his calling that night in the laughter of others.

After a series of appearances at college campuses across the country, he was named the National Association of Campus Activities "1993 Entertainer of the Year" and "Comedian of the Year"—the only person to receive both honors in the same year.

One year later, the redhead was the winner of the American Comedy Award for "Best Male



CARROT TOP

Stand-up Comedian." Other honors include being named "Comedian of the Year" by the Las Vegas Journal's Reader Poll.

Comedian, film actor, author, and television host, Carrot Top has branched out in all directions and left behind a trail of laughter wherever he goes. He has become a favorite on such television programs as *The Tonight Show*, *David Letterman*, *The Daily Show*, *Conan O'Brien*, *Larry Sanders*, and the annual *Comic Relief* specials. From 1994 to 1996, Carrot Top had kids roaring with laughter when he hosted the Cartoon Network's top rated program *Carrot Top's A.M. Mayhem*.

His latest venture is a colorful website (www.Carrottop.com) where Carrot Top fans can access tour schedules, photos, merchandise, and the chance to chat with the inventive young comic.

Tickets are available by calling the State Theatre box office, 15 Livingston Ave., at (732) 246-7469, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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BACH TO BROADWAY

3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28
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Show tunes and symphonic music with
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CARROT TOP

8 p.m. Friday, March 5
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New
Brunswick
(732) 246-7469;
www.statetheatre.com
Standup comedian. Admission \$32-\$19

DANA

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3
St. Theresa's Church, 541
Washington Ave., Kenilworth
(908) 272-4444
Christian singer from England. Adults
\$8; senior citizens and students \$5.
Benefactor tickets (w/reception) \$25.

DRYDEN ENSEMBLE

3 p.m. Sunday, March 7
Richardson Auditorium,
Princeton University
(609) 258-5000
Performing works of J.S. Bach, Handel,
Vivaldi, Buxtehude and Couperin. Adults

\$20, \$17, students \$5.

EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM

7 p.m. Sunday, March 7
St. Bernard's Church, 88
Claremont Rd., Bernardsville
(908) 766-0602
"A German Requiem," composed by
Johannes Brahms and sung by the
church choir with the Bernards High
School Madrigal Ensemble. Admission
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HITS, RUNS AND AIRS

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers
University, New Brunswick
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In time for spring training: piano works
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Goldstein. Adults \$14; senior citizens,
Rutgers faculty and alumni \$12; students
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LEONID KUZMIN

7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4
Wilkins Theatre
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(908) 527-2337
Pianist born in Belarus. Admission \$10.

LADIES OF THE PACK

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27
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8 p.m. Saturday, March 6
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4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28
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8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27
Richardson Auditorium
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"Judas Maccabaeus" by George
Frederick Handel. Adults \$10; Princeton
students \$5.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. March 5, 6
Richardson Auditorium
(609) 258-5000
The Symphony No. 1 of Gustav Mahler
plus a concerto by an unspecified com-
poser. Adults \$12, students \$5.

CHIZ RIDER

6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28
Cranford Alliance Church
7 Cherry St., Cranford
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Trumpet player with recordings on a
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3 and 8 p.m. Feb. 27
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RUTGERS JAZZ ENSEMBLE

5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers
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Monthly concert. Adults \$14; senior citi-
zens, Rutgers faculty and alumni \$12;
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2 p.m. Sunday, March 7
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(732) 932-7511
Performing works of Chausson,
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Choir. Admission \$16; discounts avail-
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RUTGERS WIND ENSEMBLE AND CONCERT BAND

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers
University, New Brunswick
(732) 932-7511

Joint concert. Admission \$5.

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2 p.m. Sunday, March 7
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New
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Annual show sponsored by B'nai B'rith
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Free admission.

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3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28
Taplin Auditorium,
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Clarinet player, trumpet player and
pianist, respectively. Free admission.

SILK CITY

8 p.m. Saturday, March 6
Watchung Arts Center
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Bluegrass group led by Barry Mitterhoff.
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8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27
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"Arsenic and Old Lace," 1930s comedy
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GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE

9 Livingston Ave.
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(732) 246-7717

"Jolson Sings Again," East Coast pre-
miere of drama by Arthur Laurents. Feb.
27-March 28. Admission \$36-\$22; dis-
counts available. Call for showtimes.

KEAN UNIVERSITY

Wilkins Theatre
1000 Morris Ave., Union
(908) 527-2337

"Playing for Time," Holocaust-theme
drama by Arthur Miller. 8 p.m. Feb. 25-
27, 2 p.m. Feb. 28. Adults \$12, senior citi-
zens, Kean faculty, employees and
alumni \$10, students \$8.

McCARTER THEATRE

91 University Pl., Princeton
(609) 683-8000

"Two Sisters and A Piano," world pre-
miere of drama by Nilo Cruz. To March
7. Admission \$44-\$18; discounts avail-

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OFF-BROADSTREET THEATRE

5 S. Greenwood Ave.
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Call for showtimes.

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senior citizens and students (Friday,
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475 DeMott Lane, Somerset
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"Blood Brothers," local production of
British/Broadway musical. 8:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb.
26-March 20. Admission \$17-\$15; dis-
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Philip J. Levin Theater
George St., New Brunswick
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"Alice in the Fishbowl," world premiere
of a comedy by Jack Florek. 8 p.m.
March 3-6, 2 p.m. March 7. Admission
\$18, \$16, discounts available.

STATE THEATRE

15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(732) 246-7469

"The Odyssey," stage version of Homer
epic. 8 p.m. March 2. Admission \$20.
Related lecture 7 p.m.; admission \$6.
"Grease," traveling production of
Broadway musical. 3 and 8 p.m. March 6.
Admission \$47-\$21 evening show, \$40-
\$21 matinee.

Dance

A CELEBRATION OF DANCE

8 p.m. Thursday, March 4
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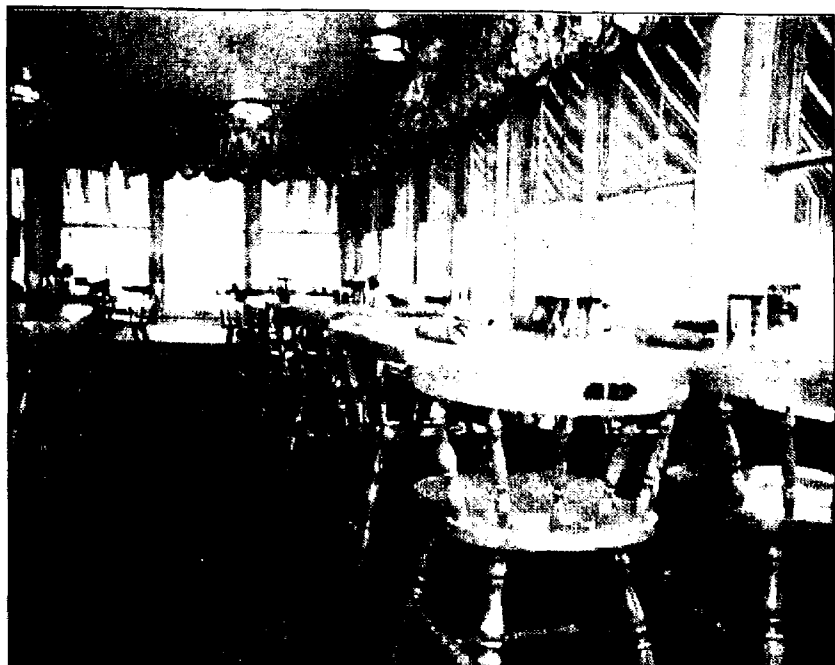
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FRANKLIN The Somerset Hills YMCA is once again bringing New York's Big Apple Circus to Somerset County with opening night set for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13 at Colonial Park.

"It's such a wonderful fund-raiser for the Somerset Hills YMCA because it is all about quality family fun," said Gail Granowitz, YMCA board member and Big Apple Circus co-chairperson.

Proceeds from the opening night performance will go toward the YMCA's financial assistance and community service programs.

Proceeds will also subsidize the YMCA's many community service programs that are offered free of charge. These programs include Rainbows, a peer support program for children experiencing a death or divorce in their family and Saturdays in Motion, a recreational program for autistic children and their families.

The YMCA is also planning a special gala reception to be held before the opening night performance at 4:30 p.m. at the Marriott on Davidson Avenue in Somerset. All proceeds from the gala will also go to the Somerset Hills YMCA's financial assistance and community service programs.

Individuals and families do not need to attend the gala reception in order to attend the opening night performance. Tickets to the performance are available at the Somerset Hills YMCA's Box Office Monday through Friday, 4-8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or by calling Ticketmaster.

The YMCA is located at 140 Mt. Airy Road in Basking Ridge.

Ticket prices for the opening night performance range from \$20 to \$45.

Gala reservations can be made by calling Jennifer Willford at the YMCA at (908) 630-3521.



Circus is coming

The sensational Cirque Eloize of Quebec will be returning to the State Theatre in New Brunswick 8 p.m. Feb. 26 with its explosive new production, *Excentricus*. The show features 16 artists who will dazzle the audience with a blend of incredible feats, sharp choreography and original music. Dedicated to the elevation of circus performance to new artistic and theatrical heights, Cirque Eloize has been praised around the world for its intimate, accessible style. A highlight will be artistic director Jeannot Painchaud's signature cycling act, a spectacular ladder number and a powerful and graceful rope routine. Tickets are available by calling the State Theatre box office (732) 246-7469. Ticket prices range \$16-\$28.

Church to feature 'Romantic Tuba' in mid-day concert

WESTFIELD The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St., will continue its Mid-Day Musicales series of free, half-hour concerts at noon March 3 with a program by tuba virtuoso Scott Mendoker and pianist Diana Mase. The concert, entitled *The Romantic Tuba*, will include works by Vaughan Williams, Aaron Copland, Edward Elgar, and New Jersey composer David Sampson.

Mendoker has earned a reputation as both a superb musician and a distinguished teacher. His experience as a free-lance tuba player includes performances with the New York Philharmonic, the Bavarian Radio Orchestra, the Montreal Symphony, the New Jersey Symphony, the Boston Pops, the New York Pops, and the Broadway hit *Ragtime*.

Mendoker has also performed and recorded with the Chicago Symphony and the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, and was a member of the Grand Teton Music Festival.

As a soloist, Mendoker has performed throughout the United States giving recitals and performing as guest soloist with orchestras and bands alike. His 1998 performances included world premiere performance of

The Bezoar Concerto, a work written for him by Vernon Miller, Jr. This performance took place in January at the 1998 Army Tuba Conference in Washington, D.C., where he was accompanied by the United States Army Band (Pershing's Own).

In March, he recorded David Holsinger's Kansas City Dances for Tuba and Wind Ensemble with the Rutgers University Wind Ensemble for Mark Recordings. In April, he traveled to Prague to record another commissioned concerto, *Three Portraits for Tuba and Chamber Orchestra*, by renowned composer David Sampson, which will be released on the Summit label.

Mendoker is on the faculty of the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, where he teaches tuba, a popular class in brass performance, chamber music, and is coordinator of the Brass Department. He gives many lectures and master classes throughout the year, including an annual master class at Tanglewood. He is a member of the New Jersey Chamber Music Society.

After the concert, a soup and sandwich luncheon will be available in the church social hall for \$1.50.

Irish singer to perform concert at St. Theresa's

KENILWORTH A concert of contemporary Christian music will be performed by Irish singing star Dana at St. Theresa's Church, 541 Washington Ave. at 7:30 p.m. March 3.

Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$8 reserved, and \$25 for benefactors. Call Rich Donovan, St. Theresa's youth minister, at the rectory offices, (908) 272-4444.

This Irish singer's career has put her on the top of the European and British pop charts, being voted Britain's Best Female Vocalist of the Year in 1979 and performing throughout the U.K. and the U.S.

"This is not just your average performer," said Donovan. "She has performed for Pope John Paul II's three U.S. visits, the most recent being this past January in St. Louis, and for President Clinton's historic visit to Ireland, in front for Queen Elizabeth II, and to more than

500,000 young people at World Youth Day in Denver. It truly is an honor to have her each year here at St. Theresa's as part of our Concert Series."

In conjunction with the concert, the parish's pro-life group is running a baby shower, and is encouraging attendees to bring small, suitable gifts for infants such as diapers, formula and toys to the concert.

"We hope parishioners and those attending the concert can help our parish pro-life group by bringing gifts," Donovan said. "There will be a special display up all week where people can drop gifts off for the shower, but at the concert, Dana herself will invite all those with gifts to come forward and will thank them personally during the concert. In one night you can take in a concert and do some good for those in need."

All gifts will be presented to Project Peace Maternity Home in Upper Montclair.

Storyteller coming to Scotch Plains

SCOTCH PLAINS Young People's Theatre, a committee of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council, will sponsor Lou Del Bianco, a singer and storyteller, who will perform his show, *When I Was a Kid* on March 6 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Performances will be held at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School auditorium on Westfield Road.

Del Bianco's performance brings real life memories of childhood to kids and parents alike.

The show, inspired by his own experience, is a combination of songs and stories of growing up and the trials of being a kid performed in a humorous, loving way.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the Dairy Queen on South Avenue in Plainfield, Scotch Hills Pharmacy on Mountain Avenue in Scotch Plains, and at the door. For more information call YPT's chairperson, Adina Ziegler, at (908) 233-9071.

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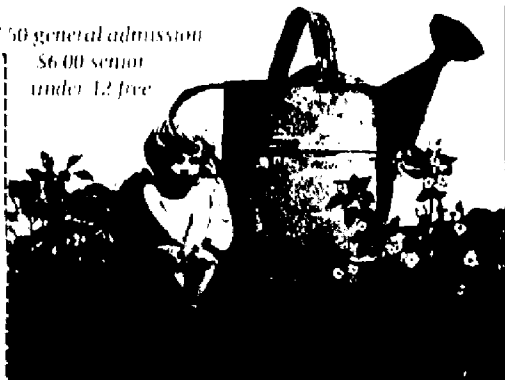
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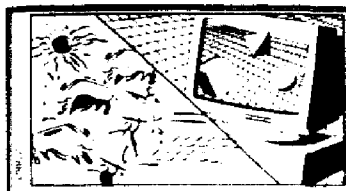
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Survey: Recession fears rise, economic outlook still positive

According to the New Jersey Business & Industry Association's 1999 Business Outlook Survey, business confidence in the state and national economies has fallen from its year-ago peak, but the expectations of individual companies for sales, profits and hiring in the year ahead remain positive and well above recession levels.

Here are some of the employers' responses:

- * 41 % of employers responding to the survey said they believe New Jersey is moving from expansion to recession, up from 14 % a year ago.

- * 27 % expect to hire more workers in the year ahead;
- * 44 % expect to enjoy rising profits.

Now in its seventh year, New Jersey's current economic expansion began in April 1992. Since then, New Jersey's private-sector employers have added nearly 370,000 jobs, a gain of 13 %.

Survey highlights

- * 25 % of survey respondents expect conditions for the New Jersey economy to improve in the first six months of 1999, down from 35 % a year ago.

- * 31 % expect conditions to worsen, compared with 15 % a year ago.

- * 30 % expect conditions in their own industries to improve in the first half of 1999, down from 41 % a year ago.

- * 28 % expect conditions to worsen, compared with 16 % a year ago.

- * 53 % expect sales for their individual companies to rise next year, down from 62 % with this expectation a year ago.

- * 21 % expect sales to fall, compared with 13 % a year ago.

- * 44 % expect profits for their individual companies to rise next year, down from 54 % with this expectation a year ago.

- * 27 % expect profits to fall, compared with 18 % a year ago.

- * 27 % expect to hire more workers next year, down from 32 % with this expectation a year ago.

- * 64 % expect employment to remain stable, little changed.

- * 9 % expect to employ fewer workers, compared with 5 % last year.

- * Labor: 70 % of employers said they had difficulty in finding skilled workers to hire in

1998, up from 66 % the year before.

- * 29 % of employers said the labor shortage hampered their business expansion plans in 1998, up from 26 % the year before.

- * Wages: 40 % of employers said the cost of wages and salaries will rise by 1-3 % next year, up from 39 % with this expectation a year ago.

- * 27 % expect wage costs to rise by 4-5 %, down from 30 %

with this expectation a year ago.

Key problems:

For the fourth consecutive year, employers identified health insurance costs and property taxes as their first and second most troublesome problems, respectively. They identified frivolous lawsuits as their third worst problem.

"The outlook for these core indicators not only remains positive but compares favorably to our four previous sur-

veys, all of which ushered in years of solid economic growth," Gonzalez said.

"What we appear to have on our hands, then, is a split economic psyche. Fear of a recession is rising, but evidence of a recession is weak. The hard evidence points to continued economic growth in 1999."

With more than 16,300 members, NJBIA is the nation's largest statewide employer association. The survey is in its 40th year.

New Jersey small firms are 'bullish' on '99

TRENTON — New Jersey's Main Street business owners are as bullish as ever, according to survey results released by the state chapter of the National Federal of Independent Business (NFIB). "Small business is poised to extend the state's economic expansion through 1999 without missing a beat," said NJIB/New Jersey Director Curt Macysyn.

The December survey of 537 small-business owners throughout the state found three of every five were looking forward to good performances for their operations during 1999. While pessimism was somewhat more common than a year ago, optimists still outnumbered pessimists by a 3-to-1 margin in the new survey.

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NJIB/New Jersey
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left New Jersey small-business owners quite upbeat about their prospects for 1999," said Macysyn.

Only a quarter of survey respondents reported their sales dropped from 1997's robust levels. Nearly twice as many (45 percent) reported higher sales volumes for last year. The remaining 30 percent said 1998 sales kept pace with

1997 levels.

The rosy outlook pervading Main Street bodes well for continued job creation. A third of the firms surveyed plan to add at least one employee to their payrolls this year. Another 18 percent indicated they might take on additional workers.

Main Street business owners are well aware of the Wall Street economists' predictions of a major economic showdown this year. But after looking at their own books and talking with their own suppliers and customers, their reaction to those predictions may be summed up in one word: "Nuts!" Macysyn said.

Survey respondents most frequently identified "lack of qualified workers" as the biggest obstacle now facing their firms.

"Tightness in the job market is another sign of how well the state's economy is doing," Macysyn noted. "Small-business owners who deemed 'finding qualified workers' their top

headache outnumbered those whose major beef was taxes by 2-to-1. Six years ago, those figures would have been reversed."

In fact, the gross sales figures indicate a complete reversal in the state's business climate since 1992 — the year before New Jersey adopted a series of income tax cuts.

"The good news for Gov. Whitman is that she can point to these numbers and take a lot of credit for them," Macysyn said. "The bad news is that most small-business owners would rather see this year's tax-cut efforts channeled toward business taxes rather than a school-tax rebate."

NJIB/New Jersey is the state's largest small-business advocacy group. It establishes its positions on legislative proposals by polling its members to determine majority opinion. More information on the organization is available on the Internet at www.nfibonline.com.

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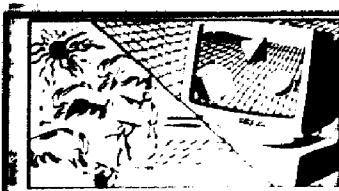


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PROGRESS "99"

1998 was a year of accomplishments at St. Elizabeth Hospital

ELIZABETH Highlights at St. Elizabeth Hospital, eastern Union County's teaching hospital, during 1998 included the opening of a 20-bed Subacute Care Unit and a six-bed Pediatric Unit. Additionally, the hospital was the first in New Jersey to use the "living skin" device, Apligraf, for treatment of non-healing wounds.

Subacute Care Unit
The goal of St. Elizabeth Hospital's 20-bed Subacute Care Unit is to provide restorative care for residents to assist them in resuming the activities of daily living. Residents admitted to this newly renovated unit, located on the sixth floor of the north wing, have an anticipated maximum length of stay of eight days and are Medicare patients who are expected to be discharged to home.

The Subacute Care Unit has been specially furnished and decorated for this purpose. Soft pastel walls, colorful floral border and prints, soft corridor lighting, and large communal dining area with a television equipped with a VCR, contribute to the homelike decor. Areas for group and individual rehabilitative activities round out the facility.

Residents who are admitted to this unit must require daily skilled nursing care or rehab services five days per week. Those with a primary psychiatric diagnosis including confusion are not candidates for the Subacute Care Unit.

Together with the resident's personal physician who continues to oversee the resident's care, the healthcare team of the Subacute Care Unit works together with the resident and family to create and follow an individualized plan of care for each resident. The nursing staff consists of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and certified nursing assistants. With ongoing training in care of seniors, they, with specialists in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, dietetics, social work and pharmacology, assist each resident in moving toward a goal of returning home. An additional component of the subacute care plan in recreational activities including art therapy, bingo, exercise groups, board games, etc.

Pediatric Unit
St. Elizabeth Hospital's new, six-bed, inpatient Pediatric Unit, located on the seventh floor of the north wing, was designed for a child's point of view with a play area located in

full observation from the nurses' station. Low walls, designed so that little ones can easily see into an area, are used around the nurses' station. Also, all pediatric patients receive free television service. A colorful and cheerful aquarium theme graces the unit's decor of borders and wall prints and the corridors and rooms are furnished in light-colored woods and brightly decorated accessories pleasing to children.

"The Pediatric Unit is staffed with nurses trained in pediatric care," said Catherine Sheedy, RNC, BSN, nurse manager of the Maternal Child Division at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

The unit is also equipped with a treatment room where any type of invasive exam or procedure will be done, even the simple starting of an intravenous medication. "This is so that the child does not associate his or her room with unpleasantness or pain," explained Sheedy.

In order to lessen the child's anxiety about separation, parents are allowed 24-hour access to the pediatric unit and are encouraged to sleep over if they, or the child, so desires; comfortable lounge chairs that fold out into a single bed are provided for this purpose.

Apligraf, A 'Living Skin' Device

This year, St. Elizabeth Hospital became the first hospital in New Jersey to use a new "living skin" device, Apligraf, to treat a non-healing leg wound. Indicated for the treatment of venous leg ulcers, Apligraf (graffskin), is the only living, bilayered skin device approved for marketing in the United States. It was developed by Organogenesis, Inc. (Canton, MA) who manufactures the device. Apligraf is marketed by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation (East Hanover) who, looking at the volume of patients served and the types of wounds treated, chose the St. Elizabeth Hospital Wound Healing Center as one of the first four facilities in New Jersey approved for the application of this breakthrough in wound care.

"Healing wounds is a frustrating science of trying to determine what treatment is going to work on a specific wound," said Peter J. Mlynarczyk, MD, FACS, the first New Jersey surgeon to use the procedure. "Now, after years of using the same, available remedies, Apligraf gives us another arm that allows doctors to extend themselves in a whole different direction."

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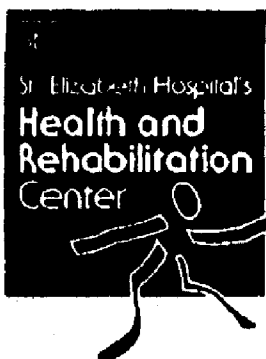
St. Elizabeth Hospital is a private, not-for-profit, acute care Catholic facility with 329 beds, 24 well-newborn bassinets, and seven intermediate-care bassinets. Sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, it is eastern Union County's teaching hospital.



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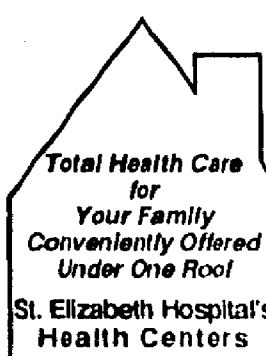
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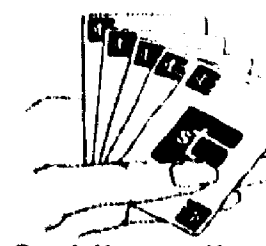
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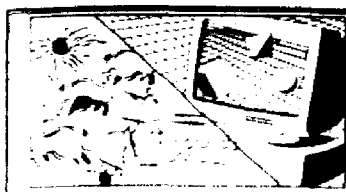
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Matheny offers continuous care for people with disabilities

The Matheny School and Hospital in Peapack, a teaching affiliate of UMDNJ, has long been recognized as an outstanding residential and day facility for young people with severe developmental disabilities. Now, with more than 50 years of hands-on expertise, the same extraordinary services are being

offered statewide on an outpatient basis to all people with physical disabilities. The program aptly named the Comprehensive Continuum of Care (CCC) is the ultimate in medical and therapy services.

"Knowing how difficult it is to find these services, Matheny has assembled an elite team of more

than 35 specially trained physicians, therapists and nurses. The team administers a full array of treatment to improve the quality of life for children, adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities and we assist their families," said Gary E. Eddey, M.D., director of CCC.

Most recently, Lawrence T. Taft, M.D., a renowned neurodevelopmental pediatrician, has become affiliated with the CCC program.

CCC offers more than 25 specialties including: primary care; physical therapy; dysphagia/speech therapy; dentistry; fiber optic endoscopic evaluation of dysphagia; orthopedics; respite care; durable medical equipment; pediatrics; neurology and more. Matheny also offers a Home Health Agency for people with developmental disabilities which recently received approval from the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

Matheny offers Adult and Pediatric Medical Day Care for people in the community who have severe physical disabilities and chronic medical conditions. After assessing the needs of the community, Matheny's medically-based day care programs were made available to the public.

According to Eddey, "The program has been an unequivocal success. The need for CCC was clear, but the positive response from those who have sought these specialized services underscores our belief that Matheny is unmatched by any other habilitation hospital in its field of expertise."

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Lawrence T. Taft, M.D., an associates in the Matheny School and Hospital's Comprehensive Continuum of Care, examines Sharina Baker, a client of the outpatient program which offers a multi-disciplinary approach to assess and manage the care of people of all ages with developmental disabilities.

\$50 million bond financing available for businesses

ELIZABETH The Union County Economic Development Corporation (UCEDC) has created and is leading a partnership to provide \$50 million in bond financing for businesses located within Union County. The participating banks, Chase Manhattan Bank, First Union National Bank, PNC Bank and Summit Bank, have agreed to make available \$50 in asset financing. The UCEDC will coordinate the funding and marketing of tax-exempt bonds and taxable bonds issues through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA).

"We are excited that the banks will significantly reduce the fees that are traditionally associated with the bond financing," said Ellen McHenry, director of financial programs at the UCEDC. "The savings will be passed down directly to the businesses we help."

The benefits of bond financing for the borrowers include longer term financing, lower interest rates, and fixed or variable interest rate options. Typically, there is a \$1 million minimum for both taxable and tax-exempt bonds and the terms are usually between 10 and 20 years. The use of the proceeds from the bonds can be used to purchase land and buildings, new building construction, additions, leasehold improvements, renovations, equipment, machinery, refinancing of existing debt and working capital.

The Union County Economic Development Corporation offers a variety of loan programs for small business owners to big corporations located within Union County. For more information on the eligibility requirements and estimated rate of interest, call Ellen McHenry at (908) 527-1166.

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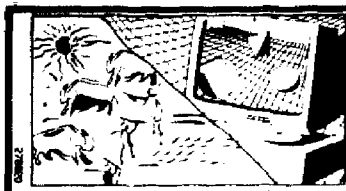
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NJ National is 'best new course'

The New Jersey National Golf Club in Basking Ridge has completed its first full year of operation and is starting its second year with kudos from around the state. The New Jersey Golf Course Owners Association ranked this course the best new course in 1998; *North Jersey Golfer Magazine* (summer 1998 issue) has ranked it the second-best public golf course in the state; and the club is a Top Pick in the *Powers Golf Guide*.

The course is the work of Roy Case, a British golf course architect. It has been carved out of more than 260 acres of rolling, mature woodlands in the Watchung Mountain area near Pluckemin while preserving the wetlands areas that are teeming with wildlife. Nearly every hole either plays from an elevated tee or rises to a green at the top of a hill, and sometimes both. With five sets of tees to choose from, there is a challenge for golfers at all levels of play.

Since its debut in 1997, New Jersey National has received many favorable reviews and is one of the most talked-about "new courses" by sports writers in the metropolitan area.

New Jersey National was host to the Open Qualifying round for the Cadillac NFL Golf Classic presented by Time magazine. Approximately 60 to 70 senior PGA tour players competed in an 18-hole stroke play format for one of the four spots available to play in the Cadillac NFL Golf Classic. New Jersey National will again host this event June 1.

New Jersey National accepts a limited number of corporate outings or tournament groups. From the time you are greeted by uniformed attendants, the staff at New Jersey National takes care of everything from check in to a longest drive competition to putting the final touches on a selected dinner entree during the award ceremony.

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Membership applications are now being considered on a first-come, first-served basis. This upscale, daily public access course is located in The Hills Development in Basking Ridge, off Route 202/206 near I 287 and I 78.

The clubhouse provides a full-service shop with the latest in golfing equipment, technology and golfing apparel. New Jersey National's PGA professionals offer private and group lessons, clinics for men, women and juniors. Please call the club to register.

The National Grille located in the clubhouse is open to the public, golfing or not.

The golf club is currently open for play with temporary greens on all 18 holes with a walk and carry policy (no pull or motorized carts permitted). New Jersey National anticipates the golf course to be fully operational (regulation greens and carts) in mid to late March, weather permitting.

For more information, call (908) 781-9400 or access the club's website at www.njgolfclub.com.

County Improvement Authority names new officers, executive director

At its annual reorganization meeting, the Union County Improvement Authority named a new slate of officers, a new executive director and a commitment to pursue a stronger mission.

The organization, which helps the county and its municipalities arrange financing for capital projects, announced that it would be more aggressive in reaching out to the 21 municipalities, particularly for economic development projects.

"This agency helps reduce the cost of financing, and that ultimately helps our municipalities to pursue important projects," said Daniel P. Sullivan, vice chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "The Improvement Authority will take a stronger role as municipalities rebuild their roads and bridges and replace outdated equipment."

Lizanne Ceconi of Summit was named chairperson of the nine-member authority at its reorganization meeting. Paul DeVenuto of Garwood was named vice chair. Walter Boright of Scotch Plains was named treasurer, and Anthony Scutari of Linden was named secretary.

The group named Douglas A. Placa, of Roselle Park, as its full-

time executive director. Placa is currently chief of staff for the 20th District Legislative Office and is a member of the Union County Industrial Pollution Control Authority and the Roselle Planning Board.

"A full time executive director will allow us to be more responsive to municipalities and will allow us to place a stronger focus on economic development," said Ceconi, who previously chaired the Authority. "Mr. Placa brings leader-

ship, contracts in the business community and extensive knowledge of the county and its resources."

This year the improvement authority will have redevelopment at the Linden Airport and extensive capital improvement program in Plainfield on its agenda. The authority helps municipalities receive financing at lower rates by packaging projects from several municipalities together and through use of the county's favorable bond rating.

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Kenilworth, Garwood eye development projects

By ALEC MOORE

STAFF WRITER

A number of new development projects will be taking place in Kenilworth and Garwood this year.

Perhaps the most prominent of those projects will be the construction of a new \$90 million office building at the Schering-Plough site on Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth, which was recently approved by the borough.

The new building will serve as the executive headquarters for the international corporation overseeing domestic and overseas business.

"It's very prestigious for Kenilworth to be home to Schering-Plough," Mayor Michael Tripodi said.

In addition to the construction of the Schering-Plough building, other upcoming business developments that will take place this year in Kenilworth will include the opening of the Atlantic Federal Credit Union on Market Street this spring and the opening of the Synergy Bank later on this fall.

Mayor Tripodi also pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce is planning to publish a community map of the borough this spring that will include a directory of the busi-

nesses that are sponsoring the map.

The Chamber of Commerce is also currently at work planning Kenilworth's annual Octoberfest street fair, which drew 11,000 attendees last year. The event provides a showcase for local businesses and vendors and serves as a fun day for everyone in the community.

Long-term future projects for the borough also include the redevelopment of the site that is the former Volvo property which will be the site of a new building that is currently in the design stages.

In Garwood, Mayor Michael Crincoli pointed out that the borough currently has a number of proposed plans on the table for new business developments along both North and South Avenue in the borough.

Among the development that is in the works is a new hardware and gardening center that is currently slated to be located on South Avenue and a new bank that will be taking over the former site of the Ironbound bank.

Mayor Crincoli also pointed out that Thomas and Betts, an industrial facility located on the corner of North Avenue, will be closing in March due to the company's relocation to Mexico.

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Cranford committed to revitalization

By ALEC MOORE

STAFF WRITER

CRANFORD Management Corporation (DMC) recently reaffirmed its commitment to follow through with the goals outlined in its three-year strategic plan to develop and revitalize Cranford's business district.

The DMC's three-year strategic plan — which was drafted in June of 1998 by Prunty, former Deputy Mayor Thomas Shaw and DMC Chairman Paul LaCorte identified the DMC's course of action that would be taken to revitalize Cranford's business district and establish it as a prominent location for prospective retailers and developers.

"We would be irresponsible if we weren't constantly examining the issues facing the town," said Downtown Manager Kathleen Miller-Prunty, who also pointed out that the DMC plans on making public awareness one of its top priorities for 1999.

"A good deal of energy will go into our marketing and promotion efforts," she said indicating that in its commitment to improve the mix and appeal of businesses within Cranford the DMC is always keeping in mind the concerns of Cranford's residents and business owners.

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Kaslusky, Shutts close indoor season

By RICH BEVENSEE
RECORD-PRESS

PRINCETON — Westfield High seniors Gordon Kaslusk and Megan Shutts each closed their prep indoor track careers with an appearance in the 31st annual Meet of Champions, Sunday at Princeton University's Jadwin Gym.

Shutts finished fifth in the first heat of the 1,600 meters in 5:35.17, which placed her 14th overall. Randolph senior Stephanie Snyder won the mile in 5:06.08.

"I was excited to be running in the finals," Shutts said. "My goals were just to run a fast time."

Shutts said she was disappointed with her time but not her place, noting she did not expect to medal. Shutts ran five seconds faster at the Group 3 state meet Feb. 14, placing sixth in 5:30.62.

"I kind of got stuck in a bad position, and it didn't leave me anywhere to go," Shutts said of her MOC race. "My coach (John Martin) called it 'No Man's Land.'"

Shutts plans on racing the 800 and 1,600 during spring track. She will attend Colgate University, in Hamilton, N.Y., in the fall.

Kaslusk, who was granted a wild-card berth in the MOC 3,200 meters, competed in the

first heat and eventually placed 16th overall in 10:07.34. He, too, ran a faster time at the state Group 3 meet, finishing in 10:01.78, a personal best.

"I was hoping for a little better time. I wanted to run under 10 minutes," said Kaslusk, who had just two 3,200 races to his credit before the MOC. "Actually it was kind of a blow that I didn't get put in the faster heat. I was hoping I would be put in the tail end of the heat because the faster heat will pull you along. When I wasn't, I was like, 'Oh well.'"

Kaslusk said he did not want to project whether he could have medaled had he been placed in the faster heat. He came into the MOC as a wild card with the 20th-fastest qualifying time.

"I'm not big on making excuses," he said.

"It just didn't go down the way I wanted."

Hackensack's Thomas Baldwin came in with the fastest time (9:29.21), but Cranford senior Tim Styler raced past Baldwin at the outset of the bell lap and won in 9:22.70.

The indoor MOC was Kaslusk's first, but the Westfield senior, headed for either Penn State or Maryland, may be the active school leader in such races.

As a sophomore he ran on



LARRY MURPHY/RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT
Westfield senior Megan Shutts, right, placed 14th overall in the girls' 1,600 meter run Sunday at the 31st annual indoor track and field Meet of Champions at Princeton University's Jadwin Gym.

the Blue Devils cross country team that lost the state title to Christian Brothers Academy by one point. The last two years he has qualified for the MOC as an

individual, earning all-state honors as a junior when he placed ninth overall. He placed 24th last fall as a wild-card entrant.

Westfield bowlers settle for seventh at state

By RICH BEVENSEE
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — As powerful as the Westfield High bowling program has been under Head Coach Mike Tirone's tenure, the Blue Devils have found the postseason to be a frustrating experience in recent years.

Westfield has won two of the last three sectional titles — taking second last year — but has nothing to show for its local dominance when the state tournament is in the books. The Devils, after qualifying for the state tournament for the eighth time in 10 years, finished a disappointing seventh in the overall team standings, while two of its biggest guns, seniors

Evan Baum and Brett Rosenblatt, failed to make the top 10.

Rosenblatt rolled a 169-180-203-552 series to place 24th individually. Baum bowled a 526 series, his season-low, according to Tirone.

"Sure it's been frustrating," Tirone said. "But there's no way you can do the same things on the same conditions on the same day. Did you see what Tad Jones (of Bergen Catholic) did at state? There's a 200-pin difference from sectionals."

Jones roared to an 803 series to win the North Jersey Section 1 sectional title, but finished ninth overall at state with a 616 series. Frank Wagner of Colonia won the individual title with a 213-211-

232-656 series.

As for the Blue Devils, they fell from their sectional pin total of 3,002 to a 2,655 total at state. Toms River South won the championship with a pinfall of 2,985, followed by Garfield (2,816), Toms River North (2,744), Bergen Catholic (2,740), St. Joseph's, Metuchen (2,727), Manchester Regional (2,719) and Westfield.

"I was thinking if we could make the top three it would have been nice," Tirone said. "I believe this was a stronger team than last year. Tim Caprario improved and the other kids were better, too. I don't think state was a total let-down. To get that far, it's not a bad finish."

Westfield, which finished 13-2 in head-to-head matches, still has something to play for this season. If the Devils placed among the top six teams at the Union County Tournament preliminaries — something the team has never failed to do, according to Tirone — they will compete for first county championship Monday at the Hy-Way Bowl in Union. Westfield has never won the county title.

The North Jersey Section 2 championship was won on the strength of a pair of 1,000-pin games from the Blue Devils. Rosenblatt (226), Chris Marotta (212), Baum (203), Dan Rock (199) and Caprario (195) led Westfield (1,035) to a 15-pin lead over Union

after the first game. The Devils topped the four-figure mark again (1,002) behind strong games from Caprario (221), Rosenblatt (218) and Rock (211). Westfield closed with a 965 thanks to Rosenblatt (218), Baum (203) and Rock (200).

The Watchung Conference National Division title was decided Feb. 16 when the Devils, needing all of a possible seven points to win, knocked off unbeaten Cranford, 7-0, to claim their seventh divisional championship in eight years.

In the first game, Caprario bowled a 243 and Rosenblatt and Rock each had a 194, as Westfield won the first game, 985-922. Westfield was 80 pins down in the seventh frame of the second game, but won, 969-878, behind the efforts of Caprario (216), Rosenblatt (200) and Baum (193). Westfield won the third game, 909-889, and capped the total pin count, 2,863-2,689. Caprario finished with a 624 series. Rock rolled a 594 and Rosenblatt 573.

Westfield lost to Union two days before the sectionals. The first two games were split, with the Farmers winning the first game (957-942) and the Devils taking the second (951-890). But Union posted its season high of 1,070 to Westfield's 953 in the third game, thereby winning with another season high for pinfall, 2,917, to Westfield's 2,846.

SPORTSCENE

Boff nearly perfect

Jason Boff landed 14 of 15 foul shots to win the third grade bracket of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Recreation Department Boy's League Fast Shooting Contest.

Boff's teammate on the boys, Keith Baker, sunk 13 of 15 for second place. Third-graders John the Man of the Hornets and Justin Alexander of the Nets each hit 11 shots to take third place.

Ashlin Gibbs of the Nuggets, Jesse Brooks of the Pistons, and Jeremy Antoine of the Nets each converted 13 of 15 foul shots to tie for first place among fourth graders. Second place went to Zack Salt of the Nuggets.

Another three-way tie for first place occurred among the fifth-graders, with the Pistons' Jeffrey Bell and Andrew Wong, and the Hornets' Matt Fleissner connecting on 13 of 15 shots. The Magic's Michael Rusin made 12 of 15 for second place.

Doebber books Bucknell

Ian Doebber, a freshman at Bucknell and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High alumnus, recently helped the Bison men's swim team place third, behind Army and Lehigh, in the Patriot League Swimming Championships Feb. 11-13 at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Doebber swam on the second-place, 800-yard freestyle relay team. He also placed first, second and third in the consolation heats of the 200 freestyle, 200 backstroke and 500 freestyle, respectively, and posted personal bests in all three events.

The Bucknell men finished 7-2 overall, 3-2 in the Patriot League, with the only losses coming against Army (166-75) and Lehigh (150-142).

Barnstein master of gold

Ivan Barnstein, of Westfield, won a pair of gold medals at the New Jersey Masters Indoor Track and Field Championships Feb. 14 at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Hackensack.

Barnstein, representing the Short Athletic Club in the 65-69 age group, won the 400-meter dash in 1:10.8, just four-tenths off the meet record, to beat Walt Desind (1:25) and Charles Wronk (1:25.2) from the North Jersey Masters. Barnstein returned to the track forty minutes later to win the 800 in 2:53.2, edging Mike Luvignin (2:53.3) of North Jersey Masters and teammate Desind (3:30.8). Barnstein has now won 11 North titles at this meet in 14 years. The 400 gold was his first.

Scotch Plains Br. Hoops

(All players over 80)
Standings as of Feb. 12: 1. Berkeley Heights 8-2; 2. Cranford Cougars 6-3; 3. Team Law 5-4; 4. (tie) Scotch Plains 4-5; 10th Plainfield 4-5; 6. Westfield Pearls 4-6; 7. Arena Sports 0-8.
Scotch Plains saw its potential for another strong season go down the tubes with three losses during the week. The depleted team, led by 6-6 Joe Zalesky and 6-4 Richie Hochl, were

unable to match the scoring assaults by the

two River Times of Red Bank (45-40), Cranford (40-31) and the Fort Monmouth Engineers (49-30), who brought with them 8-6 John Sasson, an accurate shooter under the hoop. As for Westfield, Team Law's Dan Jayson and Al Eberhart helped shoot down the Pearls, 59-36. Westfield also forfeited to Fort Monmouth, 2-0.

The final two weeks of the season should provide some interesting positioning for the playoffs, with only Berkeley Heights and Arena Sports assured of their spots. Playoffs are to begin March 2. Other games: Court Crew (Ocean) 2, Team Law 0; Team Law 56, North Plainfield 45.

Scotch Plains Masters

(All players over 40)
Standings (as of Feb. 19): 1. Scotch Plains Rengades 3-0; 2. (tie) Merrill Lynch 2-1; Mercedes/Morrisown 2-1; De-Fence 2-1; 5. Warren Warriors 1-2; 6. International Realty 0-2; 7. Big Sky Breed Company (Cranford) 0-3.

The Scotch Plains Rengades, playing without two top big men, snagged a 49-47 victory over previously unbeaten and backcourt-deficient Merrill Lynch. The Rengades' three-point shooting carried the scoring after an early run by Charles Turner down low against the taller Merrill players proved difficult. Jeff Cove fired four treys in the first half, followed by a number of bombs by Steve Sheppard in the second half, setting the stage for a clutch three by Bob Lane at the end of the game. Bill McLoughlin was steady at the foul line in the waning minutes.

Other games: De-Fence 48, Big Sky Breed Company (Cranford) 35; Mercedes/Morrisown 37, Big Sky Breed Company 21; De-Fence 50, Warren Warriors 36.

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SPORTSCENE

FRIDAY, FEB. 26
Girls Basketball
Somerville at Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.

Wrestling
Scotch Plains at District 12 Tournament, 6 p.m. at South Plainfield
Westfield at District 11 Tournament, 6:30 p.m. at Westfield

SATURDAY, FEB. 27
Ice Hockey
Van Cott Cup Championship
Westfield/Hudson winner vs. Bayonne/Don Bosco winner, 5 p.m. at South Mountain Arena, West Orange

Wrestling
Westfield at District XI Tournament, 10:30 a.m. at Westfield
Scotch Plains at District XII Tournament, 11 a.m. at South Plainfield

SUNDAY, FEB. 28
Swimming
Scotch Plains/Vernon winner at Public A Boys State Championships, 9:45 a.m. at College of New Jersey
Westfield/Summit winner at Public B Boys State Championships, 11:30 a.m. at College of New Jersey

Westfield/Morrisown winner at Public B Girls State Championships, 3 p.m. at College of New Jersey

MONDAY, MARCH 1
Boys Basketball
State Tournament begins

Bowling
Union County Tournament finals, at Hy-Way Bowl, Union

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3
Boys Basketball
North Jersey Section 2
Group 3 Tournament
Scotch Plains (7) at Orange (2), 6 p.m.
Girls Basketball
North Jersey Section 2
Group 3 Tournament
Westfield (6) at Scott (3), 4 p.m.
Ice Hockey
State Tournament
No. 13 Morrisown/No. 20 Milburn winner at No. 4 Westfield, 8:30 p.m. at Warranaco Rink, Roselle

Wrestling
Region 3 tournament preliminaries
FRIDAY, MARCH 5
Boys Basketball
North Jersey Section 2
Group 3 Semifinals
Scotch Plains (7) at Orange (2) winner vs. Scott (3) at Parsippany (6) winner, at highest seed

Girls Basketball
North Jersey Section 2
Group 3 Semifinals
Westfield (6) at Scott (3) winner vs. Cranford (7) at Orange (2) winner, at highest seed

Wrestling
Region 3 tournament, TBA

Raiders swimmers dart past Cranford

Steve Berkowitz won two events while four other Raiders won one event and swam on a first-place relay as top-seeded Scotch Plains chalked a 107-63 victory over No. 4 Cranford in a Public A Boys sectional semifinal meet Friday in Cranford. The event was originally slated to be held in Scotch Plains.

Berkowitz won the 200-yard freestyle (2:03.98) and 200 IM (2:14.27). Dave Russ won the 500 freestyle (5:14.31) and anchored the 200 medley relay (Jeff Wagner, Chris Swenson, Chris Karelus, Russ, 1:49.0). Karelus also led off the 200 freestyle relay (Karelus, Chris Smith, Charlie Rowe, Neil Stender, 1:40.68).

Rowe won the 50 free (23.77), Wagner won the 100 backstroke (1:00.03), Swenson won the 100 breaststroke (1:07.75) and the Raiders won the 400 free relay (3:56.49).

Scotch Plains 114, Roxbury 56 — The Raiders, behind seven different event winners, won 10 of 11 events and their Public A Boys sectional quarterfinal meet Wednesday in Scotch Plains.

Raiders winners were: Dave Russ, 50-yard freestyle (23.47); Chris Karelus, 100 free (52.0); Charlie Rowe, 200 free (1:58.27); Steve Swenson, 500 free (5:26.79); Evan Flath, 100 breaststroke (1:06.40); Steve Berkowitz, 100 butterfly (56.94); Jeff Wagner, 200 IM (2:10.25); 200 free relay (Rowe, Karelus, Chris Smith, Chris Wattleston, 1:39.28); 400 free relay (Swenson, Frank Grecco, Shannon Meneely, Neil Stender, 4:04.62); 200 medley relay (Berkowitz, Swenson, Wagner, Russ, 1:47.67).

Opportunity knocks again for Scotch Plains in district tourney

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placed third at 152 as a sophomore.

"Some of them have kept their intensity high and continued to build toward district," said Devils Head Coach Glen Kurz, who said he was unhappy with his squad's performance at county. "A couple of them packed it in at county, and I don't know if they're ready to be in a district meet or not."

Tezucar beat Cranford's John Donofrio in last year's final, but if he makes this year's championship round, he may find Union County champ Todd DeWitt of Johnson or runner-up Tom Petrusko of Rahway on the other side of the circle.

"Either way, it's not going to be easy," Kurz said.

The county champ (Johnson's Mike Mergott) and runner-up (Roselle Catholic's Craig Howlett) will be waiting for Kivetz as well, at 171. Since Kivetz took sixth at county, a lower seed may determine a

tough road for the Westfield junior.

Kurz also projected good things from freshman John Leonardis (112) and sophomore Jim Villane (125). Both are inexperienced grapplers who are mid-season call-ups, and both have shown talent and promise in the varsity lineup, according to Kurz.

Scotch Plains' district seeds (Westfield seeds were unavailable at press time):

103—Lucas Francavilla (13-6), second; 112—Dave Loewinger (17-6), fourth; 119—Mike Loewinger (12-11), third; 125—Charlie Triplet (14-9), fourth; 130—Tony Melendez (20-1), first; 135—P.J. Romeo (12-5), fourth; 140—Mike Natale (9-9), third; 145—Mike Grabel (16-7), third; 152—Marc Ricca (13-7), first; 150—Matt Oley (9-5), fifth; 171—Josh Ricca (10-5), third; 189—Gary Cousar (16-4), third; 215—Scott Paterson (9-3), third; heavy-weight—Jim Feeley (18-3), first.

Kashlak, Bird selected for ice hockey senior all-star game at Mennen Arena

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Friday in Bridgewater. The Blue Devils, trailing by six after three quarters, offered a 19-10 performance in the fourth. Senior Liz McKeon enjoyed a triple-double, with 10 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. Karen Mannahan scored 10 points, and Carolyn Matthews and Courtney Thornton each added nine.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Westfield seniors closed their high school careers Feb. 18 with a 78-82 defeat against Livingston and a 3-17 record. Senior Maurice Boatwright went ballistic for a game-high

27 points, and classmate Tom Langton notched 17 points. A weak first half killed the Blue Devils. They fell into a 17-4 hole after the first period, but owned a 46-39 second-half edge.

WRESTLING

Anthony Tomasso (135), Omar Tezucar (152) and Mike Kivetz (171) each won by pin and the Blue Devils picked up three forfeits in a 46-29 victory against Governor Livingston Thursday. Jim Villane (125) and Tom Hanscom (145) earned decisions and Brian Williams (215) won a major decision for WHS, 7-6.

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Real Estate

Burgdorff ERA founder ready for new role at National Realty Trust

Jean Burgdorff, co-founder of Burgdorff ERA, is setting the stage for her new position as senior vice president of corporate relations of Burgdorff ERA's parent company, National Realty Trust, (NRT) in Parsippany.

"As an NRT spokesperson," said Burgdorff, "I will talk to broker members throughout the country about NRT's strong commitment to maintaining the highest levels of integrity and accountability as the company continues to expand and grow."

"NRT is the largest and most powerful real estate company in the nation," Burgdorff said at a recent celebration luncheon held at Burgdorff ERA's main headquarters in Murray Hill. "We want to get the message out that real estate is and will always be a one-on-one business. People aren't just the most



JEAN BURGDORFF

important thing - they are the only thing. I will carry a message of what that really means and what it stands for," she said.

Burgdorff's new role officially begins March 1 when she will be available to NRT managers' meetings, to producer

engagements, and company-wide functions. Along with personal stories, she will speak on, "Striking a Balance: The Key to Growth in the Twenty-First Century," and will focus on NRT's strategy of "maintaining core values while benefiting from current business practices."

"I am thrilled and excited to begin this new position with a company as vast as NRT, yet whose president, Robert Baker, understands and strongly believes in the human qualities of the individual. His commitment to customer service during a time of tremendous technological growth is exhilarating," reported Ms. Burgdorff.

Judy Reeves, president of Burgdorff ERA, said Jean Burgdorff was the perfect selection for the high profile position. "There is no better person to instill and motivate others in always caring for the individual first. Jean is straightforward, honest, and charismatic. Anyone hearing her speak will be inspired and encouraged," she

said.

Burgdorff is no stranger to center stage and has a illustrious record of honors and awards. In 1995, she was appointed a member of the New Jersey Real Estate Commission by Governor Christine Todd Whitman and served until October 1998. She and her late husband Douglass, founded Burgdorff Realtors in 1958, and under their guidance the firm grew to become a real estate force in New Jersey known for its upscale market and its commitment to integrity and honesty. In 1996 Burgdorff Realtors was acquired by NRT as a franchised brokerage firm of ERA Franchise Systems, Inc., and Burgdorff's son, Peter, became president of ERA International. Since that time, Burgdorff ERA has grown to include 925 associates and 30 offices across New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. The worldwide real estate network of ERA includes more than 2,700 independently owned and operated brokerage offices with more

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Callahan joins Coldwell Banker

WESTFIELD — Real estate professional Barbara Callahan has joined the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker as a broker sales associate. Marilyn Kelly, manager of the sales office, made announcement of the association.

"Callahan is a highly regarded sales professional with the same high standards we hold dear in this office," Kelly said. "She brings a breadth of experience to our marketplace that offer a wonderful complement to our sales team. We are very proud she chose Coldwell Banker and this office."

A well established figure in area area estate, Callahan has earned membership in the NJAR Million Dollar Club every year since resuming her career five years ago.

In 1998 she sold \$9.5 million in property which will earn her membership in Coldwell Banker's coveted International President's Circle.

Callahan attributes her success to knowledge of the market.

"Each of our towns offers a slightly different lifestyle and each individual buyer is looking for a unique situation. It's essential to know the different towns and the inventory that's available in each one in order to match the buyer with the community and the house that's right for them," she explained.

Ms. Callahan lives in Scotch Plains with John Aslanian, also a sales associate in the Coldwell Banker Westfield office. Before moving to Scotch Plains the couple lived in Westfield for 16 years.

The Westfield office of Coldwell Banker is located at 209 Central Ave.

Internet adds to agent's role

SHORT HILLS — The growth of the Internet in real estate has made the real estate agent more important than ever before, according to Maureen Passerini, president of Coldwell Banker New Jersey.

"There once was a concern that real estate web sites would eliminate the need for real estate agents, but quite the reverse has happened," Ms. Passerini said. "Now consumers have so much information, they quickly realize the process is more complex than they expected."

"The more we rely on high tech, the more we need 'high touch,'" Ms. Passerini added. "Buying or selling a house is an emotional experience and an important business transaction rolled into one event. A real estate agent has to address both aspects of the transaction."

Finding the right house for the right buyer is just the first step in a process that is fraught with pitfalls, she explained. Very few real estate transactions move smoothly from contract to closing. Most transactions run into problems that need to be solved - and many fall apart altogether. "If selling a house were simply a matter of placing advertising, the Internet would put us out of business. Instead, it is bringing us more business," she added.

Coldwell Banker estimates about 20 percent of leads come to its sales associates through the Internet. Actual numbers are difficult to track, as most of those leads go directly from coldwellbanker.com to the sales associate's e-mail.

Ms. Passerini attributes the increase in business to the success of coldwellbanker.com, the firm's award winning national website. "Our national website is easy to use, includes every one of Coldwell Banker's thousands of listings, and is heavily advertised so consumers can find it. Our local website, nymetro.coldwellbanker.com, includes all of our listings in the metropolitan area and attracts consumers with special features such as our weekly open house schedule."

The firm's national website, www.nymetro.coldwellbanker.com averages between 400,000 and 600,000 hits a month.

"The Internet has changed the way we conduct our business, but not in the way we expected," Ms. Passerini concluded. "Clients who come to us through the Internet are well educated about the process, know what services they want, and are ready to work with a professional to accomplish a goal. Coldwell Banker sales associates love to work with Internet clients."

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1 YR ADJ	5.375	0.00	5.375	5%	45 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.500	0.00	6.650	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.125	3.00	5.416	5%	45 DAY
15 YR FIXED	6.750	0.00	6.750	5%	60 DAY	15 YR JUMBO	6.750	0.00	6.880	10%	60 DAY	1 YR ADJ	4.000	0.00	4.893	5%	45 DAY
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30 YR FIXED	6.625	1.00	6.722	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.500	0.00	6.625	10%	45 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.375	0.00	6.458	20%	75 DAY
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15 YR FIXED	6.500	0.00	6.504	5%	60 DAY	5/1 JUMBO	6.250	0.000	6.920	10%	60 DAY	10/1-30 YR	7.000	0.00	7.082	10%	90 DAY
5/1-30 YR	N/P	N/P	N/P	5%	75 DAY	20 YR JUMBO	6.750	0.00	6.750	20%	90 DAY	3/3 Arm	6.250	0.00	7.078	10%	90 DAY
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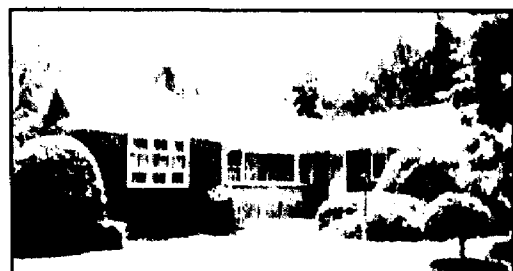
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CRANFORD
321-112 North Ave. East from Larry Gabel & A. Zuzuro to Alfred & Judith Zukowski for \$208,000.
3 Penn Road from Kristine Merola to Karl & Lori Spinner for \$255,000.
4-302 Riverside Drive from

Riverside Cranford L.L.C. to Brian Lopez for \$90,000.
KENILWORTH
233 N. 21st St. from V&R Realty Company Inc. to Antonio & Nelda Capra for \$248,000.
SCOTCH PLAINS
5 Debra Court from Daniel A. Marshall & J. Pollak to Andrew &

Kathryn S. Dorra for \$568,000.
2018 Grand St. from Romano & Juanita Dinizio to Donald A. & Diane Novello for \$230,000.
1364 Graymill Drive from Louis & Constance DeVico to Paul B. & Karen A. Ostberg for \$349,000.
6 Greensview Lane from Louise Carri to Hidden Acres Inc. for \$1.5 million.
12 Wareham Court from Eugene Maykish to Milton A. Faith for \$175,000.
24 Wareham Court from Carl A. & Treva L. Bohning to Stefan J. Grande for \$183,500.

WESTFIELD
2CN Trinity Gardens from Michael E. Liszewski to Rafael & Rosa E. Fernandez for \$172,500.
2C Trinity Gardens from Bruce T. Dunn II & N. D'Arcy to Judith S. Kassan for \$172,000.
459 Whittier Ave. from Messercola Bros. Building Co. to Weldon & Alma M. Chin for \$370,000.
447 Whittier Ave. from Messercola Bros. Building Co. to Ergino & Dina M. Messercola for \$120,000.

BEDMINSTER
80 N. Edgewood Road from Dean & Alison Burckhardt to Susan L. Crabtree for \$240,000.
31 Knollcrest Road from Linda Kreitzer to Jay L. & Elsie E. Nierenberg for \$299,000.
31 Stone Run Road from Mark & Ronni Lederman to Deborah J. Evans for \$212,000.
100 Union Grove Road from Serge & Randese Leoni to Matthew W. Kalnik & S.L. Doran for \$700,000.

BOUND BROOK
780 Watchung Road from Francis M. & Felice L. Dibase to George P. Dougherty Jr. et. al. for \$260,000.
437 William St. from Gertrude D. Savage to Gurmukh S. Singh & K. Kaus for \$130,000.

BRANCHBURG
1617 Breckenridge Drive from Edward K. & Susan H. Bryan to Herbert R. Coury for \$122,500.
1511 Longley

Court from John H. & Debra S.B. Ruhl to Rajeshwar D. & Anil P. Mathur for \$98,500.
635 Magnolia Lane from Richard E. Larsen to Joseph Luongo for \$125,000.
402 Red Crest Lane from Michael S. & Lydia Forrestall to Elizabeth R. Cepero for \$140,000.

BRIDGEWATER
17 Andover Ave. from Joseph C. & Genevieve Rumore to Stuart & Marion Gotthieb for \$349,900.
129 Chelsea Way from Tim T. Tang to Ernesto A. Daset for \$120,000.
19 Erin Court from Richard & Lynn Maggio to Donald P. & Denise M. Ford for \$365,000.

85 Hagerman Court from Morton & Eileen Aronwald to Veronica Andrykovitz for \$195,000.
107 Hillside Ave. from Amerigo & Veronica Passariello to Maryon C. Beck & Mary Taylor for \$255,000.
220 Marcia Way from Donald L. & Susan J. Wilson to James B. & Marilyn T. Daley for \$232,000.
1960 Mountain Top Road from Mitchell & Amy A. Chasin to Douglas M. & Colleen H. Massey for \$388,750.

791 Partridge Drive from Rocco V. & Louise LaFata to Daniel J. & Deena R. Roche for \$345,000.
108 Salvatore Court from Beiman & Martha J. Ortiz to Diana Pazkowski for \$79,500.
865 Sherwood Road from Matthew R. & Verena R. Benner to Eric & Jill D. Lavitsky for \$39,500.
1844 South Knob Road from Warren & Janet Dufour to Christopher T. & Patricia Dufour for \$275,000.
1501 Washington Valley Road from Stanley & Sabina Bielecki to JSM at Bridgewater L.L.C. for \$535,000.

DUNELLEN
239 S. Washington Ave. from Richard & Patricia R. Farrell to Edward M. & Cindy Walters for \$145,000.
733 Third St. from Sallie Berg to Ann M. Hill for \$143,000.

GREEN BROOK
801 Tallwood Lane from Anthony P. Paoletta to Anthony Construction & Inves. for \$300,000.

801 Tallwood Lane from Anthony Construction & Inves. to Daniel Cramer for \$224,900.
14 Wingate Way from Monarch Ridge Properties Inc. to Mark A. & Denise M. Fernandez for \$303,990.

HILLSBOROUGH
876 Amwell Road from Timothy J. & Gwen P. Smith to Richard F. & Patricia A. Wise for \$200,000.

Anxwell Road from Martin Heller et. al. to Amwell Assoc. L.L.C. for \$650,000.
31-12 Bloomingdale Drive from Teddy P. & Rhonda Clark to Laura M. Steil for \$140,000.

46-34 Bloomingdale Drive from Glen Hills Inc. to Richard D. & Leslie M. Jones for \$136,900.
244 Hockenbury Road from Michael & Nancy Shapanka to Stephen & Dora Delsordo for \$242,500.

29 Hughey Lane from Breatwood Hills Inc. to Don & Mary Tyson for \$239,110.

10 Newell St. from Heritage Greens Development to John & Diane Smith for \$202,275.
89 Nostrand Road from Courtland Developers Inc. to Devendra & Neeta Shah for \$197,900.

102 Nostrand Road from Courtland Developers Inc. to James D'Ambrosio for \$195,000.
121 South Branch Road from Somerville Farms to Hilltop Estates L.L.C. for \$800,000.

8 Valmor Road from Spyro P. & Shana J. Petralis to Edward J. & Mariel Pesavento for \$261,500.
10-4 Windsor Court from Michael J. & Ellen M. Harding to Catherine LaRocca for \$96,000.

MANVILLE
1415 Roosevelt Ave. from Gabriel P. & Gloria A. Albert to Gina Sakamori for \$90,000.
315 N. Seventh Ave. from Carolyn Greenberg to Marc Vendome & L. Peterson for \$125,500.

165 N. Ninth Ave. from Leonard & Sharon Salvatore to David Cernicki & A. Hernandez for \$131,000.

222-224 S. 12th Ave. from Hazyli & Teodora Gruszewski to Gary M. & Georgina A. Pincel for \$190,000.

MIDDLESEX
335 Howard Ave. from Ramesh & Sabita Dhoty to Rudolph Bader for \$144,900.

NORTH PLAINFIELD
155-157 Clinton Ave. from Randolph W. & Jill A. Foster to John Mangeri for \$137,900.

128 Grandview Ave. from Joanne C. Jasiewicz to Michael DeGeorge Jr. et. al. for \$104,000.

293 Greenbrook Road from John A. & Virginia A. Barrows to Gilberto & Rosi P. Marrero for \$133,000.

184 Grove St. from Patricia Mulligan to Jeremiah & Mary Madharia for \$95,000.

306 Grove St. from Mary J. DiNuzzo to Jack Kikas for \$98,000.

45 C. Regency Village from Lynn DeAngelo to Barbara M. Stockhoff for \$72,500.

416 Warfield Road from Joan Schluter to Richard Johnson et. al. for \$154,000.

RAHITAN
73 Second Ave. from Lawrence A. & Margaret Lusardi to Marguerite

Caruso for \$95,000.
SOMERVILLE
87 N. Adamsville Road from James O'Reilly Jr. & Victoria O'Reilly to James A. Thomas Jr. & Tami H. Thomas for \$128,500.
93 N. Adamsville Road from Jerome K. & Margaret E. Renye to Darren Proccaci for \$127,000.
109 N. Anton Ave. from Thomas F. & Keri Siniscalco to Matthew & Priscilla Mullenkamp for \$148,500.
215 W. Summit St. from Albert DiBella et. al. to John F. & Susan E. Kennedy for \$163,000.

SOUTH BOUND BROOK
115 Van Sickle Blvd. from Marie J. Promanayko to David F. Polkowski for \$142,000.

WARREN
10 Fox Hill Drive from Florence E. Tynan to Richard & Linda Hertzberg for \$340,000.

WATCHUNG
66 Dogwood Lane from H. Grenelle & Willa R. Bunker to VEV Properties Inc. for \$115,000.
65 Maple St. from Alex & Elizabeth Ellbrecht to Christopher & Kerri L. Tocci for \$155,000.

115 Oakwood Road from Anthony & Christine Sa to Georgina Metzger for \$500,000.

EDISON
64 Ashley Road from Timothy P. & Deborah Potz to Henry & Geraldine Solarte for \$144,200.

10 Boxwood Court from Siram & Mahathi Subramanian to Umakant N. & Mrudula U. Shah for \$227,000.

13 Brookville Road from John V. Komar Jr. & Beverly A. Komar to Mary A. Marsh for \$120,700.

49 Dalton Place from Ronald & Margaret Creter to Laura Clifford for \$107,500.

709 Denver Blvd. from Jennie Clark to Douglas MacMahon et. al. for \$215,000.

9-44 Ellis Parkway from John Robinson to Alfreda Robinson for \$25,885.

30 Gate House Lane from Henry Madyks to Rae Clifford for \$154,500.

39 Guisborough Way from Angela D. Woods to Angelo Gamba & J. Sidwa for \$126,000.

7103 Hana Road from Toshikazu & Kaori Koike to Yuk & Sonja Radovic for \$153,500.

172 Hidden Hollow Court from Rosalind Burd-Stein to Pearl Garnett for \$216,000.

175 Hidden Hollow Court from Elizabeth L. Turner to Sally K. Hobbs for \$160,000.

123 Hillcrest Ave. from Marion & Joan & Joseph Costa to Barbara Costa for \$30,000.

56 Jersey Ave. from Thomas J. & Rita M. Gallagher to Jeffrey Witmann for \$161,450.

49 Karen Place from Anthony & Ann Piloni to Soule & Adama Furma for \$182,000.

20 Lombardi St. from Gloria A. & Christy J. Vivolo to Jeff Wurme & Lynn Gregory for \$297,000.

56 Netherwood Circle from Shih-Ying C. Wang to George Y. Lau & You-Lian Zhou for \$199,500.

165 Old Post Road from Joji & Mumen Joseph to Makis & Anna Kyriakos for \$142,000.

75 Rock Circle from James F. & Elaine S. Shiels to Noel & Dinah B. Mongcop for \$202,500.

56 Schuyler Drive from Raymond E. & Dorothy M. Sliva to Barry K. Holmes for \$130,000.

27 Sinclair Road from John & Merrienne Timko to Mandeep & Harmohinder Oberoi for \$287,500.

416 Wallace St. from Raht & Rehana Alam to Edward Szymury for \$105,000.

1212 Waterford Drive from Wojciech Kins & L. Czajkowski to Scott & Nancy Gleason for \$102,013.

57 Wayne St. from Robert & Virginia Kellerman to Daniel & Lisa Anderson for \$132,500.

42 Westgate Drive from Burton S. & Elaine Goodman to Ursula DiBello for \$161,250.

4 Winbelton Court from Edison Village Pointe Inc. to Susan M. Seredy for \$131,181.

2681 Woodbridge Ave. from Raymond & Linda Miller to Virginia Lukacs & N. Baratta for \$117,000.

704 Woodhaven Drive from Peter M. & Joan C. Jackson to Kieran F. Dowd for \$101,500.

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131 Johnson St. from Geraldine Tomer to Joel & Yvonne Levy for \$136,500.

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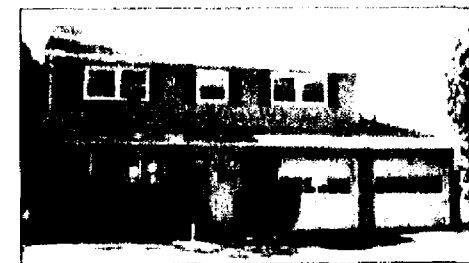
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Mazda Protege: A dutiful little car

By Mark Maynard

COPY NEWS SERVICE

It was just a few years ago that a basic-transportation car was base, bland and, too often, ugly.

And without naming names of those offenders, is it any surprise that trucks and sport-utility vehicles grew to be so popular? At least an SUV can be ugly as long as it's big. It's the American way.

And you don't have to remind me that sport-utes not only cost more than small cars, they use a lot more gas. But somebody out there is buying about 100,000 sport-utilities a month, and the small-passenger car market has been withering since the truck-ute boom began.

There may be hope for the car market, however, in the recent trend to build a better-looking, cheap — I mean, inexpensive — small car. It was Volkswagen chief Ferdinand Piech who said that it costs just as much to build an ugly car as it does a good looking one.

And the redesigned Mazda Protege, today's test car, is a good example of tasteful design in a small car that you aren't ashamed to be seen driving.

The styling isn't trendy or swoopy, and its business-trim lines send a message of substance and capability.

The Protege is Mazda's economy model — basic transportation — that comes in three price levels: DX, \$12,420; LX, \$13,580; and ES, \$15,375. Prices include the \$450 destination charge, but the lower-grade DX and LX models don't come with air conditioning.

Plan on budgeting an additional \$1,575 for the DXC package that adds AC, four-speaker AM-FM-CD stereo and carpeted floor mats. The LX-C package for \$1,145 adds AC and carpeted floor mats.

The DX and LX come with a 103-hp, 1.6-liter, four-cylinder



MAZDA PROTEGE

engine and five-speed manual transmission. (In non-LEV states, such as California, the horsepower is 105.) The ES comes with a 120-hp, 1.8-liter, four-cylinder and a notably longer list of extras.

I spent a week in a top-line ES with automatic and an LX with five-speed manual. Both models dress up well into dutiful little cars that can stir some pride of ownership.

Standard features on the LX include cruise control with steering wheel controls, AM-FM-CD stereo, body-color door handles and side moldings (and all Proteges have body-color bumpers), and power mirrors, windows and locks. Also nice is the driver's seat, with manual

adjustment for height and tilt.

The ES builds on this list and adds air conditioning, 15-inch wheels and keyless remote.

The DX is the price leader for owners such as my neighbor, who went into the Mazda dealer for his last car, said, "Point to the cheapest one you've got on the lot," and drove home with a Protege.

He's a rocket scientist who prefers to put his money into his computers, not his car, which he washes at least twice a year whether it needs it or not. He says he has had virtually no problems with his Protege in 37,000 miles and about 2 1/2 years.

"The quality of Mazda's materials is just excellent, and they've kept it up for the last 14 years

since I had my RX7," he says. "The only weak spot is the factory tires, which had to be replaced at 12,000 miles. And I'm a conservative driver."

SAFE AND SOUND

Even the last-generation Protege had an enduring style, and its emphasis on safety has been carried over to the new model.

Mazda says the new model is stronger than its predecessor due in part to "triple-H" body construction. The "H" represents the shape of reinforcements in the roof, center pillars and side sills.

The more rigid sections create an interior compartment that is similar to a safety cage, which

also gives added protection in side-impact and rollover crashes.

The stiffer body is more noise and rattle resistant and it allows the engineers to tune the suspension for ride quality rather than having to dial in stiffness to compensate for a less than rigid body and chassis.

What the driver and occupants get out of the triple-H work is a snug and responsive compact sedan that rides with the composure of a larger sedan.

The Protege is roomier than I expected from a compact, but so was the previous model.

That perception, however, may create higher expectations for the interior materials, which are not as polished as the car's ride quality.

The interior is neat and trim, but basic gray, with creative use of fabric, textures and shapes to add a little contrast to the cabin.

Most of the materials have a durable, well-made appearance, but some of the plastic has a hard and hollow finish, and the sun visors are flimsy. For a family-type car, it also seemed an oversight not to have seat back pockets even on the top-line ES model.

Interior dimensions are generous: 39.3 inches of head room up front, which is about half an inch less than you get in a full-size pickup, and 42.2 inches of leg room, which is also pushing the maximum. Shoulder room is also good at 53.9 inches.

Most of the competition is within a half-inch or so of these specs for the front seat area, but they trail away in rear parameters. For example, the Nissan Sentra has back seat dimensions of 36.5 for heads, 32.4 for legs and 53.1 for shoulders, vs. the Protege's 37.4/35.4/53.4 inches.

To help put this in perspective, the midsize Honda Accord has 39.7 inches of front head room,

42.6 for legs and 56 inches for shoulders. The back seat has 36.5/32.4/56 inches.

Other nice Protege features include:

- The packaging of door handles, window switches, central lock release and power-mirror adjuster is compact but not confusing when you reach for any of these buttons, which is a tribute to the designer.

- A cup holder placed intelligently in the forward portion of the center console does not interfere with instrument panel function.

- Loads of storage in the large (unlockable) glove box, center cubby, padded armrest and door slots.

- Functional vinyl scuff plates on front and rear door sills that also add a finished appearance.

- Simple and logical instrument panel with the radio high in the center console for eyes-on-the-road tuning.

PERFORMANCE

Compared to its competitors, the five-speed Protege with 1.8 liters has the best performance, with 0 to 60 mph acceleration of 9.6 seconds. An automatic transmission with the 1.6-liter engine, however, may sap the fun of driving.

With either engine, the fuel mileage is fairly miserly at 29 mpg city and 34 highway with the 1.6 engine and 26/30 for the 1.8, which drops to 24/29 with a four-speed automatic transmission.

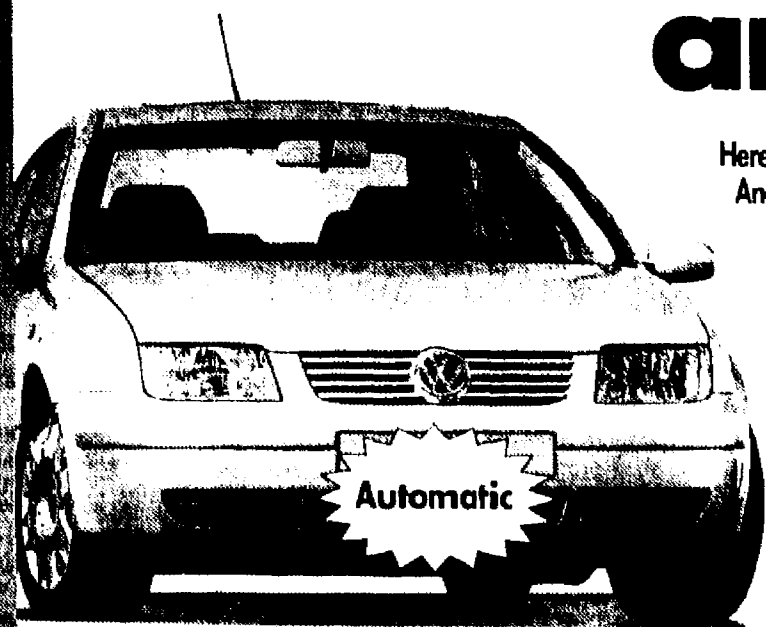
The Protege is a good starter car for small families and a comfortable commuter. It's also a sure thing for those basic-transportation shoppers, like my neighbor.

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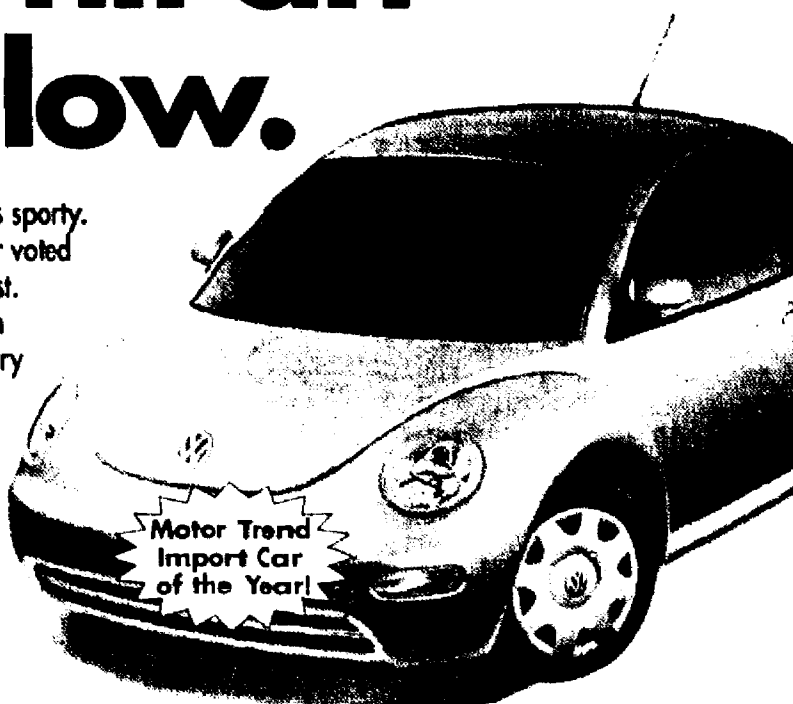


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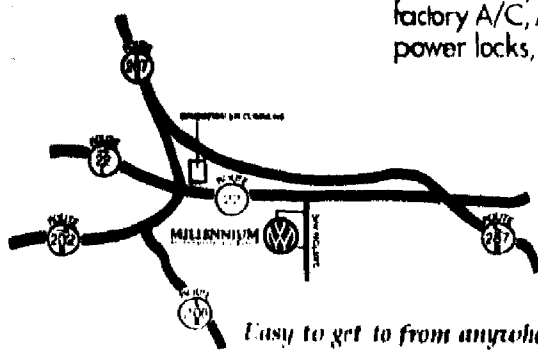
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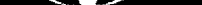
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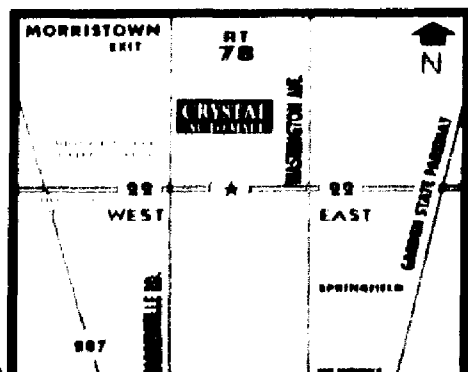




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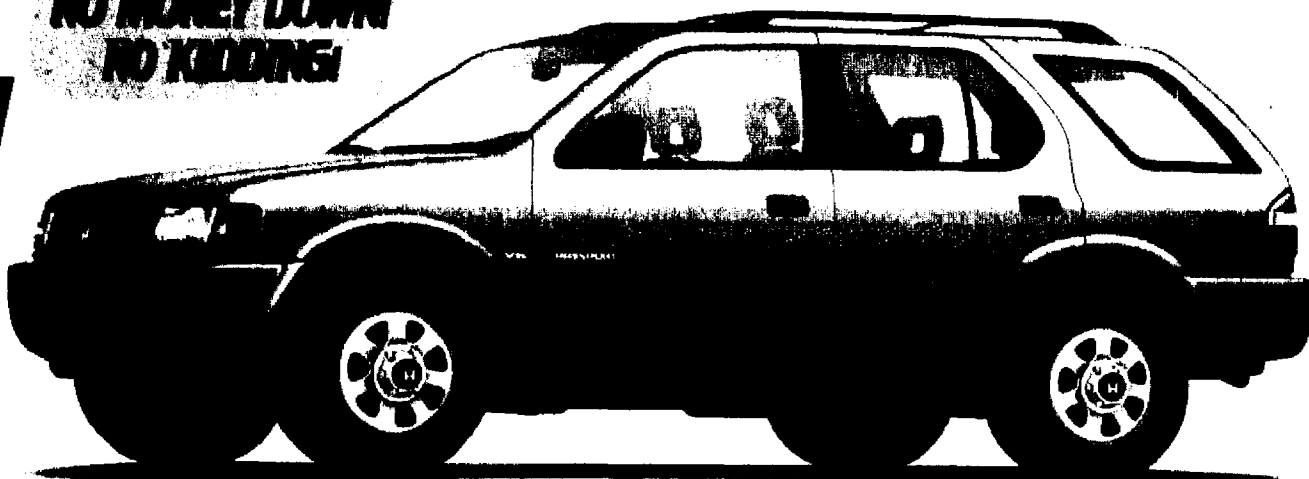
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